

# Lions International OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

1956 - 1957

ON this and following pages appear the photographs and biographical sketches of the current officers and directors of Lions International. All Lions are grateful to these men who are true servants of humanity, devoting their wisdom, energy and resources to the ultimate benefit of all mankind.

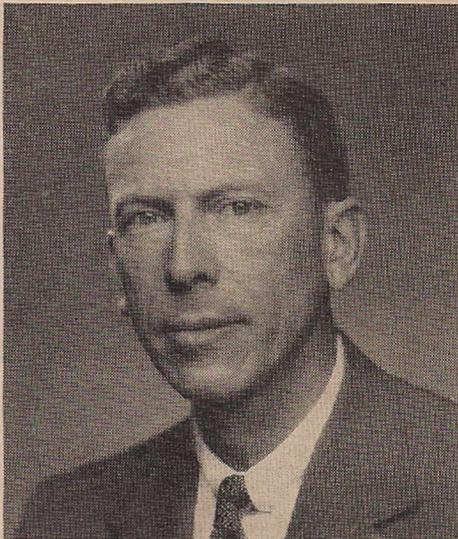
What are they like, these men? Some few of you are fortunate enough to have one of them as a member of your own club. Others will perhaps have the opportunity to meet at least one of them sometime during this year. Most, however, will not be so fortunate. It is for you, then, this latter group, that we have quizzed these leaders of ours and obtained rather personal information which should tell us what they are really like.

First of all, it is evident from their answers, that in most respects they are pretty much like you and me. They have an average height of five feet nine and one-half inches, and they tip the scales at a-not-too-portly 187. Among them there are twice as many with brown eyes as with blue, and the majority have (or have had) brown hair, now graying. They have an average of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  children, and  $1\frac{3}{5}$  grandchildren with prospects for an increase in this latter department since the average age of the group is only 52. Two-thirds of them have had college training, which may account for the relatively old age at time of marriage—25 years. Ten of the group are Roman Catholic. Of the 23

who adhere to other faiths, the Baptists and Methodists claim the most, with five each. They have been Lions for 20 years. Employmentwise, they are a heterogeneous bunch including manufacturers, merchants, professional men, farmers, government workers and (we're not kidding!) a goldfish distributor. Twenty-one of them own their own businesses. Among the professional group, there are three lawyers, one engineer, a medical doctor and a doctor of chiropractic.

How about their living habits? Mr. Average Director resides in a seven-room house and gets up each morning at 6:45. He eats a light breakfast and likes his heaviest meal in the evening. Steak is his favorite food, 3 to 1. In the dessert department, ice cream takes the cake. One-third of the group are non-smokers, and among the rest, cigarettes are twice as popular as either pipes or cigars. Most prefer clothing of blue or brown, and bow ties are scorned by more than half. Only one-third of the group plays golf (average score: 100), but most believe in taking frequent and adequate vacations.

Perhaps the key to the reason for their devoted service to Lionism lies in their answers to our question: "What is your personal philosophy of life?" Here is a typical answer: "To live a useful and productive life. To bring honor to my family and friends. To be able and willing to help the weak and needy and thus strengthen my community and fellowman."



**JOHN L. "JACK" STICKLEY**, Charlotte, N.C. International President—1956-57. The mild-mannered, deep-thinking Southern gentleman who heads your Association this year was born in Cambridge, Mass., but has lived most of his life in Charlotte, N.C. He is past president of the

Charlotte Lions club and also served as Zone Chairman, Deputy and District Governor of District 31-B. He is a Key member, holder of the Extension Award, and has been named an Ambassador of Good Will.

Elected International Director in 1951, and Third Vice-President in 1953, he served in successive years in the Second and First Vice-Presidencies which culminated in his election as President at the International Convention in Miami, Fla., last June.

During the year he has traveled extensively in the United States, Canada, South America, the Far East and Europe in the interest of the Association.

He operates a nationally known sales agency, The John L. Stickley Company, with offices in Charlotte and New York, and is the sole sales agent for the synthetic and worsted yarn production of Burlington Mills. He is also an officer of Stickley Specialty Yarn Corporation, Textile Realty Company, Realty Associates, Inc., and a director of Package Products, Inc., and Brenton Textiles, Inc.

Lion Stickley is a member of the Baptist Church, is active in the Boy Scout movement, is a long term member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board of Charlotte, and was president of the Charlotte Park Association. He is a Mason and a Shriner. He and Mrs. Stickley—the former Jennie Williamson McMichael—have three children: John L., Jr., Georgiana Grace and Nancy Virginia.



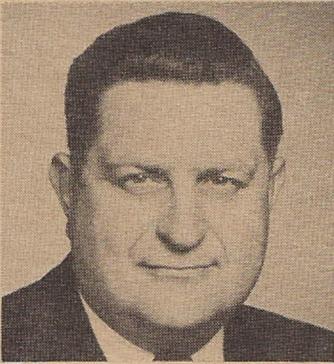
Humberto Valenzuela G.



Edward G. Barry



Dudley L. Simms



Clarence L. Sturm



R. Roy Keaton



Melvin Jones



Wilburn L. Wilson



William R. Bird



Ralph O. Deckard



William Garner

**HUMBERTO VALENZUELA G.**, Santiago, Chile. Imm. Past President. As the Association's President during its "Greatest Year of International Achievements," Lion Valenzuela visited 191 cities in 84 states and countries, attending 263 official Lions meetings and 182 receptions, dinners, etc. He also met with 67 kings, governors and premiers, 54 mayors and 21 church authorities of various faiths during his 120,175 miles of travel. Lion Valenzuela is president of the foremost copper company in South America and heads a metal manufacturing concern. He and his wife, Mary, have four children. He is a Catholic.

**EDWARD G. BARRY**, Little Rock, Ark. First Vice-President. Born in Lexington, Tenn., Lion Barry is now commercial sales manager for the Arkansas Power and Light Co. He is a past president and Key member of the Hot Springs Lions club and has served as Zone Chairman, Deputy and District Governor. A past president of Lions of Arkansas Projects, Inc., he was instrumental in the creation of the Southwest Rehabilitation Center for the Blind. Lion Barry and his wife, Ada, have two children. He is a Presbyterian, Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner.

**DUDLEY L. SIMMS**, Charleston, W.Va. Second Vice-President. A Key member and past president of the Lions club of Charleston, W.Va., Lion Simms has also served as Deputy and District Governor. Following a two-year term as an International Director, he represented the U.S. on the Board of International Relations during 1954-55. Lion Simms is a dry goods merchant and a member of the Baptist Church. He and his wife, Opal, have four children. He is a Mason, Shriner, and Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks.

**CLARENCE L. STURM**, Manawa, Wis. Third Vice-President. Lion Sturm is a charter member and a Key member of the Manawa, Wis., Lions club and has served as Zone Chairman, Deputy and District Governor. He holds the Extension Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award. He twice served as an International Director, 1948-50 and 1954-56. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and is in the wholesale foods business. Lion Sturm is a member of the Lutheran Church. He and his wife, Norma, have one daughter, Beverly.

**R. ROY KEATON**, Chicago, Ill. Director-General. Lion Keaton is the active managing officer of Lions International. Born in Weatherford, Texas, he is a graduate of Southern Methodist University. He became a Lion in 1929 and came to work for Lions International in 1934. Between that time and 1950, when he took over his present duties, he served with distinction as Special Representative, State Secretary of Texas, and Assistant Secretary-General. Lion Keaton is a Methodist, Knight Templar and a Shriner. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children.

**MELVIN JONES**, Chicago, Ill. Secretary-General. Lion Jones was born in Fort Thomas, Ariz., January 13, 1879. In October, 1917, in Dallas, Texas, he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of Lions International. In July, 1950, the International Board of Directors conferred upon him the title of Secretary-General for life. In that capacity he serves as an advisor and consultant to the International Board. He and his wife, Lillian, reside in Flossmore, Ill. He is a Grand Master Key member and a Mason.

**WILBURN L. WILSON**, Chicago, Ill. Treasurer. Born in Plain Dealing, La., Lion Wilson is a graduate of Chilocco (Mo.) Business College. He is a Master Key member of the Central Lions club of Chicago and has been in the

employ of Lions International since January, 1932. He has been International Treasurer since September, 1945. He is a member of the Lutheran Church and lives with his wife, Anne, and their two children in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

**WILLIAM R. BIRD**, Chicago, Ill. Secretary. Lion Bird was born in Elwood, Ind., attended school in Decatur, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo., and received his law degree from John Marshall Law School in Chicago. Admitted to the Bar in May, 1947, he is a member of the American Bar Association and Delta Theta Phi legal fraternity. He is a Key member and director of the Englewood Lions club of Chicago. He is a Presbyterian and a Mason, and resides with his wife, Ann, in Maywood, Ill.

**RALPH O. DECKARD**, Bloomington, Ind. Director—1955-57. Born in Lyons, Ind., and a graduate of Indiana University, he owns Full-of-Pep enterprises in Bloomington, dealing in automotive parts and appliances. He is a Master Key member and past president of the Bloomington, Ind., Lions club and has served as Zone Chairman, Deputy and District Governor. Lion Deckard and his wife, Alma Elizabeth, have one son, Norman Wayne, aged 17. He is a member of the Church of Christ.

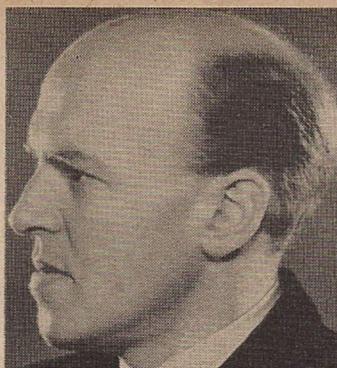
**WILLIAM GARNER**, Barrie, Ontario. Director—1955-57. Lion Garner was born in Barrie, Ont., and was educated there and in Detroit, Mich. He has maintained a record of perfect attendance since he joined the Barrie Lions club 20 years ago. A past president of that club, he has also served as Deputy and as District Governor. He is in the men's wear and sporting goods business and is a member of the Episcopal Church and the Masonic Lodge. He and his wife, Clare Irene, have 11 children.

**HERBERT HARSHAGEN**, Uppsala, Sweden. Director—1955-57. A Key member and past secretary of the Lions club of Uppsala, Sweden, Lion Harshagen has also served as Zone Chairman, Deputy, District Governor, and as a member of the Executive Council of the Board of Governors. He was graduated from the University of Uppsala and is now engaged in sales development for an iron manufacturer. He is a Lutheran, a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He and his wife, Sally, have two daughters.

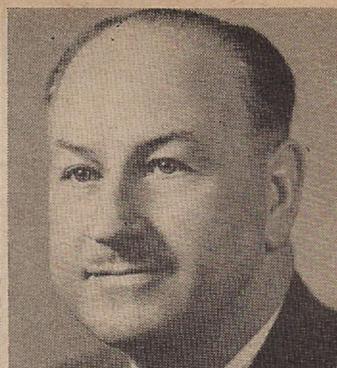
**A. L. HAWN**, Eugene, Oregon. Director—1955-57. A Key member, Lion Hawn is a past president of two Lions clubs: Eugene, Ore., and Roseburg, Ore., the city of his birth. He has also served as District Governor, Chairman of the Oregon Bd. of Govs., Chairman of the Pacific Northwest Lions Clubs, and as a member of the Executive Council of Bd. of Govs. A graduate of Oregon State College, he is now an investment banker. He is a past president of the Eugene City Council and a former mayor of the city. He and his wife, Dorothy, have four children. He is a Catholic.

**FRANK J. HORTY**, Wilmington, Del. Director—1955-57. A Key member and past president of the Lions club of Wilmington, Del., Lion Horthy also served as Zone Chm., Deputy, District Governor and as Chairman of the Council of Governors. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and is presently engaged in Industrial Relations. He is active in community and civic affairs and in 1955 received the Brotherhood Award of the National Council of Christians and Jews. A Catholic, he has two children.

**DR. CLYDE MARTYN**, Los Angeles, Cal. Director—1955-57. A Senior Master Key member, past president, and—for the past 10 years—Secretary of the Los Angeles,



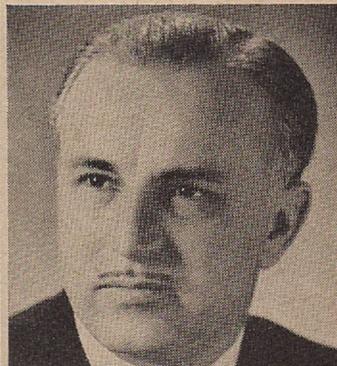
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A. L. Hawn



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Dr. Clyde Martyn



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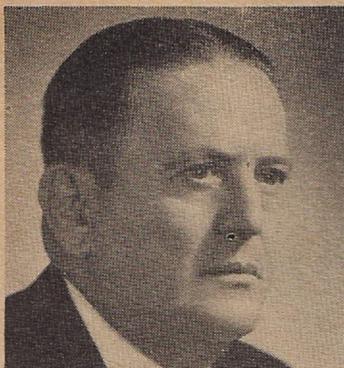
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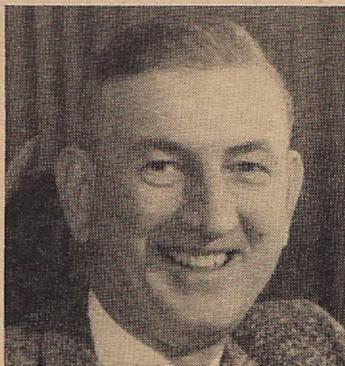
Ernesto Zachrisson A.



Joe E. Childers



Conrad A. Falvello



B. A. Fuller



Merton J. Gribbin



H. Agustin Reed

Cal., Lions club, Lion Martyn is also a past District Governor with a 20-year record of perfect attendance. He is a past president of the California Chiropractic Association and was chosen by that group as its "Doctor of the Year" in 1956. He is also on the Executive Board of the National Chiropractic Association. He and his wife, Violet, have one daughter, Marilyn. He is a Congregationalist.

**MARIANO ROCA GUTIERREZ**, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. Director—1955-57. Lion Roca is a past president of the Lions club of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. He has also served as Zone Chairman, District Governor and Chairman of the Council of Governors. He was educated at Baltimore University and the Institute of the Orient. He is a franchised dealer for Chrysler-Plymouth cars and products in Cuba. He is Chairman of the City Council and has served as mayor of Santiago de Cuba. He and his wife, Celia, have three sons. He is a Catholic.

**DR. MANUEL ANTONIO RUEDA VARGAS**, Bogota, Colombia. Director—1956-57. Dr. Rueda Vargas is the representative of the Gran Colombian Area on the International Board, a position which he previously held in 1948-49. A past president of the Bogota Lions club, he has also served on the Board of International Relations. He is a doctor of medicine and has been a professor and

dean of the School of Medicine. He is an officer of the French Legion of Honor. He and his wife, Maria, have two children. He is a Catholic.

**GEORGE L. SEAMAN**, Jacksonville, Fla. Director—1955-57. A Key member and past president of the Lions club of Jacksonville, Fla., Lion Seaman has held the offices of Deputy and District Governor. He is engaged in the auto rental business and is a member of the Baptist Church. A Mason and a Shriner, he is also active in the YMCA, the Choral Society, the Executive's Association, and many other enterprises. He and his wife, Agnes Catherine, have two children, Shaner Lee and Mark David.

**LAVAR W. THATCHER**, Salt Lake City, Utah. Director—1955-57. A Key member and past president of the Lions club of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lion Thatcher also held the offices of Zone Chairman, Deputy and District Governor, and in 1954-55 served as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Lions International. Born in Thatcher, Idaho, he is a graduate of Latter Day Saints University. He is assistant manager of the Wasatch Chemical Company. A Mormon, Lion Thatcher and his wife, Geniel, have two children.

**WARREN O. WATSON**, Baton Rouge, La. Director—1955-57. Born in Kilgore, Texas, Lion Watson was educated in eastern Texas and received his law degree from Louisiana State University. He is now a practicing attorney. A Past District Governor, he is also a Key member and holds a 15-year perfect attendance record. A 33rd Degree Mason and a Shriner, he is also active in Boy Scouting, the YMCA, YWCA, Community Chest, and the Baptist Church. He and his wife, Janie, have one son, Warren, Jr.

**G. FRED WORSHAM**, Charleston, S.C. Director—1955-57. A Master Key member and past president of the Lions club of Charleston, S.C., Lion Worsham has also held the offices of Deputy and District Governor. He holds several citations for his work with the Community Chest, Jaycees, and other civic organizations, and is a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge. He is an executive with a dairy products distributing company. He and his wife, Sara Deer, have one son, George Frederick, Jr., aged 8. He is a Presbyterian.

**ERNESTO ZACHRISSON A.**, Guatemala City, Guatemala. Director—1956-57. Representing the Central American Area, Lion Zachrisson is a charter member and Key member of the Lions club of Guatemala and a past president. He has also served as Zone Chairman, Deputy and District Governor. Lion Zachrisson is engaged in agriculture, having received his education in Guatemala, Mexico and the United States. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and he and his wife, Victoria, have three children.

**JOE E. CHILDERS**, Abilene, Texas. Director—1956-58. A Master Key member and past president of the Lions club of Abilene, Texas, Lion Childers is a past Deputy and District Governor and has received the Extension and Service Awards. A native Texan, Lion Childers received his law degree "Cum Laude" from Baylor University. Although still active in the legal profession, his other interests include oil, real estate, investments and ranching. He is a Mason and a Baptist. He has one daughter.

**CONRAD A. FALVELLO**, Hazleton, Pa. Director—1956-58. Lion Falvello was born in Stockton, Pa., and received his law degree from Dickinson School of Law. He is a past president of the Hazleton Lions club and has served as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer, Deputy and District Governor. He has had perfect attendance for 22 years. He

is active in the Red Cross and the Chamber of Commerce, and is president of the board of Hazleton State Hospital. He and his wife, Rose, have one son. He is a Catholic.

**B. A. "BARNEY" FULLER**, Centerville, Iowa. Director—1956-58. A Key member and past president of the Centerville Lions club, Lion Fuller is a past Deputy and District Governor and holds the Merit and Extension Awards. He is a graduate in mechanical engineering from the State University of Iowa and is now president of the Fuller Manufacturing Co., producers of farm equipment. He is a member of the Catholic Church. He and his wife, Ruth, have two married daughters.

**MERTON J. GRIBBIN**, Augusta, Maine. Director—1956-58. Lion Gribbin was born in Portland, Maine, and was graduated from the University of Maine. He is now Director of Methods and Training for the Maine Employment Commission. A Key member of the Augusta Lions club, he has held all the offices in his club as well as being Zone Chairman, Deputy and District Governor. He has earned the Extension Award and boasts a 15-year record of perfect attendance. He and his wife, Loraine, have two sons. He is a Methodist and a Mason.

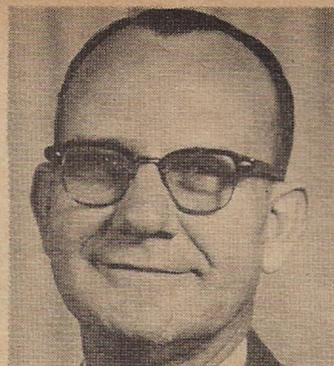
**H. AGUSTIN REED**, Gomez Palacio, Mexico. Director—1956-58. Lion Reed is a past president of the Lions club of Gomez Palacio, Mexico, an International Counsellor, and past President of the National Association of Lions Clubs of Mexico. He is an industrial engineer, and has been decorated by the city of Gomez Palacio and by the state of Durango for his philanthropic services. He is a member of the Catholic Church. He and his wife, Enriqueta, have five sons and one daughter.

**CARL P. RODOLPH**, Clovis, N.M. Director—1956-58. Lion Rodolph was born in Wanette, Okla. He now lives in Clovis, N.M., where he manages the J. C. Penney store. He has served as president of both the Hobbs, N.M., and the Gladewater, Texas, Lions clubs and has held the offices of Zone Chm., Deputy and District Governor. Last year, as Chairman of the Bd. of Govs., he was an *ex officio* member of the International Board of Directors. He is a Methodist. He and his wife, LaTrieve, have three children.

**GORDON F. RUBLE**, Pearisburg, Va. Director—1956-58. A native Virginian, Lion Ruble is a graduate of Roanoke College, where he majored in chemistry. He is presently employed by the Celanese Corporation of America. He is a past president of the Pearisburg Lions club and has served as Zone Chairman, Deputy and District Governor as well as being a member of the Executive Council of the Board of Governors. A Mason, he attends the Christian Church. He and his wife, Bea, have one daughter.

**JAMES L. SNYDER**, Chicago, Ill. Director—1956-58. In addition to having held all the offices in the Lakeview Lions club of Chicago, of which he is a Key member, Lion Snyder has run the gamut of the District offices as well, including two terms as Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. He holds the Extension and Service Awards. A native of McLeansboro, Ill., he was reared in Evansville, Ind. He is presently the owner of the Auburndale Goldfish Company. He and his wife, Angeline, have two children. He is a member of the Christian Reformed Church.

**WALTER G. WILSON**, St. Ignace, Mich. Director—1956-58. A Master Key member of the St. Ignace Lions club, Lion Wilson has served that club as secretary for the



Carl P. Rodolph



Gordon F. Ruble



James L. Snyder



Walter G. Wilson



Frank T. Buckley



Federico Hands

past six years. He is also a past Deputy and District Governor and has received the Extension and Merit Awards. Born in Rochester, Minn., and educated at the University of Minnesota, he is now engaged in forestry in the upper peninsula of Michigan. He is a Mason, Elk, and Legionnaire. He and his wife, Florence, are Presbyterians.

**FRANK T. BUCKLEY**, Derry, N.H. Chairman, Board of Governors—1956-57. As Chairman of the Executive Council of the Board of Governors, Lion Buckley is an *ex officio* member of the International Board of Directors. A charter member, Key member, and past President of the Derry Lions club, he has also served as Zone Chairman, Deputy and District Governor. He is engaged in the long-haul transportation business and is a member of the Methodist Church. He and his wife, Arlene, have nine children.

**FEDERICO HANDS**, Maracaibo, Venezuela. Chairman, Board of International Relations—1956-57. Because of his position as Chairman of the Board of International Relations, Lion Hands is an *ex officio* member of the International Board of Directors. A Key member and past president of the Maracaibo Lions club, he is also a past District Governor of all the Venezuela Lions clubs. He is president of numerous commercial ventures, and he and his wife, Ana Cecilia, are members of the Catholic Church.