

LIONS OF GEORGIA HISTORY

1960 - 1961

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 18

Lions International

By Percy Plant – Georgia State Historian

Lion Homer L. Barker, M.D. was born in Heard County, graduated from the Medical College of Georgia, and has lived and practiced medicine in Carrollton since 1912.

Few Lions, if any, can match his record in Lionism. A carter member of the Carrollton club in 1933 and has held most club offices. Has attended 19 International conventions and all state conventions since 1933 except one; Key, Master Key, Senior Master Key, and Grand Master Key; has a 25 years perfect attendance record.

Georgia District Governor 1938-39, Vice-chairman International Board of Governors 1940-41, and International Director 1949-51. As an International Director he puts through necessary changes in a time of crisis and was presented the rare Presidential Award for outstanding service. Our beloved Dr. Homer is a rugged individualist, a benevolent and a skilled physician, and a Lion with the true spirit of Lionism.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Held in Chicago and attended by a big delegation of Georgia Lions. A Georgia Breakfast with International Past President Edgar M. Elbert as speaker. A Hospitality room with give-away peaches which, by actual count, packed in Lions at the rate of 1000 per hour. A beautiful Georgia float with Miss Georgia in parade. Georgia Lions won fifth prize in Parade Marching.

Aubrey D. Green of Alabama was elected third vice-president of International and will become president in three years. Georgia Lions strongly supported his candidacy.



Outstanding Lions who provided the leadership for a fine year is District 18: (left to right) District Governors Don L. Wray, Mableton (A); Dr. Carlos A. Shaw, Winder (D); Harry C. Collins, Ellaville (E); Orion L. Brooks, Midville (F); Hon. Walter Usher, Springfield (B); D. D. Morrison, Pelham (C); and Acting State Secretary Warren A. Lowell, Macon.

SECRETARIES' MONTHLY REPORTS

A large bouquet of roses to each of our club secretaries! Lions International sends word that all secretaries' reports for District 18 through the month of April have reached the International office on time. As the reports are exceedingly important, each of our secretaries is to be highly commended for a job well done.

LIONISM IN GEORGIA

Each year the Deputy District Governors and Zone Chairmen become more and more important in the smooth operation of District 18. Much of our success is due to the fact that these fellows, in doing their grass root work, secure important information about their clubs and quickly transmit it to their District Cabinets.

Our International Counselors Association, composed of past District Governors, during the year has supplied many International Counselors for speakers at club meetings, installations and socials.

International Counselor Eugene Sanders has done much for the Lions of Georgia. The Decatur Lions Club recently showed appreciation by furnishing a room in the new DeKalb General Hospital and placing a plaque on the door reading, "In honor of Lion Eugene Sanders."

A District Scrapbook has been kept by International Counselor "Bob" Collins of District C for display at the State Convention.

The Druid Hills Lions Club, as one of the features of the club's tenth anniversary, presented a full page of club activity pictures in the Decatur-DeKalb News.

Excellent District Bulletins, sent out by several of the District Governors, have done much to promote Lionism in their respective districts.

Hurrah for the North DeKalb Lions Club! This outfit saved the Lions of Georgia approximately \$200 by arranging for the transportation of 217 cases of give-aways for the Hospitality Room at the International Convention.

District	# clubs		# members	
	1960	1961	1960	1961
A	45	43	1,968	1,850
B	37	37	1,312	1,301
C	51	46	1,710	1,577
D	44	46	1,743	1,732
E	39	40	1,795	1,803
F	<u>32</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1,148</u>	<u>1,168</u>
	250	248	9,676	9,431

The above figures supplied by Lions International show stand at the end of April 1 1961.

Let's all get busy and exceed the magic figures of 250 clubs and 10,000 members during the coming year.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Atlanta and Macon celebrated 40th anniversaries.

Arlington, Bainbridge, Douglas, Forsyth, Moultrie, Oglethorpe, and The Valley celebrated 25th anniversaries.

Enthusiastic district rallies were held at Pelham by 18C, at Gainesville by 180, and Ida Cason Gardens by 18E.

An International speaker was an honored guest at most of these anniversary celebrations and district rallies. International President Finis E. Davis, Vice-president Per Stahl, Vice-president Aubrey O. Green, and International Director Edwin M. Lindsey of Tennessee all spoke to our Georgia Lions, some of them two or three times.

In mentioning speakers, let us not overlook our Past International Director Ivan Jackson of Cartersville who continued his services to Lionism by attending and speaking at numerous Lions affairs during the year.

In the attendance contest of Lions International for 1959-1961). we can well be proud of five of our Georgia clubs. Cordele won second place in clubs meeting weekly; Toccoa won fourth place in clubs meeting other than weekly; Tucker was a top-ranking division winner; and Hapeville and Lakeview were 100% clubs receiving award plaques.

THE GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE, INC.

\$25,985.47 was expended by the Lighthouse in the past year for 168 hospital bills, 434 pair of, glasses, 12 artificial eyes and other items. The major portion of the work was with children under 16 years of age. Bill Cooksey served as president and Jim Corbett as executive secretary.

The Lighthouse now has an educational program to bring information to each club. Under the direction of Al Brim, colored slides and material were supplied the Lighthouse vice-president in each district so that he could visit clubs and give them facts in regard to the operations and accomplishments of the Lighthouse.

GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION

An enjoyable, informative and well-attended 39th convention was held in Atlanta under the sponsorship of the Atlanta Lions Club and 11 other Lions clubs of Atlanta. International Counselor Jacques Partain, District Governor of the state in 1928, was general chairman. Past International president, Harold P. Nutter, made an inspirational address on the work of Lionism.

The District Governors Cup was awarded the Druid Hills Lions Club for the third consecutive year; the Blind Award was presented Lion Chris Harvey, a member of the Avondale Lions Club.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

In District 18F successful annual affairs promoted by Lions clubs are: Horse Show at Washington, Livestock Festival and Rodeo at Sylvania, and Dairy Festival at Millen.

Thomaston Lions Club presented brand-spanking new uniforms to 60-odd members of high school band.

The Atlanta Lions Club sponsored and secured passage by the Georgia Legislature of an eye bank bill which authorizes an eye bank foundation and simplifies the donation of eyes.

LaGrange sponsored a 4-H and FFA fat calf show sale.

We serve.

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When the Pike County Lions Club dedicated \$50,000 youth center at Lifsey Springs, Clarence L. Sturm, then president of Lions International, was the guest of honor.

Waynesboro Lions Club initiated an annual Quarter-horse show.

A \$16,000 community club house was completed by the Hahira Lions Club.

Lions clubs of Louisville, Madison and Thomson are each doing an outstanding job in promoting their respective county fairs.

The Gainesville Lions Club started a drive to establish a class for the blind in the city school system.

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Marvin G. Pound
Sparta, Ga.
International Director
1954-1956

Past International Director Pound, for services in coordinating the financial work of Lions International, was awarded two keys, one by Past President Ed Barry and the other by Past President Ed Stickney. Lion Pound sends the following message to the Lions of Georgia: "LOVE is one of the greatest attributes of man. A LION to be useful must have LOVE within his heart for his fellowman, as well as the interest and concern for the welfare of those about him. May we as individual Lions embrace and foster this great attribute."

LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

Held at Atlantic City and, as usual, attended by a large number of Georgia Lions who were much in evidence. Georgia Hospitality Room, the best at the convention, gave away candy, fruit cake, fancy pants and Georgia pins. It was estimated between 12,000 and 15,000 Lions and Lionesses visited the Georgia Room. A float and uniformed delegation in parade. An inspiring Georgia Breakfast. International Counselor Ridley Bell of Columbus was Master of Ceremonies at the International Counselors' Banquet. International Counselor Orion Brooks of Midville was elected one of five members to the Executive Council of the Board of Governors.



Our thanks to above District governors who gave District 18 a fine year in 1961-1962. Top left to right: Don Schmidt, Cedartown, 18A; Roy Heaton, Brunswick, 18B; James T. Riddle, Moultrie, 18C. Bottom left to right: Charles Marchman, Clayton, 18D; Gordon E. Sanford, Macon, 18E; Robert H. Stanton, Mansfield, 18F.

	# clubs		# members	
District	1961	1962	1961	1962
A	43	44	1,850	1,947
B	37	37	1,301	1,312
C	46	46	1,577	1,695
D	46	47	1,732	1,763
E	40	40	1,803	1,813
F	<u>35</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>1,168</u>	<u>1,173</u>
	248	248	9,431	9,703

The above figures from Lions International show our standing at the end of April 1962.

SECRETARIES' MONTHLY REPORTS

Lions International reports that all club secretaries' reports from District 18, through the month of April, have reached the International office on time!

This punctuality is highly important as it is necessary for the proper functioning of our district. Orchids to each of our club secretaries for a job well done.

WANT A LIVE LION?

The North Decatur club entered a raffle for a live lion and won! When the lion arrived from Capetown, Africa, it proved to be seven months old, weighed 122 pounds and had a “mean and nasty disposition.”

What to do? What to do? The problem was solved by presenting the prize to the Grant Park Zoo.

GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION

A most enjoyable and worthwhile convention at beautiful Jekyll Island sponsored by the Brunswick Lions Club.

Addresses made by Past President John L. Stickney of Lions International and Anton K. Dekom, Director of International Relations, Lions International.

The District Governors Cup was won by the Druid Hills Lions Club; the Blind Award was presented Mark Thrower of Lakeview, Ga.

THE GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE. INC.

President Bill Cooksey and Executive Secretary Jim Corbet turned in a grand year. 880 persons were assisted which included payment for 513 pairs of glasses, 165 hospital bills, 67 optical services, 29 artificial eyes and 1 Lieb lens. Vice-president Al Brim and others did a splendid job visiting clubs and explaining the work and needs of the Lighthouse.

The happiness and ability to lead normal lives brought to so many people, especially children, by the Lighthouse cannot be measured. Every Lion and Lions club in Georgia should give whole-hearted support to the Lighthouse and the Lighthouse Foundation.

LIONS AND LIONISM IN GEORGIA

Boy Scout Silver Beaver awards were presented to Lions Charles Bowden of Cedartown, I. Enoch Rhodes of Sandersville and Elston L. Johnson of Tifton.

Past President Jack Stickney in his talk at Jekyll Island said, “Marvin Pound is a man of wise decision and fine sense of equity.”

Dekalb County now has 14 Lions clubs: Avondale Estates, Cross Keys, Decatur, Druid Hills, Dunwoody, Laurel Ridge, LaVista, North Decatur, North Dekalb, Pine Lake, Redan, Southwest Dekalb, Stone Mountain and Tucker.

John H. Lander, Atlanta Lion, won the national automobile dealer award for, “outstanding qualities in citizenship, community service and contributions to the automobile industry.”

International Counselor Eugene Sanders, head of the science department at Henry Grady Height School in Atlanta, was selected a “Teacher of the Year.”

In the Lions Worldwide Attendance Contest CORDELE won first place for the largest club with 100% attendance.

In clubs meeting other than weekly Jefferson won Division 4 and Toccoa, Division 11.

Other clubs receiving 100% plaques were Hartwell and Druid Hills.

IN MEMORIAM.

Melvin Jones, Chicago, Ill., Founder Lions International.
Channing Cope, Atlanta, District Governor 1930-1931.
Edward Murrah, Columbus, District Governor 1936-1937.
Hamp McGibony, Greensboro, District Governor 1945-1946.
Paul Hosch, Winder, District Governor 1946-1947.
The Lions of Georgia deeply mourn the loss of these dedicated Lions who did so much for Lionism in Georgia.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES.

International First Vice-president Curtis Lovill and Third Vice-president Claude M. DeVorss spoke at District Rallies and anniversaries in Georgia.

The following clubs celebrated anniversaries:

40 years — Savannah and Waycross.

30 years — Canton, Chatsworth, LaFayette and Soperton

20 years — Adairsville, Ellaville, McCaysville, Marietta and Stone Mountain.

15 years — Baxley, Thompson and Vidalia.

The Druid Hills club made — the headlines by having the courage to sponsor the National Blind Golf Championship.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Cornelia had a Twist and Yo-Yo Contest.

Tifton gave a boy “eye crutches” to help eyelid defects.

Decatur held a most successful Senior Citizens Night.

Toccoa secured 300 pairs of pants for delivery to poor.

Atlanta Lions pledged \$1100 at meeting to pay expenses in Atlanta of armless man from Colombia unable to speak English. The Cali (Colombia, South America) Lions paid his travel expenses and his former employer the cost of the prosthetic devices.

Savannah got Polly Bergen to help in broom and mop sales.

Ila sent Christmas cards to people over 70 in the area.

Probably one of the most important and difficult projects ever undertaken by a Georgia club has been the establishment of an Eye Bank by the Atlanta Lions Club.

PLANS FOR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION — NICE. FRANCE

Transportation Chairman Ed Dyer and Lion Tamer Ted Hays have perfected plans for the trip on a 146 passenger Air France jet.

8000 Georgia pins will be distributed and 800 cigarette lighters ~ with the Georgia emblem will be presented the outgoing and incoming District Governors and the International family.

A Georgia State Flag, recently flown over the Georgia State Capitol, will be taken to France by the Georgia Lions and will fly over the Nice City Hall during the convention.

1962 - 1963

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*Dr. Fred L. Damren
International Counselor
Augusta, Georgia*

Here is A LION who has done so much so quietly that few know of his outstanding record.

Briefly: entered Lionism 1932 . . . 30 years perfect attendance . . . 26 years secretary of Augusta club . . . has Membership, Master, Senior Master and Grand Master Keys . . . Sponsored two clubs . . . chairman of State Uniform Committee since its inception . . . has attended every state convention since A LION 1932 . . . has attended every international convention since 1937 . . . District Governor of 18B, 1942-1943.

Lion Damren writes: "Lionism is a way of life. When one discovers the great opportunity and joy of serving others and the tremendous satisfaction of being associated with dedicated Lions doing worthwhile deeds all over the world, then Lionism becomes a habit. Let's be thankful for it."

FORTY-FIRST GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION

Thanks to the Savannah Lions Club and the Port City Lions Club for an enjoyable and constructive convention. A delightful feature was a floor show at the Hellenic Center presented by the Lions and Lionesses of the host clubs.

International Director Jim Cherry of Columbia, S.C. gave an inspiring address at the District Governors' Banquet.

The Blind Award was presented to Lion Lauren Nobles of Fitzgerald; Tom Bingham Award to District Governor Don Schmidt of 18A whose district did the best Lighthouse work; the District Governors' Plaque for the best all-round club to the Druid Hills Lions Club.



Sincere compliments to the above District Governors who provided leadership in a constructive year for District 18 in 1962-1963. Top left to right: Frederick W. Scanling, Atlanta, 18A; M. D. Raulerson, Jr., Blackshear, 18 B; Jake Wolffe, Bainbridge, 18C. Bottom left to right: J. Ralph Hampton, Gainesville, 18D; Ray M. Tucker, McDonough, 18E; J. B. Amos, Augusta, 18F.

	# clubs		# members	
	District	1962	1963	1962
A	44	43	1,947	1,932
B	37	42	1,312	1,427
C	46	47	1,695	1,697
D	47	49	1,763	1,796
E	40	42	1,813	1,798
F	<u>34</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1,173</u>	<u>1,195</u>
	248	248	9,703	9,845

The above figures from Lions International show our standing at the end of March, 1963.

SECRETARIES' MONTHLY REPORTS

A most important and necessary function in the operation of District 18 is a club secretary's job of making up and sending in monthly reports to International PROMPTLY.

In the past year our secretaries have been on the ball as International advises all reports through March have come in on time. Congratulations, secretaries-a job well done.

ANNIVERSARIES

40 YEARS: Albany, Augusta, Columbus, Savannah, Waycross.

30 YEARS: Carrollton, Chatsworth, Dahlonega, Decatur, Greensboro, Toccoa, Wrightsville.

25 YEARS: Abbeville, Dalton, Heard County, Summerville, Wadley.

20 YEARS: Adairsville, Americus, Fitzgerald, McCaysville, Marietta, Mt. Vernon-Ailey, Stone Mountain, Winder.

INTERNATIONAL ATTENDANCE CONTEST-GEORGIA WINNERS

Largest clubs meeting weekly: Thompson, Ga., 3rd place; meeting other than weekly: Toccoa, Ga., 4th place.

Division 10 winner: North Dekalb, Ga.

Division 14 winner: Cordele, Ga.

Other 100% clubs receiving plaques: Alapaha, Druid Hills, Hartwell, Jefferson and Unadilla.

THE GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE, INC.

Dear fellow Lions:

In a fine year of activity \$23,210.27 has been expended for eye glasses, hospital bills, artificial eyes, optical aids and x-rays. Our Foundation money has been invested in a trust fund with the C & S National Bank of Atlanta.

The Board of Directors at our February meeting voted to accept the responsibility of the eye bank operation. I am sure the Lions of Georgia are proud of our new overall program of sight conservation and restoration. A wonderful challenge!

Joe B. Davis, President

LIONS AND LIONISM IN GEORGIA

West End Lions Club of Atlanta roared with surprise at the club meeting when Mrs. Caroline Caneup and Lion Corry Banks were united in matrimony for real.

Jack May, businessman and member Druid Hills Lions Club, cited by Dekalb Educational Association of 1750 teachers for his "Distinguished service to the cause of education."

A second club in Valdosta, the Valdosta Evening Lions Club.

Rossville Lions Club formed an organization of 100 junior high school boys as "Police Partners" in order to secure the support of youth in law enforcement and good citizenship.

Hapeville Lions Club sponsored an emergency civil defense team.

THE LION MAGAZINE

In an International contest, third prize was won by Lion Norman R. Hawley of the, Valdosta Lions Club who wrote the following: "I enjoy reading THE LION MAGAZINE because it is the modest, yet inspiring, show window of the far-flung organization I voluntarily joined 26 years ago. From month to month it reaffirms the principles I learned as a child; namely, that we live with and for others if our lives are to have true meaning. I like its international tone, its tolerance of various faiths and customs, and its editorial policy which recognizes that recorded good deeds stimulate increased effort."

IN MEMORIAM

William B. Freeman, Forsyth, District Governor, 1941-1942.

James F. Glass, Savannah, District Governor, 1958-1959.

W. Neal Whitworth, Lavonia, District Governor, 1952-1953.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT NICE. FRANCE

A convention long to be remembered! 135 Georgia Lions, Lionesses, and Cubs went over on a chartered plane and were joined by about 50 others. Lion Tamer Ted Hays and Transportation Chairman Ed Dyer deserve much credit for their fine work.

Georgia Lions with snappy red and white uniforms and new red and white overseas caps with, "GEORGIA, U.S.A.," made a magnificent showing in a parade witnessed by the largest crowd ever assembled in Nice.

Dr. Walter H. Campbell from our neighboring state of Florida was elected Third Vice-President of Lions International.

10,000 Georgia pins were distributed. A Georgia flag was presented by Lion Ed Dyer to the mayor of Nice as a gift from Governor Ernest Vandiver of Georgia and flew over the city hall of Nice during the convention. The mayor presented our Lions with a hand painted banner which was later delivered to Governor Vandiver and is now in the Georgia archives.

After the convention the Georgia Lions who went over by plane made a tour by bus of important cities of Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, France and England, then flying back to the U.S.

A great convention-a demonstration of worldwide Lionism!

LIONS INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

President Curtis D. Lovell-Decatur 30th Anniversary and Columbus 40th Anniversary.

Per Stahl (when president)--Savannah 40th Anniversary.

3rd Vice-President Walter H. Campbell-18C Assembly at Albany and 18D Assembly at Gainesville.

Fast International President John L. Stickley-Augusta 40th Anniversary.

International Director G. Robert Lyles-18E Assembly at Ida Cason Callaway Gardens.

International Director Jim M. Cherry-Dalton 25th Anniversary.

SPECIAL CLUB ACTIVITIES

Cordele purchased 18 acres at cost of \$19,000 for fair grounds and recreation center for all community activities.

Decatur had a second annual Senior Citizens night entertaining 42; also sponsored a successful picnic for 71 Senior Citizens at Stone Mountain Park.

Mansfield requested better service and lower rates at two dinners for telephone officials. The result: lower rates, \$80,000 in improved facilities, and an additional \$80,000 to be spent in bringing better service to the community.

Dalton Lions and Lionesses sponsored mass glaucoma tests.

1964 - 1965

By Eugene Sanders, State Historian

IN MEMORIAM



LION IVAN H. JACKSON
1914 - 1964

Lion Ivan H. Jackson, 51, was born in Dalton, Ga., in 1914 and died Thursday, July 30, 1964, at his home in Austell. He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Irma Bell of Cartersville.

He became a member of the Cartersville Lions Club in 1944, served as its president, 1947-48, and was elected District Governor in 1951. In 1958 he was sponsored by the Lions of Georgia and elected International Director at the International Convention in Chicago. He served as International Director, 1958-1960.

A beloved citizen of his community, he took an active part in many worthwhile drives and organizations. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner, being a worthy Patron, Cartersville Order of the Eastern Star and a trustee of the Eastern Star Home in Atlanta. He was a member of the Cartersville Elks Lodge, and a past president of the Chamber of Commerce. He was a steward in the Sam Jones Memorial Methodist Church and was active in the Boy Scout program for many years and served as President of the Northwest Georgia Council.

An electrical engineer, he joined the Georgia Power Co. in 1935, located in Cartersville in 1940, and since 1963 served as manager of the Austell district.

Ivan H. Jackson had an unparalleled career of dedication and devotion to the highest ideals of Lionism and the betterment of the lot of his fellowman. He served with distinction both on the local, district, and International level. The month of his death he and Irma attended the International Convention in Canada, and as International Director they visited the Scandinavian countries, and many European capitals.

It was the warm and kindly traits of his compassionate nature which so endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and which fitted him so admirably for his distinguished leadership in a life devoted to service. He raised the standards of Lionism to noble heights, and set an example which all dedicated Lions may well emulate.

GEORGIA'S CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



JOSEPH B. DAVIS

Joseph B. Davis, of the Decatur Club, was elected unanimously by the 44th Annual State Convention as Georgia's candidate for International Director at the 1966 International Convention in New York.

A Lion since 1938, he is a key member, has served as President, District Governor, International Counselor, and two terms as President of the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation, Inc., during which phenomenal advance was made financially and our Eye Bank was activated.

He has a record of perfect attendance throughout his entire membership, and has attended 24 State Conventions and 13 International Conventions.

He has been an active participant in church, fraternal, civic, business, and community activities throughout his life, and few men have rendered such outstanding service to Lionism.

JAKE WOLFFE

International Counselor Jake Wolffe, of Bainbridge, has just completed a term as Liaison Officer for the state, previous to which he had served on the Executive Council of the International Board of Governors.



ALCEE F. MAXFIELD
State Secretary

STATE SECRETARY

The longtime desire of Georgia Lionism to have its own State Secretary was realized when the growth of Georgia Lionism permitted the fortunate engagement of Past International Director Alcee F. Maxfield, of Lake Charles, La.

He joined the Lake Charles Club in 1948, 'sponsored by his brother, and has had perfect attendance ever since. In 1953 he was president of the club, District Governor in 1954. and International Director 1959-61. He holds three International President's awards, three extension awards, and the 100% District Governor's award.



STANLEY R. KELLEY
District Governor 18-A
East Marietta



JACK G. DURRENCE
District Governor 18-B
Port City (Savannah)



FRANK C. VANN
District Governor 18-C
Camila



SAM B. WILSON
District Governor 18-D
Athens



WILLIAM E. BIZZELL
District Governor 18-E
Griffin



RUPERT GAY
District Governor 18-F
Millen

These are the elected leaders to whom Georgia Lionism is indebted for the efficient and effective leadership of Multiple District 18 through a year of splendid progress.

District	1965				1954		
	No. Clubs	No. Members	New Clubs	Net Gain	100% Att.	Clubs	Members
A	43	2104	2	155		70	3516
B	44	1502				1	2142
C	46	1657	1	55	2	49	1918
D	51	1826	3	137	4	50	1996
E	44	1950	2	57			
F	38	1303	1				
Totals	266	10342	9	191	7	225	9572

(Membership Figures from Int. records through May 31, 1965)

PROGRESS

Georgia Lionism now has 266 Lions Clubs with 10,342 members, a net gain over last year of 6 new clubs and 375 members. The fact that in ten years we have gained 41 clubs but only some 660 members seems to show an apparent trend requiring thought and planning. This, and the relatively high drop-out rate among members affords a challenge. Securing a State Secretary, therefore, appears to be a most fortunate response to this trend.

MEMBERSHIP KEYS

District A apparently leads in membership keys, with fourteen received, while District F is a close second with twelve, with a number in the other districts.

DISTRICT RALLIES AND ANNIVERSARIES

There have been many District rallies and anniversaries, bringing a large number of the International Family into Georgia. Districts C, D, E, and F had rallies, and in addition to the eight Charter Nights, numerous anniversaries were celebrated.

Second Vice President Edward Lindsay, of Lawrenceburg, Tenn., spoke at the rally in District D, and also in District C. International Directors Homer L. Hoover, of Wooster, Ohio, and Jorge Bird, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, were the official guests at the rally in District E. 18-F held its first rally in Augusta, with Past President Edwin G. Barry, of Little Rock, Ark., and Georgia's own Past International Director Marvin G. Pound, Sr., as speakers.

Clubs celebrating their 30th anniversary are: Ashburn, Shellman, Edison, Lumpkin and Tifton. Blakely celebrated its 25th, with International Director Edwin Yeary, Lexington, Ky., the speaker; Hawkinsville its 25th, with International Director B. M. Stone, Jr., of Baton Rouge, La., as speaker; Towns County its 25th, with International Director Yeary as speaker. Athens held its fortieth anniversary celebration with First Vice President Walter H. Campbell, now president, of Miami Beach, Fla., as the honored guest.

THE GEORGIA LIONS LIGHTHOUSE FOUNDATION, Inc.

The year proved to be the best in the history of the Lighthouse, with every district in the state being 100% in membership, their donations amounting to \$53,357.34, with an additional \$5,115.91 in lieu of flowers. It has dispensed 570 pairs of glasses, paid 180 hospital bills, and furnished 19 artificial eyes, in addition to many other services, to a total cost of \$30,436.45.

While its assets have reached the creditable sum of \$138,148.45, it must be borne in mind that it has available for services only the income from this trust fund. Thus with its ever-increasing usefulness, this finest endeavor of Georgia Lions needs and deserves the full support of all Georgia Lions. The Eyebank has received 1230 eye-donation forms, and has actually received 70 eyes, 11 of which were shipped to other needy areas, 7 used for research, and the remainder used for transplants in Georgia.

HONORED

The Decatur Lions Club donated \$1,000.00 to Wesley Homes to furnish a room in honor of former State Historian Percy H. Plant, and Young Harris College has just completed a Fine Arts Building and Library, which will be dedicated at an early date to former International Counselor Charles R. Clegg.

AWARDS

An award is not a reward. An award is a congratulatory mark of distinction, but the reward lies in the effect accruing to the club through the effort.

At the state convention there were 241 applications for cup awards from 36 clubs, an average of 6.7 for the clubs filing applications, but an average of only .9 for the state as a whole.

Waycross won the Monroe Plaque, being the only club meeting every week to maintain 100% attendance. Cordele was second. The West Point Plaque for best attendance among the clubs meeting twice a month had six 100% winners: Alapaha, Jefferson, Tucker, North DeKalb, Toccoa, and Unadilla. Sylvania won second place.

For best single activity, Druid Hills won the Decatur Cup, with Toccoa second. The District Governors' Plaque for the best all-round club in the state was won by the North DeKalb Club over Druid Hills, which had won the cup for the past seven consecutive years. This is North DeKalb's third winning of the award.

CLUB BULLETINS

An increasing number of club bulletins are being published, and the great service such an organ can render a club is increasingly necessary. Its educational and functional value as an organizational aid leads to greater effort to increase the quality and value of Lionism.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Columbus sold more than \$14,000 worth of brooms, Senoia and Cross Keys cleared over \$1,000 on candy, La Vista gave \$2,010 to the Lighthouse, Ellenwood organized a Fire Department and built a Community House and ball field, Boynton put on a horse show, Augusta examined the eyes of 445 children and provided 249 pairs of glasses, the Druid Hills Club conducted its Annual Manual Arts Fair and the Mountain Fair at Hiawassee was started by the area Lions clubs. A number of Lions clubs in District C supported the Sheriffs' Boys' Ranch. Vine Ingle (Macon) made \$5,102.50 Radio Week.

NEW CLUBS

District D had three new clubs: Classic City (Athens), Henderson Mill (DeKalb) , and Loganville. Two new clubs were chartered in District A: Piedmont and West Cobb. A new club was chartered at Baconton in District C, another in District F at Sardis, and in District E clubs were chartered at Roberta (Crawford Co.) and at Ideal.

IN MEMORIAM

WADE H. WRIGHT - 1878 - 1964

International Counselor Wade H. Wright was born August 8, 1878 at Panthersville, Ga. He joined the Atlanta Lions Club in 1927, served as President 1934-36, and was elected District Governor in 1939. Vice President of the Georgia Power Co., he died September 11, 1964.



Its Origin . . .

Its Organization . . .

Its Purpose . . .

ITS ORIGIN

Hughes Willingham, President of the Lighthouse in 1965, called together five active Georgia Lions in the fall of that year, to discuss the possibility of bringing a major post-season collegiate bowl game to Georgia. These men were Max Preston, Special Projects Chairman for the Lighthouse; Jim Corbett, Executive Director of the Lighthouse; Sim Manning; D. C. (Jack) Jackson, Jr.; and George Crumbley.

It was decided by these people that we should pursue this possibility for a project for the Lighthouse. The Committee requested and received permission to appear before the Extra Events Committee of the NCAA in January, 1966, in Washington, D. C. There had been a moratorium on additional bowl games for several years and it was not lifted that year. In January, 1967, the Committee requested and received permission to appear again in Houston, Texas, for a post-season bowl game under the Lighthouse sponsorship. That year, the Committee was expanded by the new President of the Lighthouse, Sim Manning, to include Dr. Froncie Gutman, who was head of the Lions Eye Bank and who had played football at Purdue in the 1950's. Again, the petition was denied and the moratorium continued in effect.

Persistent and determined, the Committee worked tirelessly to strengthen its case and in January, 1968, Sim Manning, Dr. Froncie Gutman, and George Crumbley represented the Committee in New York and made a third presentation to the Extra Events Committee of the NCAA. In April, 1968, the Extra Events Committee recommended to the NCAA Council that the Peach Bowl be certified as a major postseason collegiate football bowl with the first game to be played in December, 1968.

The Peach Bowl was on its way!

THE PEACH BOWL ORGANIZATION

Since the Lighthouse Charter does not permit sponsorship of an event of this kind, the Executive Committee of the Lighthouse chartered the Peach Bowl, Inc., to administer the Bowl with all profits generated to go to the Lighthouse for eye research and sight conservation.

The Executive Committee of the Lighthouse names the Directors of the Peach Bowl. They serve for three years with approximately 1/3 of them coming up each year for rotation or re-election. The present Directors include, among others, Past Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Lighthouse, Past International Directors, and Past District Governors.

The officers of the Peach Bowl are elected by the Peach Bowl Directors each year.

The day-to-day activities of the Bowl are regulated by an Executive Committee named by the Peach Bowl Board of Directors and are administered by an Executive Director.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PEACH BOWL .

Quoting from the Peach Bowl Charter, "The principal object of the corporation is to generate funds for the Lighthouse; to aid in the preservation of sight and the prevention of blindness; to conduct research into the causes of eye deficiency and failure; and to aid the blind."