

Sidney Lions Club Receives Two Honors At Sub-district Gathering

Approximately 300 delegates from the 72 clubs composing District 13-D of Lions International were in Sidney Sunday for the first sub-district convention ever held in this city.

Election of district officers and a talk by James L. Synder, Chicago, Ill. international director, highlighted the session held during the afternoon and evening in the auditorium of the Holy Angels elementary school.

Wives of the delegates, which came from the cities in the northwestern portion of the state, were entertained at a special program arranged in their honor at Hotel Wagner.

The Sidney club was singled out for two honors during the sessions. The local group was presented with a certificate of achievement on the district quota of new members during January of this year in connection with the Lions International birthday and founders program.

In addition, the Sidney club was presented a \$25 check as the top group in the region, based on club activities and contributions to the Eye Research fund. This has amounted to \$300 in the 1956-57 year.

Senior Deputy District Governor Lewis Shoemaker of West Mansfield presided at the business sessions in the afternoon with Arthur C. Kuntz, district governor of Defiance, moderating the evening program, following the banquet, served in the school dining room.

Official welcome to the delegates was extended by Walter Cramer, president of the Sidney club, with City Manager Glenn A. Lovern extending the welcome on behalf of the community.

A special necrology service dedicated to 13 district club members who have died during the past year was also in charge of Cramer.

Committee reports on activities in eye research and blind welfare occupied an important place in the convention proceedings. Emphasis was placed on work being done in these fields at three of the universities in the state. The importance of an eye bank and its functions was brought out by the counsellors making these reports.

At the election held as a part of the afternoon session, Lewis Shoemaker of West Mansfield

was named district governor. Norman Kreuzberg of Lima was named senior deputy district governor and Harold F. Miller, Paulding, was elected junior deputy district governor.

The ladies tea and program was held in the Jamaican room of the Hotel Wagner and featured music by the string ensemble of Sidney High School. A special movie of interest to women was arranged by the committee in charge, Mrs. Walter Cramer and Mr. and Mrs. Don King.

Following the address by Snyder at the evening session and response by Guy Brentlinger, of Lima, past international director, a program of variety entertainment was presented with acts being supplied by the various clubs that compose the district.

The latter was in the form of a contest with the outstanding acts going on to participate in the state and possibly international contests.

General chairman on arrangements for the meeting was Glen Gibson of the Sidney club, who was assisted by the officers and members of the local group in the planning and the programming.