

# OFFICERS ELECTED BY CONVENTION OF LIONS

## NEW ORGANIZATION TO BE "INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS' CLUBS."

Dr. W. P. Woods of Evansville, Ind., was elected president of the International Association of Lions' Clubs at the election of officers yesterday. The first annual convention, which will close its sessions today, decided to retain the name of "Lions' Clubs" and rejected the proposal of St. Louis clubmen that the name be changed to "Vortex." The convention voted to open the rosters of the association's clubs to business women as well as business men and limited its membership to white persons.

Dr. Woods has been at the head of the movement to form an international organization of Lions' Clubs. L. H. Lewis, president of the Dallas club, who was nominated for the presidency, declined to permit his name to go before the convention, and nominated Dr. Woods. The latter was elected by acclamation. Mr. Lewis was elected first vice president.

E. N. Kaercher of St. Louis was elected second vice president; M. Harry Mayers of Denver, third vice president; Melvin Jones of Chicago, secretary-treasurer. The following were elected directors for the three-year term. R. A. Kleinschmidt of Oklahoma City and J. L. McRee of Memphis; two-year term, H. F. Endsley, Texarkana, and Roger E. Wheelles, Shreveport; one-year term, A. V. Davenport, Tulsa, Ok., and Charles J. Kirk of Houston.

Dr. Woods read a letter from Carmi Hicks, secretary-treasurer of the association, now a Captain of infantry in the United States Army, who resigned the office.

### Delegates Are Entertained.

The visiting Lions were the guests of the Dallas Lions at a luncheon at the Adolphus yesterday at noon. No speeches were made. Readings were given by James P. Landry of Beaumont and J. C. Leonard of Oklahoma City. Last night the Lions and their

wives attended a banquet at the Adolphus.

The convention will choose the 1918 meeting place today. St. Louis and Austin have asked for the next meeting.

The convention adopted amendments to the constitution, which will permit clubs to accept nonresident members, providing that the cities in which the nonresident applicants live have no local organization of Lions. The organization retained the name, "International Association of Lions' Clubs," and perpetuated the emblem now used. It is a lion's head, holding a club, marked "International." The motto for the association was referred to a special committee composed of Grant Richardson of Shreveport, and Messrs. McRee of Memphis and Kaercher of St. Louis.

### Liberty Loan Indorsed.

W. J. Power of St. Louis spoke in behalf of changing the name from "Lions" to "Vortex." E. N. Calvin of Waco, Messrs. Richardson and McRee and others contended that the name of Lions should be retained. Mr. Power's motion that the name be changed was tabled, 25 to 7. The motion to retain the present name was adopted, 24 to 6.

A motion that the home office of the club shall be at the home of the president was adopted. The name of the association will be copyrighted. Upon motion of Mr. Kirk a committee composed of Messrs. Mayers, McRee and Richardson was named to draft resolutions indorsing the Liberty Loan and President Wilson.

W. A. Lybrand of Oklahoma, in behalf of the visiting Lions, thanked the city of Dallas and the Dallas Lions Club for the entertainment provided and other courtesies shown during the meeting.

The delegates were given an automobile ride to the points of interest in the city yesterday morning.