

First Lions Club In Shelby County Formed At Jackson Center

The Jackson Center Lions club, the first Lions club to be organized in Shelby county, received its charter at a banquet held recently at the Jackson Center Methodist church.

Attending the banquet were 25 charter members and their wives along with 75 Lions club members from various clubs in Lions district 13D.

High spot of the evening was reached when E. J. Ward, of Lima, made the presentation of the club charter to J. H. Holloway, president of the Jackson Center Club. Holloway responded with a few timely remarks on the reasons for organizing a Jackson Center club.

Presentation of the bell and gavel was made at the same time by Elmer Detwiler, president of the Bellefontaine club. This was followed by a response from Russell Bowman, president of the Waynesfield club. The Bellefontaine and Waynesfield clubs are co-sponsors of the Jackson Center Lions club.

The welcoming address was delivered by Mayor E. P. Mauer, of Jackson Center, and Merle Blue, of Dunkirk, senior deputy governor, awarded lapel buttons to charter members.

Other Lions club dignitaries taking part in the program were Virgil Fogt, of Van Wert, zone chairman; Marion Shiemann, junior deputy of district 13D, who served as toastmaster; and W. A. Prattengeirer, cabinet secretary of district 13D.

A role call of Lions club members showed that 10 clubs in dis-

trict 13D were represented at the banquet, including Urbana, Grove Hill, Waynesfield, Lima, Celina, Bellefontaine, Rockwood, Dunkirk, Van Wert and Findlay.

Special mention was made of G. W. McConney, of Findlay, field agent for the Lions International association, who was responsible for the organization of the club.

Besides President Holloway, officers of the new Jackson Center club are: Jack Bureau, first vice president; Bernard Van Horn, second vice president; Arthur Sprague, third vice president; Paul E. Zorn, secretary-treasurer; Thurman Prince, lion tamer.

The board of directors includes Roy Leininger, M. W. Hughes, Dr. R. H. Breece, and Ernest Zorn.

Besides these men the charter members are: Chester Buirley, C. E. Duff, Verlin Dearbough (charter night chairman), James Doane, Russell Elliot, Richard Hughes, E. W. Hughes, Franklin Judy, Merle Leinger, Jack Mitchell, Ray Morris, Galen McCowan, F. H. Emalley, and Jay Thompson.

The club has established its regular business dinner meeting dates on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

The Lions International organization is currently noted for its philanthropic achievements in aiding and assisting the blind. It publishes juvenile braille magazines and helps correct and cure cross-eyed children throughout the world.



PRESENTATION OF BELL AND GAVEL for the newly chartered Jackson Center Lions club is made by Elmer Ditwiller (standing right) president of the Bellefontaine Lions club to J. H. Holloway (left), president of the Jackson Center club. Seated left to right are E. J. Wood, district governor, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Detwiler. The presentation took place at a charter night banquet held recently in Jackson Center (Foto by Mahan)

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