

International Officers and Directors—1950-1951

Here are portraits and brief biographies of the officers and directors of Lions International. They compose the Board of Directors which sets the policies of the Association. Most of them were elected to their respective offices at the convention held in Chicago last July; others are completing terms of office to which they were elected in 1949. The dates of service are shown in parenthesis.

H. C. PETRY, JR., Carrizo Springs, Texas, was elected President of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the International Convention held in Chicago, Illinois, in July, 1950, having previously served as International Third, Second, and First Vice-President and as a Director. He has served four consecutive years as Chairman of the Board of International Relations. He is a Charter and Master Key member of the Carrizo Springs Lions club and has held the offices of zone chairman, deputy district governor and governor in District 2-A. President Petry is a graduate of Westmoorland College and the University of Texas from which he received his law degree. He is now a successful business man and attorney, heading his own firm of Petry and Dean. He is the president of the Dimmit County Bar Association, and is a member of the State Bar Association of Texas and the American Bar Association. He is also a director of the Union State Bank of Carrizo Springs. President Petry is a steward in the Methodist Church and is also active in community affairs. He and his wife, Josephine, have two sons—Boothe and John.

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WALTER C. FISHER, Queenston, Ontario, Canada, served as International President during the fiscal year 1949-50, having previously served as Director and as International Third, Second, and First Vice-President. In the St. Catharines Lions club, he held the offices of director and president, and in District A-2, he served as governor. He has also been president of the International Association of Lions clubs of Canada. Lion Fisher operates a large fruit farm. He has served as vice-president of the Niagara Fruit Growers Association, and as director of the Ontario Fruit Growers Association. He is married and has three children.

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HAROLD P. NUTTER, Camden, New Jersey, is First Vice-President of Lions International, having previously served as Second and as Third Vice-President. Lion Nutter has served as

an International Director for two terms and as Chairman of the Board of Governors. He is a Master Key member and has held the offices of president and director in the Camden Lions club. In the district he served in the offices of governor and deputy governor. Lion Nutter was born in Milford, Delaware, and received degrees from the University of Delaware and Temple University. He is vice-president of the Nutter Mortgage Service. Vice-President Nutter is active in church and community affairs; he is married and has one daughter.

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EDGAR M. ELBERT, Maywood, Illinois, was elected Second Vice-President at the International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, in July 1950. He had previously served as International Third Vice-President and as an International Director. Twice he was elected to the governorship of district 1-A. He is a Key member of the Maywood Lions club, in which he has held the offices of director and president. Lion Elbert was born in Villard, Minnesota. He was graduated from the Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois, and attended James Millikin University, Valparaiso University, and the University of Chicago. Lion Elbert is engaged in the real estate business. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; is married and has one son.

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S. A. DODGE, Detroit, Michigan, was elected Third Vice-President at the International Convention in July, 1950. Previously he had served as an International Director and as district governor for district 11, Lower Michigan. He is a Key member of the Detroit (Northwest) Lions club, and has served that club as president. Lion Dodge was born in Avoca, Michigan, and is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Business Administration. He is vice-president and treasurer of the Solventol Chemical Products Company and is also a Certified Public Accountant. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a Mason. Lion Dodge is married and has two children.

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R. ROY KEATON, Director-General, is the active managing officer of The International Association of Lions Clubs. He was appointed to that position by the International Board of Directors in July, 1950, after five years of outstanding service as Assistant Secretary - General. Director - General Keaton became a member of the Lions club of Weatherford, Texas, in 1929. Since 1934 he has been in the employ of Lions International, having served with extraordinary distinction as a Special Representative and as Lions State Secretary in Texas. Lion Keaton is a graduate of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, where he received both his Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees. Recognized as one of the country's outstanding speakers, his services in that capacity are in constant demand. Lion Keaton lives in Flossmoor, Illinois, with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two children, Larry and Sherry. He is a Mason, a Knight Templar, and a Shriner.

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MELVIN JONES, Secretary-General, was born in Fort Thomas, Arizona. At the age of 20 he went to Chicago to study law. Later he went into the insurance field and operated his own agency. In 1914, as secretary of the Business Circle of Chicago, he wrote to a number of other unattached clubs, with the idea of forming an association. It was not until 1917, however, that representatives of 27 clubs met in Chicago, and later in the same year in Dallas, and formed The International Association of Lions Clubs. Lion Jones was elected Secretary-General at that time, and in July, 1950, that title was bestowed upon him for life. He now serves the Association as Consultant and Advisor and devotes the major portion of his time to the development of Lions International City. Lion Jones lives in Flossmoor, Illinois, with his wife, Rose, who is an internationally known golfer. He is a Grand Master Key member and a Mason.

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WILBURN L. WILSON is Treasurer of Lions International, having been appointed to that office by the International Board of Directors in September, 1945. Lion Wilson is a Key member of the Chicago (Central) Lions club and has been in the employ of Lions International since 1932. During that time he has demonstrated outstanding executive ability in the performance of his duties as auditor, assistant treasurer, and treasurer. Born in Plain Dealing, Louisiana, Lion Wilson is a graduate of Chillicothe (Missouri) Business College, where he majored in accounting. He now lives in Chicago with his wife and two children.

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WILLIAM R. BIRD was appointed Secretary of Lions International in January, 1947. He has been affiliated with the executive department of Lions International headquarters since March, 1937, except for a short period in 1942-43 when he was in the U. S. Army Finance Corps. Lion Bird was born in Elwood, Indiana; attended high school at Decatur, Illinois, and college



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(Ex Officio)



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(Ex Officio)

at Washington University Evening School in St. Louis. He received his LL.B. degree from John Marshall Law School, Chicago, in February, 1947. He was admitted to the Bar in May, 1947, and is a member of the America Bar Association and the Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity. Lion Bird is a member of Chicago (Englewood) Lions club; he is a Presbyterian and a Mason. He lives with his wife, Ann, in the Normal Park district of Chicago.

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HOMER L. BARKER, M.D., of Carrollton, Georgia, a Director of Lions International (1949-51) is a Charter member of the Carrollton Lions club and has held nearly every club office, including the presidency. He is a Senior Master Key member and has maintained a perfect attendance record for 17 years. Lion Barker served his district as zone chairman, deputy district governor and district governor. He is a doctor of medicine and has held the positions of County Physician, City Physician, and member of the school board. Lion Barker is married and has three daughters.

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EARL D. BAUMANN, M.D., a Director of Lions International (1949-51), is a Charter member and a Senior Master Key holder in the North Boroughs, Pennsylvania, Lions club. He has served his local club as director and president and has served his district as zone chairman and district governor. He has received a ten-year perfect attendance award. Lion Baumann received his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Medicine degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a physician and surgeon. He is a Presbyterian and a Mason; is married and has three children.

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ROY W. DICKINSON is a Charter and Key member of the Lions club of Harlan, Kentucky. He has held the office of president in his club, and served the district as zone chairman, governor and deputy governor. He was elected an International Director (1949-51) in 1949. He has received a five-year perfect attendance award. He is a graduate accountant; a cashier, superintendent, and general manager of the Mahan Ellison Coal Corporation of Liggett, Kentucky. Lion Dickinson is a member of the Methodist Church. He is married.

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RONNIE F. GREENWELL, of Hayti, Missouri, a Director of Lions International (1949-51), has served the Hayti Lions club as secretary and president. In the district, he held the offices of zone chairman and district governor. Lion Greenwell is the executive secretary of the Missouri Cotton Producers Association and is a member of the Missouri Soil Conservation Commission, having been appointed three times by different governors. Lion Greenwell is a widower and has three children.

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HERBERT R. HARGRAVE, Fresno, California, a Director of Lions International (1949-51), is a Charter and Master Key member of the Fresno, California, Lions club, which he has

served as secretary. Lion Hargrave has received a 25-year Charter chevron and a 25-year perfect attendance award. He has held the offices of deputy district governor and district governor. He is secretary-treasurer and manager of the Chapel of the Light (Fresno Crematory and Columbarium) and past president of the Cremation Association of America. Director Hargrave has served as president and director of the county chamber of commerce. He is married and has two children.

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A. R. LAMB was elected an International Director (1949-51) at the International Convention in July, 1949. He served as secretary and twice as president of the Lions club of Coffeyville, Kansas. In the district he held the offices of zone chairman and deputy district governor. He has received a 25-year Old Monarch chevron. Lion Lamb received his LL. B. from the University of Kansas. He is the senior partner in the law firm of Lamb and Reed. He is a Mason and a member of the Christian Church. Lion Lamb is married and has two sons.

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JULIO MARENCO R. is a Charter member and Key holder in the Lions club of Barranquilla, Colombia. He was elected a Director of Lions International (1950-51) at the Chicago Convention in July, 1950, having previously served as deputy and district governor of the Lions clubs of Colombia. Lion Marenco was born in Zambrano, Colombia, and is an attorney specializing in civil law. He served for two years as mayor of the city of Barranquilla and has also held the office of judge of the Civil Circuit Court of Barranquilla. He is married.

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DR. GUILLERMO MATA A., was elected a Director of Lions International (1950-51) at the 1950 International Convention. He is a Charter member and a past president of the Lions club of Guatemala City and has served as district governor of the Lions clubs of all Central America. Dr. Mata is also serving as a member of the Board of International Relations. Lion Mata was born in Guatemala City and received his education at Colegio Froebeliano and the National Men's Institute of San Carlos. He is a dental surgeon with an outstanding international reputation for proficiency in his profession. He is a member of many scientific societies, including the Latin American Odontological Federation and the International Academy of Odontology. He is married and has two children.

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HENRY A. NYE, of Honolulu, Hawaii, Director of Lions International (1949-51), has served the Honolulu Lions club as a director, treasurer, and president. In the district he has held the offices of deputy district governor and district governor. Lion Nye is a Grand Master Key member. He has been employed by the government as deputy territorial treasurer, deputy insurance commissioner, and deputy commissioner of securities. He is married and has five children.

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HUMBERTO VALENZUELA G., Director of Lions International (1950-51), was elected to this office at the International Convention in Chicago, Illinois, July, 1950, having previously served as district governor of the Lions clubs of district H, comprising at that time the countries of Bolivia, Chile, and Peru. He is a Master Key and Charter member of the Santiago, Chile, Lions club. Lion Valenzuela was born in Santiago and was educated at the Colegio Padres Franceses and the Catholic University of Chile, obtaining his law degree from the latter institution. His business interests are many and diversified and include real estate, insurance, business promotion, and trusts. He is married and has four children.

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MARIANO VIVANCO Z., Director of Lions International (1949-51), has served the Lions club of San Antonio de los Baños, Cuba, as president and district C as zone chairman, deputy district governor, and district governor. He served on the Board of International Relations from 1946 to 1948. He is a Master Key member of his club and has a five-year perfect attendance record. Lion Vivanco was born in Camaguey, Cuba, and received his law degree from the Universidad de La Habana, Cuba. He is an attorney-at-law and an active judge. He is married and has two children.

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MELVIN B. WRIGHT is a Charter member and a Senior Master Key member of the Lions club of Holladay, Utah, and has held the offices of deputy and district governor. He served as chairman of the Board of Governors in 1948-49 and was elected an International Director (1949-51) in 1949. He has a long record of perfect attendance and has received the Lions International Merit and Service awards. Lion Wright was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and is now Chief Audio Engineer of Radio Station KSL. He is a member of the Church of Later Day Saints; is married and has four sons.

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EDWARD G. BARRY, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, is a Director of Lions International (1950-52), having been elected to that office at the International Convention in July, 1950. Lion Barry is a Key member of the Arkadelphia Lions club and has been active in Lion activities since he became a member of the Hot Springs club in 1933. He served the Hot Springs club as president and director, and the district as zone chairman, deputy governor, and governor. He is the division sales manager for the Arkansas Power and Light company. Lion Barry is married and has two children.

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GEORGE A. DOLL, Fort Morgan, Colorado, is a Key member of the Fort Morgan Lions club, which he has served as vice-president and president. He was formerly a member of the Cheyenne Wells club, in which he held two offices. In the district he served as deputy governor and governor. He

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was elected a member of the International Board of Governors in July, 1949. Lion Doll was elected an International Director (1950-52) at the Convention in Chicago, July, 1950. He did his undergraduate work at the University of Texas, and received his law degree from the University of Nebraska. He is the senior member in the law firm of Doll and Haffke. Director Doll is a Vestryman in the Episcopal Church and a member of the Elks. He is married and has one daughter.

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JAMES C. HILL, Director of Lions International (1950-52), was elected to that office at the 1950 International Convention. During the 1949-50 fiscal year, he served as Chairman of the Executive Council of the Board of Governors. Lion Hill is a Charter and Senior Master Key member of the Vienna, Virginia, Lions club, in which he holds a record of perfect attendance since the club was organized. He has served his club as president for two terms, and as director. In the district he has been zone chairman, twice deputy district governor and district governor. He was formerly an automobile dealer. Lion Hill is active in church, fraternal, and youth activities.

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DR. ARTURO IRABIEN R., of Mexico, D. F., is a Director of Lions International (1950-52), having been elected to that office at the International Convention in July, 1950. He is a Senior Master Key member of the Mexico City Lions club, which he joined in 1933. He served as governor in the district administration for two consecutive terms. Lion Irabien is a practicing dentist.

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EDWARD J. KORBEL, Director of Lions International (1950-52), was elected to that office at the 1950 International Convention. He is a Charter member and past president of the Lions club of New York (Yorkville). He holds a Master Key and has had perfect attendance since the club was organized. He served as deputy district governor and governor for district 20-L. Lion Korbel attended the American Institute of Banking, and is now assistant vice-president of Manufacturers Trust Company, in charge of the Yorkville office. Director Korbel is married and has one son.

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CURTIS D. LOVILL, of Gardiner, Maine, is a Director of Lions International (1950-52), having been elected to that office at the International Convention in Chicago, in July, 1950. He is a member of the Gardiner Lions club and has served that club as president, director, and chairman of a committee. He has served his district as zone chairman, deputy governor and governor. Lion Lovill is a Senior Mas-

ter Key member. He attended the University of Kentucky and is now in the publishing and printing business. Director Lovill is married and is a member of the Universalist Church. He is a Mason and holds membership in several other fraternal organizations.

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ELMER E. STEWART is a member of the Shreveport Lions club, previously having been a member of the Haynesville and Monroe, Louisiana, Lions clubs. In the district organization, he served as deputy governor and governor. He has received the Old Monarch chevron, two Merit awards, and a Service award. He has a twelve year perfect attendance award. He was elected to the office of International Director (1950-52), at the International Convention in July, 1950. Lion Stewart is vice-president of the Pelican Well Tool & Supply Company. Director Stewart is a Mason, a Shriner, and a board member of the Methodist Church. He is married and has one daughter.

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CLIFFORD I. THOMA, of Fairfield, Iowa, is a Director of Lions International (1950-52), having been elected to that office at the International Convention held in Chicago, in July, 1950. Lion Thoma is a Key member of the Fairfield Lions club and has been awarded a Charter chevron. He has held every office in his club except that of secretary. He also served as governor of the district. He is manager of the Thoma Glass Company, manufacturers of automotive glass parts. He attended Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa, and Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston, Massachusetts. Director Thoma is a Mason and a Christian Scientist. He is married and has four children.

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H. RAY WELTER, of Great Falls, Montana, is a Director of Lions International (1950-52), having been elected to that office at the International Convention held in Chicago, in July, 1950. Lion Welter is a member of the Great Falls Lions club, in which he has served on virtually every committee. He served in the district organization as district governor. Lion Welter was born in Burr Oak, Indiana, and gained the equivalent of a full college course from a private tutor. He is now in the insurance and real estate business. Director Welter is a widower and has one child.

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ROSS G. WITTERS, Chairman of the Executive Council of the Board of Governors, is a Key member of the Miami, Florida, Lions club, in which he has served as president. He has received the ten-year Old Monarch chevron and the ten-year perfect attendance award. In the district he held the offices of zone chairman, deputy governor and governor. He attended business college at Akron, Ohio, and is now the owner and manager of the Witters Construction Company. Lion Witters is a member of the Methodist Church, a Mason, and affil-

ated with the Shrine. He is married and has four children.

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DR. CARLOS A. LEDGARD J., Chairman of the Board of International Relations is a Charter and Key member of the Lions club of Lima, Peru. In his club he has served as lion tamer and president, and in the district he served as governor. Lion Ledgard was born in Lima, and attended Catholic University and the University of San Marcos where he earned his law degree. He obtained his senior law degree at the Facultad Doctoral de San Marcos, and further studied at North Carolina and Duke Universities. At present he is a member of the municipal government of San Isidro, Lima. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church; is married and has one child.

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Convention Sidelights

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That ski group from Steamboat Springs, Colo., use their skis in the regular way when snow is on the ground. In summer they adopt the roller device which they used in the Lions parade. This is a rubber roller which acts like a bicycle coaster brake. When the ski moves forward, the roller turns freely. When back pressure is applied, the roller locks in its specially designed holder and enables the skier to step forward easily.

The skiers do not have the straight military march because they sway as they move the skis. Each skier has at least 10 pounds additional weight on his feet with the skis and rollers in addition to band instruments. Usually there are 50 skiers in the group, 27 boys and 23 girls, all but three or four of them attend high school, the remainder being in grade school.

The group was sponsored by the entire state of Colorado Lions, who furnished them with new uniforms for the trip, and paid all expenses of the trip to Chicago. Lion Bob Flanders is bandmaster of this group which has been playing together for about three years. However, there has been a ski band in the schools of Steamboat Springs since 1936. Flanders has been in charge of the present band for two years. The band is used about five times during the year, generally at skiing carnivals. This was the original idea—playing for the ski carnivals—but it has taken hold and become quite popular elsewhere. The youngsters practice regularly, and are more at home in the snow than on rollers. There is an average of 210 inches of snowfall in their vicinity each year, and this enables them to practice almost daily for a period of six months. District Governor J. R. Smith of Steamboat Springs was in charge of the group while in Chicago. Oldest youngster in the group is 18, one of the grade school boys is 11, and two others are 12 years of age.

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