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LIONS DIGNITARIES—Participating in the two-day convention of District 13-A Lions International last weekend at the Ramada Inn-Southwyck, Toledo, were from left, District Governor Robert Birmingham, of Toledo; James Coffey, past district governor of Toronto, Ohio's candidate for International Director; Joseph L. Wroblewski, of Ashley, Pa., past international director, guest speaker at the Sunday af-

ternoon governor's banquet; District governor-elect Richard Young, Columbus Grove, Junior Deputy Governor Wells Boutell, Bryan, congratulating Pete Pedersen, Lima, junior deputy governor-elect, and Arden (Ben) Pacey, Bryan, past district governor, who placed in nomination the name of Pedersen.

26 county Lions at convention

Fifty Williams County Lions Club members and their wives were among the estimated 300 persons attending the annual District 13-A Lions International convention held Saturday and Sunday at the Ramada Inn - Southwyck, Toledo, including 19 Bryan Lions, six from Pioneer and one from West Unity.

At the annual business meeting Saturday afternoon the convention delegates elected Pete Pedersen, of the Lima Northside club as junior deputy district governor for 1980-81, and Richard Young, of Columbus Grove, was unanimously elevated to the post of district governor-elect. Wells Boutell of the Bryan club advances from the junior to the senior deputy governor position.

The nomination of Pedersen was made by Past District Governor Arden (Ben) Pacey of Bryan. The

Lima man was opposed by Carl Lies of Spencerville. Pedersen has been a Lion for eight years and is currently serving as a zone chairman.

Others elected included Past District Governor Nate Hampshire, Findlay, as trustee for the Eye Research Committee for two years and Past District Governor Robert McMannis, Findlay, for another three year term on the State Financing and Planning Committee.

The convention report presented by District Governor Robert Birmingham, Toledo, listed the formation of four new clubs during the past 10 months at Glandorf, Westminster Area, Bowling Green Sunrise and Grand Rapids, bringing the total number of clubs in District 13-A to 61.

Speaker for the Sunday afternoon governor's banquet was Joseph L. Wroblewski, of Ashley, Pa., a past director of Lions

International.

Toledo Councilwoman Donna Owens gave the welcome for the City of Toledo and presented Past Director Wroblewski with a glass goblet as a token of remembrance of the Glass City.

Speaking about how the economy may effect Lionism, Wroblewski noted that the status of America's and the World's sagging economy and the hostage situation in Iran will definitely have their effect and he suggested that the Lions Clubs take a good look at the economy in their immediate area.

He also spoke of the communist infiltration of Universities of Japan and said that Japanese students studying in America can help combat the problems when they go home.

Lions International, Wroblewski said, is the greatest humanitarian

organization in the world and its 1,300,000 members can provide the unity, respect and cooperation that is needed to maintain freedom in all nations. He spoke of the work being done by Lions in Guatemala and noted that during the overthrow of the Shah in Iran a new Lions Club was organized there.

Bryan Lions and wives attending the two-day convention were Deputy Junior Governor and Mrs. Wells Boutell, President and Mrs. Chester Rathbun, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goehler, Mr. and Mrs. Decatur (Dick) Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. James Hurd, Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rozelle, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. William Priest, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Yohn, Mr. and Mrs. John Swigart, Mr. and Mrs.

Arden Pacey, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ernberger, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harrington, John Stokes and James Masten.

The Pioneer Lions delegation included President and Mrs. Rod Hendricks, President-elect and Mrs. Ed Lantz, Mr. and Mrs. Al Trausch, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Oxender. Dr. James L. Niday, president of the West Unity club represented his club.

The Bryan Lions won third place for the Governor's Award and second for scrap books.

Ohio Extended Forecast
Wednesday through Friday
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Chance of showers and thunderstorms Wednesday. Fair Thursday and Friday. Highs Wednesday will be from the mid 70s to low 80s, cooling to the 60s by Friday. Lows will be in the 50s Wednesday and from the mid 40s to mid 50s Friday.