

# Business Men of Coldwater Organize Lions Club

## With Carl Hess Elected Lion President to Serve for the First Year.

The Lions Club of Coldwater, a new organization in this community, was formed last Monday evening when thirty roaring Lions gathered for dinner at the Jenkins Hotel. Carl Z. Hess was chosen as Lion President to head the organization during its first year, and his popularity for that office was clearly shown when he received a large majority of all votes cast on the first informal ballot taken. Jacob Willhoff was elected first vice president, and was also named as chairman of the membership committee. Other officers were elected as follows: Second vice president, Jos. A. Oppenheim, third vice president, H. W. Romer; secretary-treasurer, A. J. Birkmeyer; Lion Tamer, John C. Weigel, Tail Twister, J. C. McCrocklin; Directors—J. F. Hoyng, Edw. H. Hess, John Schroeder and N. J. Smith.

Businessmen here view the formation of the Lions Club as a progressive step in the right direction inasmuch as the Lions Club is recognized everywhere as an outstanding businessmen's group. Lions International is the largest association of businessmen's clubs in America, with 2,700 clubs located throughout the United States and Canada, Mexico, Cuba, and in other countries. Rotary and Kiwanis are similar to the Lions Club.

Much enthusiasm marked the opening meeting of the Lions here, and visiting delegations attended from Celina and Lima. Larry Slater, special representative of Lions International, Chicago, presided at the dinner and conducted the election of officers. Lion President Guy Brentlinger of Lima and President Albert C. Stein of Celina made short speeches of greeting and promised the continued cooperation of their respective clubs.

Mr. Slater, in directing the work of organization, pointed out that the Lions Club is not organized for profit. Personal gain is not held out to anyone as an incentive for membership, but rather the desire to do good. Lions Clubs are non-secret, non-sectarian, non-political organizations of representative business and professional men who feel an interest in the welfare of the community. Lions everywhere take an active interest in the civic, commercial, social, and moral welfare of the town and surrounding territory. The Lions Club seeks to inspire in men a desire to be useful to others, and aims to promote the highest ethics in business and social relationships.

The next meeting of the Coldwater Lions will be held Monday, February 12, and at that time a regular schedule of meetings will be decided upon. Meetings are required to be held at least twice monthly, and are always in connection with a luncheon or supper limited to not exceed one hour and fifteen minutes.

The Charter Night will probably be Tuesday, March 6, and at that time District Governor Donald M. Gibbs of Urbana will personally deliver the charter to the local club. Lion Gibbs has already notified the local committee in charge that he will be able to be here on that date. On Charter Night the Lions invite their ladies—the "Dandy-Lions"—and also many visiting Lions and Lionesses will attend from neighboring Lions Clubs.

Following are the names of charter members of the Coldwater Lions Club to date: Jacob Willhoff, John C. Weigel, H. D. Coate, J. F. Hoyng, C. Z. Hess, Paul Schenking, H. W. Romer, J. R. Desch, C. G. Fisher, Arnold Schoch, Henry Birkmeyer, Justin Oppenheim, A. H. Bernard, N. J. Smith, H. P. Blaeser, Jos. A. Oppenheim, Edw. H. Hess, David J. Sowar, H. R. Hertenstein, A. J. Birkmeyer, J. C. McCrocklin, C. R. Jenkins, John Schroeder, Theo. H. Oppenheim and Henry Synck.