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MORNING SESSION

Thursday, May 15th, 1924.

The Convention Assembly sang "America."

Invocation by Rev. Thos. Murray of Bristow, Oklahoma.

Various Communications were read by Mr. Harry Clarke, President of the Bristow Lions Club.

MR. ROY GRIFFIN, SECRETARY BRISTOW LIONS CLUB:— Mr. Chairman, Mr. Governor, Mr. Vaught, Lions and Lionettes. Unfortunately or fortunately, I don't know which we have had some criticism at our desk on account of the $4.00 Registration Fee. I want to explain about that so that you will understand it and kindly bear with me while I make the explanation.

Some five months ago we started working on the Convention plans. We wrote the International for information. International had compiled convention expense data from different districts over the United States and Canada and sent us that information. For a two day Convention, the majority charged $4.00 because they didn't want a Convention to hurt any Club who was entertaining a Convention. In other words they didn't want the expense to sting the Club throughout the next two or three years. We had men in our Club who would gladly have paid the expense, but that wouldn't have been fair, each man wanted to pay his part in entertaining you. An itemized account will be sent to each Lion Secretary during the next three or four weeks. See you at the Stag Luncheon.

(Applause.)

MR. HARRY CLARKE:— On behalf of the Bristow Lions Club, I feel like saying just a few things. Bristow hasn't done much in
the way of civic work for the past year. We are trying to put over one thing and do it well. The chief aim of our Club during the past year has been to make this 1924 Convention a success. We have laid aside all other selfish, civic, local enterprises and have planned and looked forward to the time when we would be able to entertain the District Convention of Lions assembled here in Convention this day and yesterday.

I want to say that we are not for a moment thinking that we have batted a thousand per cent in your estimation, but I believe I can say this, that we have put forth an honest effort; and if there is anything left undone the only thing I can say, we are sorry, we would like to have an opportunity to apologize if there has been anyone neglected, if there has been any wrong done you in anyway. We have tried to exemplify the true spirit of Lionism and receive you with open arms, open minds and open hearts, and if this Convention has been a success, then our efforts in the past year, looking forward to this District Convention, have been paid back a thousand fold; if you have enjoyed yourselves, if you will have had a good time, when this Convention has closed, we will feel happy. (Applause.)

The Address of Welcome was given by Mayor Malcolm Morrissom of Bristow, Oklahoma.

MR. HARRY CLARKE:— I think it would be unfair not to tell you fellows what a fine bunch of delegates we have here. I am proud to say, Mayor Morrissom, that I don't believe any city has had the pleasure of entertaining a finer, cleaner bunch than you
Lions assembled here. We want to say that we are proud of you, and we don't have to apologize to any citizen of Bristow for your actions. (Applause.)

Response to the Address of Welcome was given by Lion Gilbert Thompson, President of the Muskogee Lions Club.

MR. HARRY CLARKE:— There are men who grow in your estimation, in your admiration and captivate you just like women almost—not quite as bad, but there are men whom you learn to love and admire and respect and such a man is he, to whom I am about to turn this business session over, and it is my pleasure to introduce to you, the best District Governor, I believe in the United States, Russell Brown. (Applause.)

REPORT OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR.

Mr. Russell Brown of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

MR. BROWN:— Mr. Ed Vaught, Fellow Lions. I see the Lion Tamers are mostly absent this morning. I am sorry they are not all here with us. We like to love them when the Lion is present. I appreciate the words that Barry extends to me and sometimes I let things like that kid me along just like I used to let my wife kid me along. She used to make me think she was one of the greatest fellows in the world; that the world was standing still until I had prepared myself to take it. I think she has lived with me long enough to know better than that. We hope that the Lion Clubs of Oklahoma will grow, we want you to, but not along those lines.

I stood before you a year ago at this time. Just had had
one year's experience as the District Governor. At that time I had just begun to realize the benefits of being a district governor goes more to the governor than it does to the district. I think the District Governor has gotten a lot more out of this job than you folks have out of him. I regret to say that sometimes as we go about, we wonder if we are progressing as we should. We wonder just what is the best course to take, and whether or not we are following along the lines originally set for us. The time has come when we feel like we are probably fagging just a little, perhaps as individuals and as a club in your own work find times when you wonder if you are going forward, or if you are just jumping up and down on the tread mill, or if you are slipping. It comes to all of us. The greatest comfort I get out of that kind of situation is that I refer back to what our great man Lincoln used to say when he stopped and held his head in his hands, "This too will pass." There never comes a time so dark in our work but what we know if we are headed right and have the steam up and the proper machinery we are going forward.

Lions Club Work, all civic club work, during the past three years has had the greatest test on it that any activity has ever had. Perhaps many of you have read some of the Indian Speeches. I was impressed immeasurably by reading that one from Red Jacket, where a missionary had gone out and was trying to get permission to work among the Indians and to teach them Christianity and the Indian's response to that was, "We have our neighbors who are white and who profess to have your religion. We are going to watch the effect that Christianity has on them. If it makes them treat the Indians better; if it makes them better neighbors; if it makes them
kill fewer people and doesn't take from us that which is ours, then we will adopt your religion."

So the challenge has come to Lionism in Oklahoma. We have been talking, we have been preaching for a long time, and the people of this state have said, "We are going to watch it -- you have organized your clubs here -- every important city in the State of Oklahoma has a Lions Club -- we are going to watch it. If you do the things that you preach, then we are going to embrace it. If you don't we don't want it."

Now that is the challenge that ought to come to us individually as well as to Lions Clubs and I believe it has. I can say truthfully that during the past year there has been a great trial on ideals of Lionism in the State of Oklahoma and the things that we stand for have been challenged by people who would gain personal glory out of it, who would take blood from their fellowmen, but there are men in every community, who like Gilbert Thompson, are not ashamed to say that we do not expect more of mankind than we are going to give mankind. That test has been placed upon us the past year and anyone who is living in Oklahoma knows we have lived through it with our colors flying.

You know I am not much for organizing by sending men out as missionaries. I believe more in organizing after we have the clubs and with the force we have by letting the people see what we are doing. Last year we organized some clubs in towns that I hesitated a long time before I approved it because they were small communities and I didn't know whether they had the men to spare to put into this work, the men who would catch the ideals and carry out the work. I have lived to see the farmers surrounding those communi-
ties, rise up and thank the Lions International for the work they have done in that community, because it has furnished an organization through which the business men in the cities can reach out and touch every home and every town in its entire section of the state. That is the work we have been trying to do for the past two years.

Any of you who live close to the outlying sections where there sometime springs up dissension, where there sometimes from the outgrowth of ignorance or misunderstanding would spring up a feeling that would strike at the basis of this government, can appreciate the opportunities you have of going back and meeting the men of your Lions Club who are willing to look at that from an impartial and unbiased point of view.

Two years ago we got started on this work when we put a man at the head of the Lions International whose very life and very actions were the emblem of Lionism and that man was Ed Vaught when we made him international president. I came in at a very fortunate time. I can understand how any one would enjoy working when they have a man just above them who is always ready to do the thing, and not only preach but practice what he preaches; and if any one doubts that go over and watch him work with his Lions Club and the fellows that he has with him in the Oklahoma City Club. Watch and listen to the response that came to him from all over the United States. You know when we were having what was a serious trouble here in Oklahoma, I received telegrams, why don't you place at the head of your Government a man like Ed Vaught? He is prompted by the ideals that would build a nation.

I didn't respond to those telegrams because he is modest and I
am not going to embarrass him.

This is not my day to make a speech but I came here to talk with you a little while. I have made speeches around to most of you. Those of you that I didn't reach, my good friend Bert Samon visited. Bert got to some of the best clubs in the State, and I am sorry that all of you didn't get to hear him instead of me, because I think you would have felt better about your work.

During the nine years that we have been organizing Lions Clubs in the United States we have developed this thought. The result is that we grow in proportion to the need that we fill. If you just want an organization in your town or only want to become a member of an organization called Lions Club, you are not prepared for Lionism. Unless the Lions Clubs that you have are filling some need in your community you are not worthy of the name of Lions.

We now have in this state, active, qualified, paid-up and in good standing 1934 Lions. We have a number of men for business or other reasons, who have lapsed a little in their time for qualifying, but they are good men who are in sympathy with our movement which runs the number considerable above that. The Lions Clubs activity therefore is growing in material, in the kind of men and the kind of work. If there is anything I would recommend for the coming year it would be that each Lions Club make your membership worthy of every man that is in it and make it such that the fellow appreciates it and so every other man would like to be in there. If he is not there he respects you. Put your membership at a premium. Don't send out for members, but have men dig for
membership. That can be done by establishing the ideals and the work that you should have.

In going over the work that I would like to see you do, I wish that every Club would have a major activity that stands out in that community, so when anyone thinks of the Lions Club they think of that work, or when they think of that work they think of Lions Club. If that can be done then we will grow in the character of citizenship we are building. We can't do a good thing without thinking a good thing. Think of some good to be done to that community and to this country. If you bring your constant thought on the good, you will soon be doing the good. That can be done through the educational work that we have, and I believe that the educational work is the basis of the government in this country. It is the basis of the growth of Lionism and we have said in liberty and intelligence lies our nation's safety.

Education doesn't always mean the man who can work out the complex problems but it means the man that understands where he lives, what he should live for and why he is living that way. If education can be brought to such a high point in the State of Oklahoma that we can do that -- know mankind, know their needs and have the conscience and the courage to fill their needs, we will have filled well our place in the state.

You know the greatest challenge to Lions Clubs which comes to us in this District at this time is the illiterate condition of a great number of people in this state. I sincerely believe that beginning now each club and each member of the club can start in its respective communities, gradually extending from
the center and find out whether or not every person in your community is gradually eliminating that thing that is striking at the very heart of our country -- illiteracy. Don't you think that is a challenge to us to see that everybody in our community knows what it means to read the things that come before him and be able to write and understand the English Language. That challenge comes to you as an individual and surely it is big enough to come to you as a Lions Club. I hope that this Convention before we are through will work out some plan so that before Lionism has been long in Oklahoma illiteracy will pass out. No matter how big a country, if you are illiterate you are slaves, you can't throw it off. England which is a little Island has covered the entire universe because it went about it and studied and tried to eradicate illiteracy and to spread learning wherever it went. Although it is not one-hundredth as large as its outside possessions it governs them because they have not studied their problems. England is just one example. But the big countries of the universe -- big in the number of people today, are almost always slaves to some other country because they are illiterate people and have not studied what is best for them. Let's try to eliminate that in Oklahoma and in the United States.

We can do that of course partly through the establishment of libraries so that every man, woman or child who wants to read can have the opportunity. I hope we can establish and push that further. We can do that further by seeing that every need developed in your community for an educational system is met and let the men at the head of your educational system
know that they have a friend in your Club. We have done that partly and we will gradually work it out.

A big challenge is the fact that the Government is not any better than the people that take an interest in it. There are only about forty per cent of the people in the United States that run this entire country. I mean that vote at all. When you think there is less than fifty percent of the people that take an interest in voting, then when you think that the fifty per cent is split up into two or three different parties, we are run by a minority. We ought to assume the responsibility of public duty. We owe it to our family, to our city, to our state and to our government.

You know not long ago we wanted to build a water supply for Aramore. We went out there and instead of buying a piece of land big enough to put a lake on, they bought all of the land where the water falling upon it would drain into the lake; for they can't control the water unless they control all that contributes to that water.

I used to think that we could take care of our own children, but the time has come when your child must get out from the influence of your home and too often he returns and tracts across the hearth stone the modern slime that he found in other places, because we haven't taken the foresight to go out and clean up the surrounding places where we have to go in order to make our home clean. We can't be selfish and stay at our home, shut ourselves in and say we can protect our family. We owe it to our family to protect them by being big enough to help everything that effects the human interest in our community. We can
do that and enjoy it.

I think the happiest thing about this meeting is the way that we have gone about this Convention. We came over here and you fellows started in showing us a good time until the Convention slipped upon you without your knowing it. Everybody, I think has had a good time, because the best men in the world, deep down in the bottom of their hearts, love to dissolve their dignity. Before we can do much actual work, somebody has to melt that collar down and get him so he can bend his knee, nod his head and wag his tongue. That is what we have tried to do at this Convention and I must say in appreciation of this club here that I think Bristow has done its part. I must say as an expression of the clubs that have come here to attend this convention that you have done your part and I wish that the International President could be here with Ed Vaught during these two days to see the real things that you men believe in. It used to be the class of entertainment that was brought on the stage last night, yesterday noon or today noon would have met with every one of your disapprovals. That class of entertainment has been brought about by the educational work in your own clubs. We no longer stand for the things that do not promote the higher ideals and at the same time promote those high ideals by appealing to our sense of good humor. You can be just as big a man while you are having a good time as you can while you are punishing yourselves.

As to coming years, I hope you will plan here today such things as will carry out these various programs. Each club should have some special work. You can't keep your members in your Club interested unless they have something to do when they
go there. If you have a club here today that questions whether or not your men will stand for club activity go home and try it out on your Club and you will find that it will do. I visited a certain club this year and found out that they had a membership there of as fine men as are in the State of Oklahoma; found that the trouble was that they were not putting any burdens on the membership, on the club members and on the club. Since then they have started club activities and they have a great delegation here in today's convention, the finest delegation in years and those individual members are the finest men you will meet anywhere. It all happened by putting work on them. Let's do it for the coming year.

As I have told virtually every club in the state, the mother just instinctively likes the boy that she had to thresh the most -- she has to work for him. You can't love a man until you do something for him, you are not really falling in love with him until then, so start doing something for Lionism and you will love Lionism. I want that worked out and see that your new District Governor has the co-operation I have had in working out these plans.

Get acquainted with the club next to your club; get in touch with them; have a joint picnic of four or five of the clubs. I hope that will be brought out. Get in touch with each other, have a good time, elect a good district governor, select a place if possible as good as Bristow to have your next Convention and call on me when I can do anything for you.

I thank you.

(Applause.)
Mr. RUSSELL BROWN: There is one man among our group this morning that everybody here will know and why we had him over here. If there is any man in the world that can make every man feel good, even while he is fishing, and I have pushed the boat around through the moss and through the mud and tried to help him catch a poor old catfish, that man is Hon. Ed. S. Vaught, Immediate Past President.

ADDRESS.

Hon. Ed. S. Vaught, Immediate Past President, International Lions Clubs, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

LION VAUGHT: — Mr. District Governor, Fellow Lions: I didn't realize last year, at our Convention at Enid, just what Bristow meant. The gentleman who presented the invitation of Bristow did it in such a way as to remind me of an old story that you have heard often, but I never tell a new story, therefore, I offer no apology for repeating this one.

It seems that on a certain poultry farm where there were some very fine Plymouth Rocks and one distinguished Plymouth Rock Rooster, together with quite a number of very fine fancy Plymouth Rock Pullets, this male member of the group began to take an interest in the other sections of the poultry yard and he scratched a hole under the fence and got over into the ostrich pen where he found an immense ostrich egg, and with a gentle chuckle he sidled up to it and he moved against it; the egg began to move and that gave him an idea. He moved a little more and the egg moved and finally he directed it through the open-
ing which he had made and he finally got that through on his own side. Then he crowed and called the hens all around him, and he says, "Now ladies, I don't want you to understand that I am complaining in the least about what you have done or been doing, but I want you to see what they are doing at other places." (Laughter - Applause.) Bristow evidently had in mind that they could show us something and that demonstration resulted only from co-operation.

That spirit of co-operation suggests another illustration. It seems just before Easter in a certain town they were very anxious to put on a great Easter celebration. The Chamber of Commerce appointed a committee for that purpose and this committee went to see the various merchants about celebrating. We want you to join in and show the people of this community that you appreciate the Easter Occasion. In the course of their work along this line they came to a certain Jewish gentlemen. They said to him, "Ikey, we want you to fix up your store now to show that you are a part of the town." "Why?" "Because it is Easter." "He said, well, it is your Easter. It's not mine." "Aw, well, now, Ikey, everybody likes you, they all trade with you, you sell just as much to the Gentiles as you do to the Jews, and more; why can't you join?" "Sure, I'll join -- I will." The committee had some curiosity and they came down on Sunday morning and looked at the front window of Ikey's store and there was a great card bulletin on which was printed, "Christ is risen -- Everything else reduced." (Laughter) You don't have to put yourselves out of business in order to co-operate.
A train was passing through a certain little town in Arkansas. I believe it was Jonesboro, and it was the custom when a train passed through that town for a certain part of the population, particularly the colored portion to assemble around the depot and watch the train. There was one boy who always met the train. He was a splendid young colored chap who had exercised a certain part of his anatomy to the extent that it almost reached from ear to ear. A gentleman sitting in the smoking car who was consuming something that had grown on his own farm raised the window and expectorated vigorously. He didn't stop to see just what he hit or what he might hit, but the colored boy was standing in just the right position, yelled, "Law, Boss, did you see that?" If I hand't had my mouth open he would have hit me square in the face." (Laughter). That is co-operation.

I don't need to tell you this morning the delightful feeling that I have on seeing the success of this Convention. I only regret that it was impossible for me to be here yesterday and last night, but if there is anything at all in what folks say, in what everybody says you had the most wonderful time you have ever had. Everybody is satisfied, not only at the high class of your entertainment but because Bristow, not just the Lions, but Bristow is entertaining the Oklahoma District Convention of Lions and they want you to know it. (Applause).

I should like to tell you many things about the Lions work which I will not be able to tell because of my limited time, but this convention is demonstrating one proposition which gives me pride and encouragement. Lionism is here to stay. Lionism is founded on the greatest principle and on the greatest platform on
which any organization ever existed -- a platform of service, and if you could only translate that platform into actual work and know what is being done by this wonderful organization from one end of this country to another we would be proud, yea, we would be prouder that we are Lions.

When we stop to think that four years ago the International Lions Organization consisted of fewer than 100 clubs, (I want you to get this and take it back home with you, think about it and digest it), then three years ago we had only 229 clubs, when we met in California and some of the delegates who are here today were present at that convention; at the Hot Springs Convention we had more than 400 and at Atlantic City last year, we were able to report more than 650, and when we meet in Omaha next month more than 800 active Lion Clubs in the United States and Canada will be represented in that great convention. No other civic organization has ever had such success or made such wonderful strides and what is the reason? There must be something back of it. It is not just an accident. It didn't just happen so, but the organization of the Lions Club as the organization of these other great civic organizations came as a result of a great demand of the time in which we live and the age in which we live.

We used to turn over the performance of certain functions or duties in the communities to the women and children. Ten years ago or fifteen years ago for a banker to have made the statement on the floor of a convention that my good friend Thompson made today would have created a surprise in the community. The fact that a banker, a business man, a man who deals with business men and with business problems can come before a body of men and
submit to you that the greatest rule of action, the greatest rule of human conduct is the golden rule, taken from the Book of Books, is something that we couldn't have thought of years ago, but to-day among the real business men of our country, among the real citizens of our country that is the only plank on which a business man or a good citizen ought to stand. (Applause)

The Lions Club is the most representative body in our country today. You will pardon a personal reference. You needn't pay much attention to what Russell Brown said because he did show me those messages and I said, "What did you say?" (Applause). And while his modesty didn't permit him to disclose it, the other part of the telegram read that we expect one of these days to make a Lion governor of the great State of Oklahoma, but there was an intimation that Ardmore possesses such a man as that.

What I started to say was that Lionism is representative. Let me tell you just a few things. Only week before last I met with the Lions Club of Kansas City. Who should sit at the table with me, a member of that organization, an active member of that organization, but the newly elected mayor of Kansas City an active Lion, elected not on a political platform but as a citizen possessing the qualities to give a real administration to that city, who wouldn't take politics into the administration of this office, (applause), a member of the Lions Club.

A few days before that I had the pleasure of speaking in three or four clubs in the great State of Iowa. I received a message there. "I regret exceedingly that I can't be with you and greet you on your visit to our state, but my health will not
permit. N. A. Kendall, Governor of Iowa." I was over at Memphis and who sat at the table with me and welcomed me but the United States District Judge of that District, a Lion, an active member of the Lions and a former District Governor of the Lions Clubs, You see sometimes District Governors, Russell, are promoted.

I was out in the northwest and stopping at a little town I said, "Who is the most distinguished citizen in this town?" You mean, "Who is the most distinguished member of this club? United States Senator so and so, Senator Hendrick, a member of the Lions Club."

If I were to tell you just a few who are imbued with the principles of Lionism and who believe in Lionism even as you believe it, who are doing things in this country, you would be surprised.

I recall a little incident at Montgomery, Alabama. I had known the present governor for a number of years. In fact, I entertained him in 1914 when he came to Oklahoma City as a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church, and he said, "I wish you would come out and stay at the White House with me," -- the White House, the Capitol, the Governor's White House, the Executive Mansion. "Governor, it won't do at all. Let me tell you something. If the report got out next week that you were entertaining a Republican in the White House, it would beat you for re-election." "That might be true, I expect you better stay at the Hotel." But he did something at our banquet that I have never seen done before or since. When I concluded my remarks on what Lionism stands for, the principles of Lionism he rose up and said, "Mr. Chairman, may I butt in?" Well, you know a Governor can't be
denied most any courtesy that he wants that is within the bounds of reason. "Is there any way that I can be a Lion? I want to be a member of this organization. You haven't invited me to become a member of this Club. I want to be a member." There are only a few things that get me to stop a speech. I stopped. He was elected a Lion and then I proceeded with my remarks.

Now, if I tell you that the most representative organization in America is the Lions International, I am stating an established fact. We don't have to go out of the State, go to your own Club here at Tulsa. Who is one of the delegates to this Convention? None other than Ex-Chief Justice of the State, Hon. Summers Hardy.

Now you know what we are doing. We are just simply going to sweep this country -- cyclones are not always appreciated, but a gentle, active breeze is always in order in Oklahoma. (Applause) We are going to continue our growth and our gradual development. You don't know what Lionism means. Lionism is service and the highest possible type of citizenship will be synonymous with Lionism.

The American people of today are beginning to think. For a few years, I might say for the last ten years, a great many people in the United States, of all political parties have absolutely lost their balance on one proposition. America can never be greater than the individual citizens that compose our great people. (Applause)

Why, the premier of Australia, in making an address in the United States, made this significant remark, "The greatest product of America today is not your oil and gas; it is not the
minerals that you take from the earth; it is not your great agricultural products; it is not your live stock; it is not your great banking institutions, but the greatest product of America today is her manhood and her womanhood and when you reach the point where you are not producing effective citizenship, the highest class of citizenship then it will be that America will sink back and will not occupy the position that she occupies today among the nations of the earth."

The individual Lion Club should sponsor what is best in the community. Why the distinguished mayor of this town a moment ago, when I asked him what has made Bristow the progressive and up-to-date city that it is-- your oil fields? No. He said it is the Lions Club. The Lions Club, (Applause), has been the effective force that has put over the Chamber of Commerce in this City and did you know that every seat you occupy in this hall and all of the furniture that is in the hall is owned and paid for by the Chamber of Commerce of Bristow. It is theirs. The lease on this room is theirs. That for? For public service, for serving the interests of their city.

There are certain things that build cities but the most effective thing in the building and construction of a city is manhood. You can't build a city without men and without women. It is an impossibility. Now the one great thing that we want to turn our eyes to and before I pass this I want to call your attention to our International Convention which convenes next month. We expect to have the greatest Convention that we have ever held in the United States. I just returned a few days ago from Omaha where I checked up the final arrangements for the great Convention.
The Omaha Lions are spending $25,000.00 in preparation for your entertainment there. I said, "Why spend all that money?" "We want the Lions to understand that Omaha is sold on Lionism."(Applause). We are going to have something there that will suit you folks from down home. We are going to have the greatest races that you have ever seen, all prepared at enormous expense for the Lion Clubs and the Chairman of that particular committee took me out and showed me the race track. It is great. The greatest entertainment that we have ever had is being prepared for us today in Omaha and I want to see Oklahoma send a big delegation of your best and most representative men because it will be a mile-stone in the development of that which is best in American Citizenship in that great city. Don't hesitate to send a representative from your Club and don't send somebody who is just happening to go up in that direction. Pick out a representative man and send him to your Convention as your representative.

My time is just about up. I want to say this to you. It is the one message that I came to bring. You don't have to put me on a program to get me here. I thought perhaps you would put on some of these real fellows. The biggest thing today is for us to stop and consider the obligations that rests upon us as American Citizens. Why the greatest honor that can come to a human being is to be a citizen beneath the stars and stripes. (Applause).

I would rather be a citizen of the United States of America though the functions of my life were to perform the duties of a common laborer than to sit upon any throne in Europe;(Applause) our country where an humble lad, regardless of where he was born,
without any opportunities, uncouth, uneducated, I say the land where a boy like that can be lifted by the kindly assistance of his fellows to the highest position of this country, except the presidency, should he not have been born in this country. The poor boy can look up and say this country of ours is my country, and I have an opportunity, if I will take advantage of the privileges that are placed before me, to occupy the highest position in this country.

You know I love to hear of Mr. Ripley, the greatest president of the Santa Fe System, a man who, in my opinion, built up the greatest railroad system in this country, but he came from the humble position of a section hand to the presidency of a great railroad system. Why? Because he lives in the land of opportunity.

I love to think of the humble Lincoln, the poorest of the poor, who, because he had confidence in the principles of manhood attained the highest position within the gift of the people and today occupies a position in the hearts of the people in this land that few people have or ever will occupy.

It is the land in which you live and in which I live. What is our obligation to that land? I will tell you. I love to see a body of business men, meeting together around a luncheon table and talking about how to give every boy a chance, how to give every girl a chance, how to make a community better, how to make a better place in which to live. How did we do it?

Fellows, let me say your International will never be stronger than the individual Clubs. The individual club will never be stronger than the individual member and if the individual member
has no respect for law, if he has no respect for the ordinances of a city government; if he has no respect for the rights of his fellowmen, he isn't entitled to be called a citizen of this great country. I don't care what the law is, whether it be good or bad, so long as it is a law, it is my duty to respect and obey that law.

I was ashamed the other day, absolutely I had to blush and drop my head when the president of a great university in this country, one of the greatest universities, said the present prohibition law can't be enforced and therefore he is against it; (applause), said something about putting in a plank to that effect in a certain National Platform of a party. Maybe he will. (Crowd: - Not!). He is discredited in America, not because he is opposed to prohibition, but because a man who is training our youth for citizenship and for leadership would so far forget himself, as to make that statement. Let me tell you, no lion today will stand in this community for anything except respect for the laws and the enforcement of all laws, whatever those laws are. (Applause).

You know how we can make Oklahoma great? Get the Lions Club and the other civic organizations, and I take off my hat to them because they do co-operate -- I know of very few instances where the other civic clubs have not joined the Lions in any great movement, work together for a high-type citizenship. The thing that is hurting in Oklahoma is not because financial conditions are hard. Often those things come. It makes me tired to see a man that never had fifty dollars in his life at one
time, say, "I think things are going to the bad. No, I am not going to work any more, but I tell you the country is a gettin' worse." What we want is to build up a respect for honest to goodness square dealing between each other, to elevate the type and class of our citizenship. Let the man today in Oklahoma who is elevated to a high office recognize the fact that he is simply being made a trustee for the people to administer a trust for the people and not an opportunity to serve himself in any particular. (Applause.)

What is Lionism? Why it is service, helping each other. I want to see the community in which I live better. I want to see my fellowman succeed. It is a funny thing, isn't it for a business man here today when he hears that his fellow has been having trouble, to go over and put his arm around him, "Tom, old top, I hear that you are having some trouble. I am sorry, is there anything I can do for you?" Well, he looks up, is that somebody in my town talking to me? "It is true you have had trouble financially, but the people believe in you; you can't expect to get money without security even from a Lion, but the people believe in you. Did you know that the confidence of the people in your community is about the greatest asset that you can possess? "Why, do my fellows think that way about me?" George if that is so, I'll begin again." And so he adjusts himself buckles his belt up a notch tighter, looks the world in the face. "If that's the case, I'M coming back", and thousands of business men are safe today through the kind words of their business associates who believe in giving them a square deal.
Another thing, slander is something that ought not to be tolerated in a Lions Club. Now if you know something on your fellowman that will not help him, forget it; if you know something that will help him, circulate it. It is a mighty bad thing for a man to talk about men. One other thing that always did give me the creeps is to see an individual who calls himself a man, dare to get down so low that he would say even a word that would reflect upon the character of a woman. (Applause).

Lionism stands today, my friends for what is best and it is only a few years until you will see the influence of this great organization linked with the influence of the kindred organizations, sweep this great nation and it will say in words that can not be mistaken, no man except a real man shall have the right to the suffrage of an intelligent law-abiding people. We go crazy sometimes over parties. You needn't say much about it, but if there is anything on earth I love to do, it is to scratch a fellow when I don't want to vote for him and I don't want to apologize for it. A man isn't big enough to be a citizen unless he appreciates the right to vote where he can say, I am, going to exercise my god given privilege of using my own judgment on all these matters. (Applause.)

Now we have had a great convention, we have a great convention, we have drawn together the representatives of these great clubs all over the state. I never saw a more representative body in Oklahoma than the body I see here this morning, coming from your various homes. If you were to make me vote today between a bunch of fellows, say for District Governor, why
I can pick out fifty here that would be as good district governors as we have ever had and I tell you that is going some. Material! You don't know what you have. Pick out a city where we could meet next year, why, there are a dozen places that would like to entertain the Lions, but we can only go to one. Let's consider that we are Lions, adjust these matters and say all right. By George, if I can't win, I am for the fellow that can. I am going to back him up and if we can't go to Lawton in 1926, why we will go somewhere else and Lawton, we will not forget you.

Did you know that one of the best things of this convention is that the various clubs are boosting their men for recognition and boosting their cities for recognition. How I do love a booster. I hate a knocker. Let's take that thought home with us.

I apologize for running over my time, but I understand dinner will be late, so that is all right and we are going to hear my good friend, Judge Hardy.

We have been to a great Convention, we have been royally entertained. Bristow has shown us that it is worthy to be on the map. I didn't know that it is as big as it is. It is big enough to be forty or fifty thousand. (Audience: It will be.) I want to see every town in the state grow. Another thing, "What kind of a town is that over there?" ("Oh, it is a pretty good sort of a town, But. "But! You are lying, you want to knock their town. Don't you knock any town in your state if you want a great state. The more we can boost the better we are. When you go back home resolve that you are going to be a better Lion
than you have ever been before and in order to do that you are going to be a better and cleaner man, respecting your obligations to your own home and your own town more than you ever have before.

I thank you.

(Appplause).

MR. RUSSELL BROWN: - You realize when I was talking a while ago I wasn't lying. We like $d; we love $d; we love the things that he says more than ever we loved the things that he does. He is that kind of a man. We hope that he will be with us at every Convention for the next 125 or 130 years.

To develop a great industry we must get to the source of supply. Ford in building up the greatest industrial plant in the world has seen fit to go out and take over the place where he gets the iron; he has seen fit to take over the place where he gets the timbers. All great developments should grow from the bottom up.

I had an opportunity to see in my early life the development of a Lion. I was close to him. I didn't know then that they were developing a Lion, but I knew that he was developing a man and later on I found that he was eligible to be a Lion. I had the pleasure of being closely associated with the entire family. Not only is he one of the great men in the State of Oklahoma, but we have brought before us probably the greatest material for developing our future citizenship. I wanted to get before you people a man whom I thought really represented what we stand for in the Lions Clubs. I could think of none better than my good friend, and a good friend of everybody who is sincere for good
government, Summers Hardy. We have brought him from the wonderful city of Tulsa where is not just on the rolls, but is working as a Lion. He will speak to us on "Our Problem, the Boy". At this time I want to present one of Oklahoma's most respected citizens a man of whom all Lions are proud, Summers Hardy.

**OUR PROBLEM, THE BOY.**

Hon. Summers Hardy, of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

HON. HARDY;— Governor Brown, Past President Vaught and Fellow Lions: There is little left to be said upon the subject which President Brown tells you that I am to discuss, after having listened and after having been inspired by the splendid address of Past International President Vaught.

Some one has said the greatest asset of America today is its citizenship and that is true. That is the greatest possible asset, and the greatest potential asset from which we will get the greatest benefit in the future is the boys of this country. That is not only a national problem; it is a state problem and it is an individual problem, not only for the state as a state but for every civic organization, for every political organization, for every individual who has the good of their country at heart and who look to the future for the betterment of existing conditions.

Our problems of government will solve themselves when we solve the boy problem; our business problems will cease to give us trouble when the right kind of boys are brought forward to pass upon and to deal with those problems. Gentlemen, I say to you, in my humble judgment, when the right kind of boys are at
the helm of any kind of enterprise that we may look forward with confidence that the right results will be brought about.

You may go into any of our cities and especially the city from which I come and you may see the splendors which wealth can display; you may see the wonderful achievements that wealth has enabled you to accomplish; you may look upon skyscrapers; you may see in those cities church edifices whose spires speak devotion to the Almighty; you may see great iron wheels of commerce that carry the products of your great industries, but I say to you these are only a secondary importance when we are considering the lives and the future of the boys of this country; because in the lives of the boys of today are wrapped up the destinies of business, the future of government and the condition of mankind.

With this review of our problems, please let me just briefly tell you, in my humble judgment, some of the things that we should consider in discussing this problem. That it is important, as I have indicated to you, is recognized because of that splendid organization which has been recently created to deal with the Boy Problem -- the Boy Scouts. More than 600,000 boys are gathered into that organization, giving the boy a right channel through which to think and act and to inculcate right thoughts and to lead them to the right kind of ambitions.

The civic organizations have recognized that fact by getting behind the Boy Scouts, by lending them encouragement, by seeking through that channel to give the right kind of direction to the boys. The churches have also recognized this and have organized the Pioneer Club, somewhat supplementing the work of
the Boy Scouts. That great Masonic Fraternity whose origin is lost have the De Molays.

I want to offer this suggestion, that the greatest thing the Lions could do to help solve this problem would be to organize or create, foster and maintain an auxiliary to this splendid organization, bringing under its influence the boys with whom we come in contact. (Applause.)

It has been a principle and practice of the churches, especially one of the greatest and largest churches in the world, to commence training the children of the parents of that church and recruiting its membership from the children of its families, and it has become so that the principles of that one particular church have been so inoculated into the minds and hearts of the children of that great church that they very seldom leave the folds of the church in which they were raised.

This organization stands for liberty and intelligence; liberty and intelligence, our nations safety. Your worthy vice-president said to you that it was in the dissemination of intelligence. That is true. At our present age we have fixed habits; have fixed dispositions, the schools of the state are not open to us. Let every Lion take an interest in the public schools of his community; let him support those institutions; let him see that the children are not neglected, that they are given the benefits that will make of them right thinking and right acting men and develop them into good citizens, because that is where the most effective work can be done and if it is not done during their youth it is too late. You can't teach an
old dog new tricks. As the twig is bent so is the tree inclined and the child is the father of the man. Then lay hold of the problem where the problem commences.

A survey of conditions was taken in the city of Philadelphia and it would be surprising to you to know that during a period of 12 months more than 12,000 children were brought before the juvenile courts of that city. That is a problem. How are you to deal with it? Are you to deal with it by reform schools? I say, No. (Applause) I want to tell you, my friends that in my humble judgment a reform school is nothing more or less than a juvenile penitentiary where the boys are thrown under an influence that would not broaden their lives. You send a boy there where he associates with many hardened criminals. Instead of coming out contrite and penitent he comes out hardened in the ways of criminality because of his association. So I say to you reform schools are a mistake. You can't deal with bad boys collectively. It is a matter of dealing with them individually.

Let me say in addition to that, in my humble judgment the orphan's home is not always the best place for boys to go, but what are you to do with them, and perhaps the orphan's home is the best you can do. You can't give to those boys that individual care and training that a parent will give.

I say the Lions of this country and of this State can render no better service to this state than to give to the orphan boys the things he would have if he had a home of his own. You can't by simply herding boys together, just like cattle and by turning them loose, expect them to go by rule and by rote and accomplish the things that boys ought to accomplish.
Some years ago I was reading the statistics about the boys in Chicago. It would be shocking to know that daily in that great city that more than 10,000 boys run up and down the alleys seeking in the garbage cans for sustenance, to pick up the bones that are thrown out of the kitchens of that city. Now there is a place for somebody to do some work. That doesn't exist here so much as in the larger cities. It is more so as the town increases. There are hundreds of boys in Oklahoma who have no home, who have no families, who can be helped because in the brain and the heart of some of these boys, however poor they may be, there may exist the beginning of a future Lincoln, a future Henry, an Andrew Carnegie, some captain of industry; some great leader of civic or religious activities. The boy who doesn't have an equal opportunity is deprived of that which he ought to have. He is deprived of what men can give him and if they don't give it they don't measure up to their fullest opportunities.

I would like to be a millionaire. I would like to be able to drag out sacks of money from the bank. It would be a pleasant thing to do; it would be a power that I could use and exercise for untold good, but if I had it after taking care of my temporal wants the greatest ambition that I could have would be that I could take some boy who needed my help and my assistance and give to him the things that I am giving to my own boy, thereby saving him to society and putting a cornerstone upon the future commonwealth in helping that boy to be useful. (Applause.)

I look for the time to come in Oklahoma and I hope the time will come when every Lions Club in Oklahoma will do what we hope to do in Tulsa and what we have tried to do; that each Lions Club will seek out in his community the boy who is not taken care
of in the boy scouts, or the Pioneer; the boy who is a stray and a vagabond and put that boy under the proper influence; give him the proper opportunities; get his mind to work to thinking in the right direction; guide his activities along proper channels and bring up out of that boy a good man and a good citizen, because as I said in the beginning when you get your citizenship upon the right plane, then you will get the right kind of government; you will have the right kind of a community, because your government, your citizenship, your community is no higher than the individual standards of your citizenship.

Much was said by our distinguished friend about the respect for law and order. Listen, my friends, the boy who comes out of the schools who attends the churches who belongs to these boys organizations are not the ones who increase the burdens of the taxpayers; they are not the ones who violate the laws; they are not the ones who slander a woman's reputation; they are not the ones who make property insecure. It is those boys who run upon the streets, who haven't the opportunities, who haven't the proper restraining influences who don't have the things that the Lions can give them and should give them when the opportunity occurs. If you want to close your jails if you want to reduce the expense of administering law; if you want to reduce your police force, begin now with the boys of this community who will be the men of tomorrow. Teach them right thinking; teach them law abiding; teach them obedience to authority; teach them the proper regard for others; the proper regard for political and property rights.

Let me say that a man, be he Lion or what-not who
doesn't have respect for all law is not as good a citizen as he ought to be. If a law is bad and I have occasion to observe some that are, let me repeat it here, if a law is bad, let the men of the community obey it, let them teach the boys of the community to respect it and by enforcing it demonstrate its unwisdom and let it be repealed in the proper way. If you have disrespect for one law if you reach the boys of your community by your example that the prohibition law is bad; if you violate the law, you teach that boy to break the law against theft and that any law may be violated in the same way. That boy will think there is nothing wrong for him to talk about the women of his community.

Every man who has a boy ought to be that boy's pal. He ought to make his home the gang’s headquarters. If he does track in a little mud on the carpet, it doesn't harm your home like a little mud on that boy's character and on his soul.

Every boy is a problem that must be solved individually. I haven't got but one but he has been a problem to me every day and so is your boy and if you have two or three or more boys you have two, three, or four problems which you must deal with and you must undertake to approach those problems from a boy's standpoint. Let us remember that the boy is still in the bloom of life. You know, I think one of the greatest poems is not Paradise Lost; is not Homer's Odessy; it is the poem of the Barefoot Boy with a bloom of youth in his cheeks, with the world before him.

Let's look at things from the boy's standpoint. Put yourself in the boy's place. Remember when we were boys. Get ourselves back into that attitude.

I want the Lions Club of this State and I understand that it is going to report here this afternoon that the Lions of
this State should make special plans for the boys of this State who are not taken care of in those organizations that I have told you about. Let me plead with you that when that report comes in that you give it your unanimous support, and carry the thought back to your local club to look for the boys whom you may improve and benefit for your community and your state, to the greater satisfaction of yourself here and hereafter.

I thank you. (Applause).

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: I want to tell you that when he comes back to his home town there is not a man however much trouble he has had fighting either as a boy or as a man in the court room who does not take off his hat when Judge Hardy comes back to Ardmore. He has instinctively the things that make a man and of course as soon as he gets to be a man he wants proper association and seeks the Lions Club.
### Afternoon Session

**Thursday, May 15, 1924.**

Meeting called to order at 2:30 by District Governor, Russell Brown, of Ardmore.

**Mr. Russell Brown:** In order to facilitate the movement of the convention I am going to ask for the report of the credentials committee at this time, so if there is any correction to be made they can be made while we are proceeding with the other business.

**Report of Credentials Committee.**

**Mr. H. H. Barker:** Gentlemen of the Convention: As a preface to my remarks might say that the credentials have been taken from the report as rendered by your secretary, as of May 1st, and in the event the report was not rendered on time the next proceeding report has been used as a basis for crediting you in this convention. The report of the credentials committee and the designation as to the number of votes was taken from this basis for each club. Each ten members, one vote and for each major fraction of ten members an additional vote. A club with 46 members would have five votes, and a club with 53 members would have 5 votes.

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(Signed)  H. H. Barker, Chairman.
D. R. Mc Kown, Secretary
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MR. BARKER: I might add that this includes only those members who have been properly accredited at the International office, by the dues being paid to the International only. This reconciles the discrepancy between our District Governor's report this morning when he reported 1934 members. Some of those have not yet been properly accredited. I move you, Mr. Chairman, the adoption of this report.

MR. STOVALL OF HUGO: I second the motion.

MR. LUCAS OF PONCA CITY: Our Secretary has been sick for several months in the hospital and it is possible that we have been lax in making proper returns or something. I have here a certificate showing the number of delegates we are entitled to, properly signed by the President and Secretary which gives us 10 delegates.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: What is your pleasure?

MR. LUCAS OF PONCA CITY: I move the report be amended as read and allow this to be part of the report.

MR. HORTON, PONKAWA: I second the motion. Motion carried. Report of Committee adopted as read.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Under the statement we are glad to make that correction.

MR. BARKER: There are two or possibly more clubs who on account of transportation have to withdraw from the convention this afternoon and have taken the trouble to leave...
with other delegates. The question has arisen as to whether or not those proxies should be voted.

MR. HORTON, TONKAWA: I move you sir that the clubs that have to leave on this train be allowed the privilege of leaving their proxies duly accredited with some other club.

MR. CONNOR, TULSA: I second the motion.

MR. STOWALL, Hugo: I don't know, Mr. President and members of the association what club had to leave but I am against this motion. It is one of the things that will tend to decrease the attendance of Lions Clubs at your State Conventions, if it were permitted for a delegate to come and retire and his vote be cast why wouldn't it be permitted that a delegate who did not come at all would be allowed to let his vote be cast. I think that we should not consider the votes of those who are absent.

As a matter of courtesy those things come up in these conventions and we ought to try to be courteous, but we don't want to be so courteous to our departed delegates as to necessarily decrease the attendance that might be at Tonkawa, Ponca City, or some other convention city and should we adopt this motion and establish this precedent I believe it would decrease the attendance. They were here when the credentials committee was meeting but the important matter is the business of the association after the pleasure is over and the business comes up now - that of selecting a guide for the next 12 months and a place for the convention next year and I believe we ought to vote this motion down.

I too, believe that our good friends who left us should be courteous enough not to break our record in the past of not permitting the voting of proxies, and not ask that their votes be
cast, at this time, and I trust that the towns and candidates seeking the convention and office will not be insistent that those votes be cast because gentlemen when you do that you begin casting absent votes. Your convention will be an absent vote convention. (Applause)

MR. PITMAN; Duncan: I hate to take the floor in opposition to Mr. Stovall, of Hugo, but instead of it being one club which must depart on this 3:45 it is the entire southwest portion of Oklahoma, Frederick, Altus, Lawton, Anadarko, Chickasha and Duncan. We are going to be kind enough to invite you down to Lawton, sometime, perhaps in 1926, and we do not feel at this time that our votes shall be taken away from us on account of the transportation facilities and we want to say that it is our perogative to cast our votes either by proxy or by our presence. We can not be here and we kindly ask that you permit us and help us to obtain our representation here, if we have to leave.

MR. DAVENPORT, HUGO: If I am not mistaken it is contrary to the International Constitution for proxy voting. Now I believe that is still in effect. In view of the fact that some of these men must leave, if I am not out of order, may I make a motion, that in view of the fact they do have to leave we reverse the order of business and have this voting before these men are obliged to leave. (Applause).

MR. STOVALL, TULSA: I move that Mr. Morton substitute for his motion that the order of business be reversed, and that the convention now take up the election of officers and the selection of a Convention City.

MR. CONNOR, TULSA: I second the motion.

Motion carried.
DISTRICT GOVERNOR: The chair rules that it does carry and the order of business is now reversed, placing the first order of business before us at this time, the selection of the District Governor for the Lions Club for the next year. Bear with me just a moment; in doing this I dislike it very much and would oppose it strenuously were it not for the fact that I know the peculiar condition of Lawton and some of the other towns. I know the peculiar condition of the men who started over here in cars and busted their cars or a Ford over a telephone post for some reason unknown and are now forced to go back on the train. I say that I agree to this with a great deal of reluctance. I hope that you will take no less interest in the other business and that you will not consider this establishing a precedent.

The chair will now entertain nominations for the District Governor for the coming year and they will be taken in this order. The roll call of the Clubs will be read and when we reach a club if it has any one to place in nomination they may then place them in nomination.

MR. HOLDEN: I move that the nomination be limited to three minutes:

MR. CONNOR OF TULSA: I second the motion. Motion carried.

Ada -- Ada yields to Norman.

Norman -- yields to Muskogee.

Muskogee -- Muskogee yields to Cushing.

Cushing --

MR. GRUBBS OF CUSHING: I am glad the speeches have been limited to three minutes. A year ago I made the nomination speech for the Cushing Club for the Convention this year. While I hate
very much to admit it, I realize that I was wrong at that time because the Convention acted wise in selecting Bristow.

There is one thing that I regret and that is the man whom I am going to nominate deserves a better nominating speech than I can make. Many of you know the gentleman who has been Deputy Governor for the past year. A good many things have been said about him and you have heard him a number of times and as the gentleman said we love him. Cushing is proud of the man we are going to nominate at this time. About three years ago he became a member of our Club. It is a custom with us for a minister of the gospel to be invited to attend, he paying for his meals, but we do not charge them any dues. But this man is a real Lion. "I don't want to be a preacher member of your club, the way you treat preachers, I want to be a full-fledged Lion." So we took him in and he is an active member.

Without attempting to make a very long speech, I wish to say that he is a real Lion. He has had experience as a business man and in other lines of activities; he knows men's wants and men's feelings; he understands human nature and problems that we all have to solve and he is practical. He knows how to handle those things, even if he is a preacher. I take great pleasure in presenting to you as the coming District Governor of Oklahoma, Burt Samon of Cushing.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR; The chair will rule that the speech of the seconds will be limited to two minutes.

MR. CARTER OF TULSA:— In seconding this gentleman's nomination, I am very glad indeed that the candidate has had the great advantage of already having a wider experience in Lionism than some one who has not served. My special gratification is
the fact of the gentleman's calling. You know it is a great thing for these associations and civic bodies that are shot through and through with the idea of service and the idea of high idealism to recognize in an official manner a man who has given his life and his service to the cause of religion and to the cause of idealism. We lawyers, doctors, bankers, oil men, bootleggers and newspaper men, we may sometimes have selfish, personal axes to grind, but a minister who works usually for a much smaller return than he would earn otherwise, is interested in this thing for the idealism of it, and I think it would be a grand idea for this club, standing for righteousness, standing for community bettermen, standing for the things that Ed Vaught talked about this morning, to go on record as electing this man from Cushing, recognizing him because of the fact that he is a minister of the gospel. We don't care what his creed is, he is a Lion. Let's vote for him, and show that we are for him and his cause. (Applause).

Anadarko -- Anadarko yields to Norman.

Norman -- Norman yields to Muskogee.

Muskogee --

MR. PEABODY OF MUSKOGEE: -- Mr. Chairman and Fellow Lions: I have been chosen to nominate the man whom I think will make the best District Governor that Oklahoma could have. When I say that it isn't from my personal knowledge but it is from my personal investigation from two of the strongest Lions and oldest Lions in Oklahoma. These men say that the man that I am about to nominate has every qualification. There are men who have the ability but don't have the time; there are men who have both time and ability but do not have the funds necessary to devote to it.
Of course you may say that it isn't necessary. It isn't absolutely necessary, but it will be a contributing factor in making this man's job a big success.

I wish to place in nomination for District Governor for the coming year, Mr. R. J. Hutto of Norman, Oklahoma.

MR. RAYNER OF OKLAHOMA CITY: I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. Hutto of Norman. I know Mr. Hutto personally and I know from whence he came, born in Texas, western not rough, having herded cattle in Western Oklahoma he knows the value of a dollar, and five years ago he became president of the first Lions Club in his home town, Norman, Oklahoma. Mr. Hutto is naturally possessed with all the qualities necessary to make him a very excellent governor, I am sure. I take great pleasure in seconding his nomination.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: The chairman will continue.
Ardmore -- Ardmore passes.
Bartlesville -- Bartlesville passes.
Blackwell -- Blackwell passes.
Bristow -- Passes.
Caddo -- Caddo passes.
Checotah -- Checotah passes.
Chickasha -- Chickasha passes.
Cushing -- already reported.
Drumright -- Drumright passes.
Durant -- Durant passes.
Enid -- Enid passes.
El Reno -- El Reno passes.
Eufaula -- Eufaula Passes.
Cuthrie -- Cuthrie passes.
Heavener -- Heavener passes.
Henryetta -- Henryetta passes.
Hugo -- Hugo passes.
Lawton -- Lawton passes.
Miami -- Miami passes.
Muskogee -- Muskogee passes.
Norman -- Norman passes.
Oklahoma City -- already reported.
Okmulgee -- Okmulgee passes.
Pawhuska -- Pawhuska passes.
Ponca City -- Ponca City passes.
Poteau -- Poteau passes.
Stillwater -- Stillwater passes.
Shawnee -- Shawnee passes.
Tonkawa -- Tonkawa passes.
Tulsa -- already reported.
Wilburton -- Wilburton passes.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: -- That seems to leave two men nominated before the Convention. It is left to the Convention as to whether you vote by secret ballot or roll call. It has been customary to vote by clubs by roll call. If that is the pleasure of this Convention I will now appoint Dave Stovall of Hugo, Disney of Ardmore and Stein of Caddo to act as tabulators.

Gentlemen, Burt Samon of Cushing and R. W. Hutto of Norman have been nominated. You have to take one or the other, so do your best. The Secretary will call the roll of your club, announce the name of the man who is voting, the number of
votes and the party for whom the vote is cast.

ADA, 7 votes: Ada, 7 votes for Hutto.
ANADARKO, 4 votes: W. H. Starrwither, 4 votes for Hutto.
ARDMORE, 6 votes: Passes.
BARTLESVILLE 6 votes: Bartlesville 6 votes for Hutto.
BLACKWELL 4 votes: A. C. Williamson, 4 votes for Samon.
CHECOTAH, 3 votes: H. G. Newcomb, 3 votes Hutto.
CHICKASHA, 5 votes: E. B. James, 5 votes Hutto.
CUSHING, 3 votes: T. M. Riley, 3 votes for Samon.
DRUMRIGHT, 1 vote: Gazell, 1 vote Samon.
DUNCAN, 5 votes: Eugene Rice 5 votes for Hutto.
DURANT, 3 votes: Not here.
EL RENO, 5 votes: J. T. Haylon, 5 votes Hutto.
EMID, 6 votes: Fred Miller, 6 votes for Hutto.
EUFALIA, 6 votes: E. C. Harper, 6 votes for Hutto.
FREDERICK, 6 votes: Hooper, 6 for Hutto.
GUTHRIE, 4 votes: Anderson 4 votes for Samon.
HEAVENER, 2 votes: H. K. Moorehead, 2 votes for Samon.
Henryetta, 3 votes: R. V. Hummer, 3 votes for Hutto.
LANTON, 3 votes: J. A. Black, 3 votes for Hutto.
MC ALESTER, 5 votes: C. R. Wade, 5 votes for Hutto.
MIAMI, 3 votes: H. E. Massey, 3 votes for Hutto.
MUSCOGEE, 9 votes: G. F. Dopkins, 9 votes for Hutto.
NORMAN, 5 votes: S. W. Reeves, 5 votes for Hutto.
OKLAHOMA CITY, 18: E. D. Dorsey, 18 votes, Hutto.
OKMULGEE, 4 votes: Paul Campbell, 4 votes Hutto.
PAWHUSKA, 4 votes: J. C. Cornett: 2 for Samon, 2 for Hutto.
PONCA CITY, 10": Frank Lucas, 10 votes for Hutto.
POTEAU, 2 votes: James Withe, 2 votes Hutto.
SHAWNEE, 7 votes: Not here.
STILLWATER, 4 votes:
DAVIS, 4 votes: Davis Delegate 4 votes for Samon.
TOLKANA, 4 votes: Hopkins, 4 votes for Hutto.
TULSA, 7 votes: C. F. Jackson, 7 for Samon.
WILBURTON, 4 votes: Not here.
ARDMORE; 6 votes: Disney 3 votes for Hutto, 3 for Samon.
BRISTOW, 8 votes: Bristow as host passes.
CADDY, 4 votes: W. L. Moore, 4 votes for Hutto.
HUGO, 3 votes: STOVALL, 1 1/2 votes for Hutto; 1 1/2 for Samon.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:— I just want to call your attention to the fact that the counters don't seem to have been fixed. I now ask them to retire and prepare their report.

I will ask the Secretary to call the roll call for nominations for a Convention City. As far as I know there is no other city that wants to entertain us.
Ada -- Ada yields to Anadarko.
Anadarko -- Anadarko passes.
Ardmore -- Ardmore passes.
Bartlesville -- Bartlesville passes.
Blackwell -- Blackwell passes.
Bristow -- Bristow passes.
Caddo -- Caddo passes.
Checotah -- Checotah passes.
Chickasha -- Chickasha passes.
Cushing -- Cushing passes.
Drumright -- Drumright passes.
Duncan -- Duncan passes.
Durant -- Not here.
El Reno -- El Reno passes.
Enid -- Enid passes.
Eufaula -- Eufaula passes.
Frederick -- Frederick passes.
Guthrie -- Guthrie passes.
Heavener -- Heavener passes.
Henryetta -- Henryetta passes.
Hugo -- Hugo passes.
Lawton -- Lawton passes.
McAlester -- McAlester passes.
Miami -- Miami passes.
Muskogee -- Muskogee passes.
Norman -- Norman passes.
Oklahoma City -- Oklahoma City passes.
Okmulgee -- Okmulgee passes.
Pawhuska -- Pawhuska passes.
Ponca City --

Mr. Callihan of Ponca City:-- Since we are limited to only three minutes I want to use only one of those and ask permission for the vice-president to use the other two. As a representative of the Ponca City Lions Club which is the second largest in the state, I invite you to Ponca City, the capital of northern Oklahoma as the 1925 Convention place. It seems that there are now three cities in the race. The Ponca City delegation have been known only and been recognized only by the regulation cap of the lions and by the usual Ponca City smile. We do
not happen to have a human calliope, neither do we have any yellow streaks down our backs. (Laughter) (Applause). Mr. Ed Vaught made mention of the fact that recently he was in Kansas City and was very proud that the mayor of that City sat at the same table with him as a member of the Lions Club. Kansas City has nothing on Ponca City. I am coming before you as the mayor of Ponca City as well as the representative of the Lions Club, (Applause), inviting you in May, 1925 to one of the best and prettiest little cities in Oklahoma.

I say to you that we have facilities to take care of what we hope will be in 1925, 2500 members instead of 1850. As mayor I am not just representing the Lions Club, the Rotary Club, and the Churches, but I am representing as well the captain of the largest industry and the smallest golf caddie in Ponca City and I therefore nominate as the 1925 Convention City, Ponca City, where you would have to go if you should want to go to Ponkawa.

MR. BONNELL OF MUSKOGEE: - My heart is with Tulsa and I want to say that yellow streak down the back of Tulsa is on the outside. It doesn't go deeper than their clothes. I know them, I have lived by them. I have thought sometimes they were a little bit stuck up over what they have there and a little bit, oh, maybe too chesty. They are good folks. I have lived in Oklahoma before it was Oklahoma. I have lived here ever since. There is an East and a West side of the State. We are over on the East side now; it is due over on the other side. We ought to recognize it and I wish I could vote for Tulsa right now, but I want to second the nomination of Ponca City for 1925. (Applause).

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Continue the roll call.
Poteau -- Poteau passes.

Shawnee -- Not here.

Stillwater -- Not here.

Tonkawa --

MR. HOPKINS OF TONKAWA: If anything has been demonstrated at this most wonderful Convention at Bristow it is the fact that the smaller towns of our State can put on a real live Convention. (Hooray) (Applause) And so coming from one of the smaller cities in the State which has several very prosperous suburbs, Ponca City being one of those, (Applause), we say to you that Tonkawa feels that it can entertain the Lions Club of Oklahoma in perhaps as good a style as Bristow has done this year, and I am going to take just a few minutes, one minute will be all that I need to show you why I think that.

When we first came down here somebody said, where is Tonkawa? Fellows, I think you know now where Tonkawa is. I think we have demonstrated that we are here. In 1921 Tonkawa had 1800 people, today it has 7,000 people. We have telegrams from not only the mayor, we have the mayor with us also. The presidents of every civic organization in Tonkawa are with us today, asking you fellows to come to our little City. We have plenty of Hotel facilities and we are going to have a Convention Hall costing $75,000.00 that will be ready to hold this Convention when you come. We have what it takes to make a good convention we believe.

Now then we have fed of the Bristow Pepper. We have enjoyed it. It has meant a great deal to us and we want to say that we admire that wonderful animal, the pepper-bird. We have a wonderful bird at Tonkawa. It is the bird that sticks its head in the ground and laughs so loud that you can hear it all over the
State of Oklahoma. That bird feeds on two things -- pepper grass and pepper birds.

Fellow Lions, although Tonkawa has one of the smallest Clubs in the State, we are here with one of the largest delegations, one of the greatest distances away from this Convention, we have brought the largest band. We come to you today and say to you, fellows, give us a fighting chance in Tonkawa to show those people in Tonkawa what Lionism means and if you do it, we believe we will give you as good a convention as you have at Bristow. Come to Tonkawa. (Applause.)

MR. VICKERY of BLACKWELL: Am president of the Chamber of Commerce and President of the Lions Club, Blackwell. We, as you have already noticed are another one of the suburbs of Tonkawa and it is a great pleasure for us to say just a word in behalf of this beautiful little city. We have more interest than ordinary in Tonkawa because the club was organized from our own club. The parent loves its child and the wonderful growth of this child has been one of the greatest factors in making Lionism in Caddo County what it should be all over the State. We come to you today to recommend that you come to Tonkawa, situated as it is in the valley of the Salt Fork River on one side and the valley of the Choasquia River on the other, on the Winnepog to the Gulf Highway, with all the facilities that a city needs, with all of the advantages that a great agricultural country can offer and then mother nature has been so good to her and so kind to her that she has deposited great mines of wealth in the form of gas, and they have touched just a few of them and every day new gushers are brought forth.
We are so glad that Tonkawa is in this race and we do hope that they will succeed because the very spirit of that club makes them worthy of success. It is the spirit of a people that makes them what they are. You know it isn't a great big house that makes the home. You know Edgar Guest has caught the spirit of the home in his poems. These Tonkawa folks are living Lionism and let's take this Convention up to Tonkawa for 1925.

MR. CONNOR OF TULSA: Once there was a teacher who had a big recess for all the children then she had a little recess for the smaller boys. There was one boy who played with the big boys and then when the little recess came he played with the little fellows.

Now there are some fellows that think Tulsa is too big but that Tonkawa is just the right size. Now Bristow wasn't picked for its size. Bristow was picked for its wonderful spirit. Now the only reason that we shouldn't go to Tonkawa is that it will grieve Oklahoma City who is always for Tulsa and Muskogee who is also for Tulsa. We have a wonderful Tulsa, but we are getting too big for State Conventions. Now Tonkawa is a real town. I have no objection to Mr. Marland having this Convention, but suppose he was out of town when we got up there. (Laughter). It is all in the town, it is not the size. A little dog has everything a big dog has except it is smaller.

(Tonkawa band felt so good it played).

MR. NICOLIO OF PONCA CITY: I have been a member of the Lions Club for several years, almost as long as Lion Clubs have been inaugurated. I was a member before I came to Ponca City of the Lions Club of Cedar Rapids and during the time I was there we entertained the District Convention. Cedar Rapids is a town of
50,000 people and I believe we gave them a splendid entertainment at that Convention.

We haven't gone into this matter of entertaining the District Convention in a hurry. We have thought it over carefully and considered it carefully. I am a minister of the gospel and after hearing those splendid speeches that we heard this morning by our past International President, Ed Vaught and by Honorable Hardy, I am mighty glad that I can give my classification as a minister of the Gospel.

We realize that the Lions Club or any other Club which calls for a Convention must weigh the matter carefully. I am here to say that Bristow has given us the very best Convention of Lions that I have attended.

I think it was one of our kindred organizations which said that service is the price which you pay for the space you occupy. It is a matter of how much you put into it. I usually go up into the Wisconsin Woods for my summer vacation. One time I was preach in one of their rural churches. This Sunday morning I took my little boy with me. As we went into the door there was the contribution box. I reached down in my pocket, picked out a fifty cent piece, dropped it into the contribution box, preached the sermon, When I was through the elders opened the contribution box, poured out the contents and said we always give the contents of the contribution box to the preacher so they gave me my fifty cents. On the way back through the woods my little boy said, "Daddy, if you had put more into that box you would have gotten more out of it."

All the organizations, the churches, Chamber of Commerce, all invite you to Ponca City for next year.
DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Continue to call the roll.

Tulsa --

MR. DAVENPORT OF TULSA: I will get up here so you can see me. Fellow Lions, I want to say for myself and every member of the Tulsa Club that we have been absolutely overwhelmed with the courtesies of the Bristow Club. Never have we been anywhere where we have received such courtesies and such a well managed Convention as we have here today. It was my pleasure to attend the first three Conventions of the International Association, Dallas, St. Louis and Chicago. There are more people here in attendance, more enthusiasm, and a better conducted Convention than either one of those three International Conventions.

Now, Mr. Chairman and Fellow Lions, we want to say that Tulsa is a modest city. We know that we have a great city there. We do not claim all the credit for Tulsa. We feel that while Tulsa belongs to us and while we are undeniably proud of Tulsa, it belongs to you more than it does to us and that it belongs to every man and woman in the State of Oklahoma.

We may stand in rather a peculiar position in this regard. We have among our citizenship of Tulsa men from every town in Oklahoma. We are immeasurably proud of them. We love them; they have helped make Tulsa. Sometimes the other towns in the State have just a little feeling of regret, just a little feeling of jealousy by reason of the fact that former townsmen had gone to Tulsa and helped make that wonderful city of ours and yours.

Consequently when our delegation came over here to ask for this Convention we just wondered if there wouldn't be some of that jealousy among some of those towns who had contri-
buted their finest citizenship to help make Tulsa, and not have that kindly Lion Spirit.

When we had a caucus up in our room and sounded out the feelings of the various delegates and we figured up that we could get the Convention at Tulsa by the actual vote of this Convention, I want to tell you, gentlemen, that there was a lump came in my throat to know that you fellows from towns where you have sent some of the best men to help make our town could come here without any feeling of jealousy, without any feeling of hardness to give the Convention to Tulsa.

Now after we had this talk, we sprung among ourselves a little thing that we have been thinking about sometime. Tulsa is going to withdraw from this contest and give half of its vote to each of the other contestants. Now we want to tell you something that is on our minds. We want some day to have the International Convention of Lions Clubs in Oklahoma (Applause). We don't want anybody to obligate themselves unless it is their heart's desire. We release every obligation that you have ever made us regarding Conventions but if in 1926 or 1927, we can entertain properly the International Convention and we ask for it, we would like to have the undivided support of every fellow Lion. (applause.)

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:— The two clubs are Ponca City and Tonkawa. Please call the roll for voting:

Ada, 7 votes: Ada, 7 votes for Ponca City.
Anadarko, 4 votes: W. H. Starrwither, 4 votes for Tonkawa.
Bartlesville, 6 votes: Bartlesville, 6 votes for Ponca City.
Checotah, 3 votes:  
Chickasha, 5 votes:  
Cushing, 3 votes:  
Drumright, 1 vote:  
Duncan, 5 votes:  
El Reno, 5 votes:  
Enid, 6 votes:  
Eufaula, 6 votes:  
Frederick, 6 votes:  
Guthrie, 4 votes:  
Heavener, 2 votes:  
Henryetta, 3 votes:  
Lawton, 3 votes:  
McAlester, 5 votes:  
Miami, 3 votes:  
Muskogee, 9 votes:  
Norman, 5 votes:  
Oklahoma City, 18 votes:  
Okmulgee, 4 votes:  
Pawhuska, 4 votes:  
Poteau, 2 votes:  
Stillwater, 4 votes:  
Tulsa, 7 votes:  
Caddo, 4 votes:  

H. G. Newcomb, 1% for Tonkawa; 1% Ponca City  
E. B. James, 5 votes for Ponca City.  
T. M. Riley, 1% vote for Tonkawa; 1% Ponca City  
Mr. Gazell, 1 vote for Ponca City.  
Eugene Rice, 5 votes for Ponca City.  
Had to leave.  
Fred Miller, 3 for Tonkawa; 3, Ponca City.  
E.C. Harper, 3 votes for Ponca City, 3 votes for Tonkawa.  
Had to leave.  
Mr. Anderson, 2 for Tonkawa, 2 for Ponca City.  
H. K. Moorehead, 2 votes, Ponca City.  
R. V. Hummer, 3 votes Ponca City.  
J. A. Black, 3 votes for Tonkawa.  
C. R. Wade, 5 votes for Ponca City.  
H. E. Massey, 3 votes for Ponca City.  
G. T. Tompkins, 9 votes for Ponca City.  
S. W. Reeves, 5 votes for Ponca City.  
E. D. Dorsey, 18 votes for Ponca City.  
Paul Campbell, 4 votes for Ponca City.  
J. G. Cornett, 2 votes each Ponca City and Tonkawa.  
James Withe, 2 votes Ponca City.  
Stillwater, 4 votes Ponca City.  
C. F. Jackson, 3½ votes for Tonkawa, 3½ votes for Ponca City.  
W. L. Moore, 4 votes for Tonkawa.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:— A number of people seem to know that it doesn't pay to interfere with a family fuss, but have just passed it on down the street and let them fight it out. I am
proud of these two clubs up there. I will ask you to retire.

MR. HOPKINS OF TONKAWA:- I can't talk very loud, gentlemen of the convention, but I just have one or two things to say. There has been no family fight in Kay County. Tonkawa casts their four votes for Ponca City for next year and we want you to come up and see the garden spot of the State of Oklahoma. (Applause.) (Sang "The Gang's all Here.")

Tonkawa withdraws and asks that the Convention make it unanimous for Ponca City.

MR. CALLIHAN OF PONCA CITY:- I want to refer once more to the statement that no town should make any derogatory statements about another town. I want now to withdraw my remarks about the yellow streak down their backs because I knew all the time it was only fastened on their coats.

MR. BURT SAMON OF CUSHING:- Mr. Governor, Members of the Convention: I would like to withdraw from this race for the District Governor and move that the Convention make it unanimous for Lion Hutto.

MR. STOVALL OF HUGO: I second the motion.

Motion Carried.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:- I now have the pleasure without according him the opportunity of making a speech of presenting to this Convention, Lion Hutto of Norman, Oklahoma, as the District-Governor, immediately beginning with the conclusion of the International Convention at Omaha.

I really dis liked reversing the order of business because I didn't want to see the people leave. The real business of this Convention is now before us, formulating the plans which
come out of these reports from the committee. We do hope that you will stay here and give it your closest attention and sincere consideration. Please do this for the good of this organization.

I will now ask for the report of the Resolutions Committee.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

REV. CARLTON WADE OF MC ALESTER, CHAIRMAN: Mr. Governor.

Whereas, the Convention of the 3d District International Lions Clubs, is in Session at Bristow, May 14th and 15th, 1924, we your committee on Resolutions submit the following:

1. Resolved that this Convention express its deep appreciation for the hearty welcome, splendid entertainment and fine hospitality of President Harry Clarke, Secretary Roy Griffin, The Bristow Lions Club, and the entire Citizenship of Bristow.

2. Resolved that this Convention express its sincere appreciation to our District Governor, Russell Brown for his efforts during the past year, most especially for his very splendid co-operation and able leadership.

3. Resolved that this Convention appreciate its having with them as a member, a Lion of International Reputation, Hon. Ed. S.Vaught, Immediate Past President, and having enjoyed his very fine address this morning.

4. Resolved that the Convention go on record urging all Lions Clubs to support all movements that will tend to eradicate illiteracy, by co-operating with the Public Schools throughout the State in every conceivable way.

I want to pause right here to tell you one thing that we are doing in Mo Alester. Our City is divided into five wards. We are giving a Five Dollar
Gold Piece to the pupil that writes the best essay on this subject, "What It Means To Be A Good American Citizen." I happened to be chairman of that committee and I underlined the word good. After they have completed the essays we are going to have a contest between the Champions, offering $5.00 to the Champion of the Champions.

This is one of the finest things that you ever saw put into operation to inspire those who were not born in this country to study and see what it means to be a good American Citizen.

5. Resolved that this Convention co-operate with the American Legion and other Civic Organizations throughout the State of Oklahoma to secure a deeper sense of loyalty to our State and Government and to strongly endorse the enforcement of all laws.

6. Resolved that our District Governor be urged to request a representation from every Lions Club in this State to attend the International Convention at Omaha and that this Convention urge the Santa Fe and Frisco Railway to arrange special coaches out of Oklahoma City and Tulsa to care for the Lions from all parts of the State, east and west.

7. Resolved, the Lions, facing the tremendous big problem, known as the Boy Problem, and wishing to solve it the best way, and finding much food for thought in the splendid address of Judge Summers Hardy of Tulsa, we recommend this Convention to take such procedure as required to organize an auxiliary for Boys known as "Lions Cubs" and request the Third District
Representative to the Omaha Convention to make it International.

(Signed) Carlton Wade, Mc Alester.

J. O. Parr Oklahoma City.

W. J. Arkins Tulsa, Oklahoma.

REV. WADE:- I want to move the adoption of the resolutions before I speak on the last one.

MR. MOORE OF CADDJO:- I second the motion.

REV. WADE:- I want to say men, that I don't think there is anyone that appreciates the boy problem and the situation regarding boys any more than I do, being a minister of the gospel, a Boy Scout Master and a "big boy". It seems only yesterday since I was a barefoot boy, sitting on the banks of a creek fishing.

I want to say that sometime some District of the United States is going to start just this kind of a movement. I have only been in Oklahoma about five and one-half years. It is my adopted State. I love it as though I had been reared here. I see no reason why the world should not know that Oklahoma is doing something else besides investigating some obnoxious state officers and shooting jack rabbits, so I want to urge that this Convention take some definite procedure to organize an auxiliary for the Boys.

It is a fine thing to see this spirit of Lionism. As I sat here this morning and heard those fine addresses, I wished that every boy in my church could have been sitting on the front rows, and I wished that every man in my church could have been present here.

I hope you men will adopt this Resolution and outline some definite procedure whereby we can do some actual work for
our boys.

MR. VAUGHT OF OKLAHOMA CITY:— A Committee was appointed in January by the Board of Directors of the International Association, having for its functions, the outlining of special work for the Lions Clubs.

There are so many different phases of boys' work, now you would be surprised to know what the various states have requested be selected as our major proposition. Some are sold on one proposition and some on another. Practically every club in Ohio is behind the proposition of carrying for the blind. That is not the proposition that presents itself in Oklahoma, because we are doing that by State Legislation.

Now I am very much in sympathy with the spirit of this resolution, but there is a question or possibility of duplicating. The International Convention next month has one of the very best committees that I think could be selected, composed of Judge Jones of Newark, New Jersey and the Second Vice-President and they have submitted one of the most exhaustive reports that I have read in a long time.

We don't want to duplicate the work that the Rotarians or Kiwanians are doing in the same town and if they have adopted "Boys Work" as their major, we want to select something else, so it is going to take a few years before the Clubs can thoroughly outline their work without duplication.

I am merely making this suggestion so that you will know the International is not asleep on this proposition and at the next International Convention an exhaustive report will be submitted covering the various topics and outlining a plan where
each state or district may select its own phase of the work.

MR. CONNOR OF TULSA: It is a thing that has to be thought out and worked out. We have the De Molays, we have the High Y, we have the Boy Scouts -- they are all fine organizations. I have a feeling gentlemen, that we might be getting over organized. If there is one weak spot in our civilization, it is taking our children too much out of the home and turning them over to organizations to do what their mothers and their fathers ought to do.

We are Lions but we had better do a good deal of thinking before we organize a Boys Auxiliary. I am not ready to start another organization for our Boys. You have the school, you have the various churches and you have these other organization. I oppose it.

MR. WADE OF MC ALESTER: I happen to be a pastor in a church. One day a Catholic Priest said to me, "Do you know that you have the most highly organized church in the world?" I said, "I thank you, Reverand, I believe so." I appreciate the fact that we do have lots of organizations.

I want to say that the Mc Alester Lions Club and that the spirit of this Convention convinces me that there is something about Lionism, gentlemen, that you don't have in the Boy Scouts, and I have been a Master Scout and I am also a Mason, and I want to say today, gentlemen, that I believe there is something in Lionism for our boys that they do not get in any other organization because of the fact this is a purely civic organization for the betterment of the community as a whole. The Boy Scouts are doing a great work, but they are dealing in generalities too much. Lionism is working altogether in the finest spirit I
have ever seen and I urge that we do something here as an organization and carry it to the Convention.

MR. LEEPER OF OKMULGEE:— For the last four years, I have been handling the problem children in Okmulgee. The constant question is, "What shall we do with our boys and girls?" What we need first and foremost is to make the good old American Home, and the good old-fashioned American Home is about to pass, what it used to be, and that is the reason why some of our organizations are falling down today. They are quite adequate to handle most of the boys and girls that care to join those organizations, and before we go to organizing and committing ourselves to another organization, let us Lions assembled here remember that the girls situation in the United States is just as delicate and just as worthy of consideration as the boy problem. The fact that most of our inmates of the Reform Schools are boys leads us to believe that the boy problem is the overwhelming problem but when we examine the children brought before the court we find that the boys are brought there for stealing and petty crimes while the girls are brought there, almost ninety per cent of them, on immoral charges.

I ask your earnest consideration for these two individuals, the American Boy and in no less degree the American Girl. Most of us today probably owe what success we have had to our mothers, very much more than we do to our fathers. The moral character of the child is probably laid in the first six years of the child's life and if there is a person that we have neglected it is the American Girl. I endorse the statement made by the gentleman from Tulsa, we need a great deal more education for
parents and we certainly need to return to the old American, Anglo-Saxon Home.

MR. DISNEY OF ARDMORE: As a practical proposition I think that this matter should be left to the National Committee which is now working on it. I think there is something in Lionism that none of these organizations are going to give our boys and girls, but in my local club it would be impracticable to organize a Boys or Girls Club because that would conflict with the work of the Rotary Club and would not be the work upon which we have put our efforts and I, therefore, as a substitute for the motion now pending move the adoption of the Resolutions with Resolution No. 7 stricken.

MR. CONNOR OF TULSA: I second the motion.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: The resolutions stand adopted with No. 7 stricken.

We will now have the report of the Committee on "Club Activities".

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "CLUB ACTIVITIES."

MR. E. C. MORRIS: - Lion Stephenson lives at Frederick and had to leave on this train and he left the report with me. With the permission of the body, I will read this as submitted by A. F. Stephenson, Chairman; Jack Dunn and E. C. Morris, Members.

1. Believing that education of the American people to be the most essential need for the preservation of American Ideals recommend that clubs not already doing so should interest themselves in the establishment of either circulating or stationary libraries, making them easily accessible to all classes.

2. That Lions Clubs should interest themselves in seeing that the children of our communities are provided with all
necessary conditions conducive to healthful living. Physical defects in the child life should be corrected.

3. Planting of trees on all lawns, parks and highways should be encouraged as much as possible.

4. That all clubs should foster and promote charity budgets to the end that the poor of the community need not suffer.

5. That an adequate number of children's playgrounds and public resting places be maintained.

6. Special attention should be given to the Girl's activities in the same proportion that Boy Scouts receive.

7. Every Club should have at least one major activity and see that that project is completely and definitely finished.

8. The Public Schools should be supported by every Lion and Lions Club in Lionism.

(SIGNED) A. F. Stephenson, Chairman.
Jack Dunn
E. C. Morris.

I move that the report be adopted.

MR. FRED MILLER OF ENID: In seconding the motion, I would like to call attention to the first paragraph of the resolution, not that I was a member of the committee but because that paragraph involves circulating libraries in the rural districts, and was adopted as a very material matter at the last International Convention.

To give you an idea of the advantages of this rural circulating library, I want to state a little circumstance for you to take up and study in psychology, or however you wish to put it.
This year, the conditions out in the wheat growing belt have not been very good financially and a great many people have been hard pushed. A man over there put $500.00 in the Associated Charities to be handed out in the shape of flour.

I am one of the flour millers' 'trust', so called and the orders were sent down to us in the shape of a printed form, gotten out by the man himself, giving the name and the address of whoever it was came for a sack of flour. We had given away nine sacks when we found the first man who couldn't sign the order. When we had given away seventeen sacks we had found three men who couldn't sign the order and when we had given away 27 sacks of flour, we had found five men who couldn't sign their name on that written order.

Fellows, it makes you wonder why poor people are poor. One of these men was a man about forty-five well dressed. He looked intelligent to me and he said there was something the matter with his eyes. I was in a hurry and didn't pay much attention. We went on into the warehouse and I gave him his sack of flour. "Don't you read print?" "No, I don't read print." "Can't you read newspapers?" "No." How long have you lived in Enid?" "Lived here twenty years. Got four children in the public schools. I helped to build your stores and the ice-plant." He has voted all that time and he couldn't sign his name.

Now Enid has taken up, before the International Association took it up the problem of circulating libraries to the rural schools. They take out from 100 to 250 books at a time from the Carnegie Library in the City of Enid and inasmuch as it has been adopted by the International as an educational feature, I hope in considering this resolution, you will realize the
what they should know in the way of education. We try to select
good books that go out to the country. We give them stories, but
it is wonderful the way they use that chance to get education in
the rural schools and anything that you can do in your home towns
through the Carnegie Library or through your County Commissioners
to get an appropriation is a wonderful help. We got $1,000.00
over at Enid and that will help in this matter of education.

When you stop to think that five men out of twenty-
seven who had to ask for charity couldn't sign their name, it is
time to educate them. I neglected to state, under orders of the
man who furnished the flour, orders were not issued to any
transients. He had to be a citizen of Enid. He had to live in an
Enid House and I think he had to have children.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:— The report of the Committee on
Club Activities was adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

MR. R. W. HUTTO, CHAIRMAN: Mr. Governor: On the
Educational work, Mr. Hopkins of Tonkawa was on the committee
with me, the other member not being present we prepared a report
which we have tried to make as brief as possible, outlining some
of the things that we felt ought to be included in the education-
al program of each club.

We, the Educational Committee of the 3d District, Lions
International, wish to submit to the delegates of the District
Convention assembled at Bristow, for their adoption, the follow-
ing policies and recommendations:

We believe that the extension library policy, outlined
by our District Governor, should be encouraged and enlarged upon
and we urge all Lions Clubs to adopt this policy if they have not already done so.

We recommend that Lions encourage the night schools for adults, which will materially assist in the eradication of illiteracy, and we further offer our assistance to the state committee on adult education in carrying forward its policies and ideas.

We recommend and approve the policy of the International Association in its attitude toward the immigration problem and recommend that all Lions Clubs in this district give special attention to the instructing of newly made citizens in their duties and rights under our government. We especially recommend the instruction of foreign born in taking out their first papers and refer the clubs to the plan recommended by the International Office.

We urge that the Lions Clubs of this district give particular attention to the local public schools, to the end that the boys and girls will be encouraged to finish their public and high school courses and so prepare themselves for the University or some other school of higher learning in the state in order to fit themselves for some useful vocation.

In harmony with the above suggestion, we urge the Lions Clubs to become personally acquainted with the Superintendents and teachers of local schools, inviting them to their meetings and encouraging them in every way possible in their work. As a means of carrying out this policy we suggest that the Clubs sponsor and encourage all student organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Hi-Y, and all athletic and musical organizations.

We recommend in harmony with the spirit of Lionism
that all sound moral movements for the uplift and betterment of community life be sponsored and we especially recommend that the men of this organization, and all other similar organizations, be encouraged to take active part in helping to raise moral standards of the community by sponsoring such organizations as the Brotherhood Classes, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Associated Charities, the Salvation Army and all other organizations of such character and nature.

We recommend that the Lions Clubs encourage the organization movements for the improvement of public health, sanitation and hygiene of the community, and we especially recommend under this plan the following practical ways and means of so doing:

A. Support of Red Cross.
B. Co-operation with Public Health Nurse, under plan offered by Federal Government.
C. Encouragement and assistance to local authorities in enforcing sanitation and health laws.

Respectfully submitted,

(SIGNED) Walter Hopkins.

R. W. Hutto.

Mr. Hutto: I move the adoption of the report.

MR. FRED MILLER OF ENID: I second the motion.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: The eyes have it and the Resolution stands adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

MR. MOOREHEAD OF HEAVENER: Mr. John T. Naylor of El Reno, Chairman had to leave and asked that I read the report for him.

We, your Publicity Committee, submit the following report for your consideration.

It has come to our attention that the great Civic
Activities of the several clubs are practically unknown to the citizens of their respective communities, due to a lack of fixed club policy and responsibility of the individual club.

Further, Oklahoma is not receiving proper publicity through the International Magazine.

We recommend to the incoming district executives that they instruct each club to appoint a publicity manager, whose duty it shall be to advise all local publications of the activities of the local club and keep before the general public the ethics and aims of Lionism. It shall be the duty of the local publicity manager to keep the editor of the National Magazine fully advised of the outstanding activities of his respective club.

Your committee recommends an expression of appreciation on the part of this convention to the editors and staffs of the local papers and representatives of the Associated Press, for the splendid publicity given the proceedings of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN T. NAYLON, Chairman
H. K. Moorehead, Havener.
R. B. Hummer, Henryetta.

I move you, Mr. Chairman, that the report be adopted.

MR. WILLIAMSON OF BLACKWELL: I second the motion.

Motion Carried.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: The Lions Club International Magazine wants us to keep in touch with them. Carry this back to your clubs. They want the news up there and we want it back in our magazine. Let's live up to this resolution.

MR. FRED MILLER OF ENID: The Enid Club hasn't elected to membership, but has given the privilege to the City
Editor of our Morning News of coming to our meeting without dues. The newspaper is due something from you for the stuff that they publish and we think it is due them. It is a good stunt; you might try it. We get a fine write-up of our meeting every week.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Down with our club, the present owner of the leading paper there, before he bought this paper was a member of one of the other Clubs in our town. Therefore, naturally his sympathies were with the other club. In spite of that the Lion Club is getting more publicity than any other club in Ardmore. It is all because the president is kind and listens to the reporters and tries to help them. The reporters want this stuff. You will find that in every city newspapers are anxious to get stuff that is news and if you get it to them, they will take it.

MR. MC MULLEN OF OKLAHOMA CITY:— It has been tried out and has proven of real value and that is simply to put the newspapers on your mailing list for your weekly or semi-monthly publication. They will pick out the items that are news and print them promptly as they get them.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTER-CLUB RELATIONS.

MR. H. H. BARKER:— The Chairman is out and has asked that I read this report for him.

The Committee on inter-club relationship believes it is most important to elect men for President, Vice-President and Secretary that have among their qualifications leadership, initiative and intensive interest in Lionism, keeping in mind that some day your Vice-President or Secretary may be your President.

Having elected to your leadership qualified officers,
the success of your club is now assured and you will find much joy and growth in establishing a closer relationship between the clubs in your immediate district, the size of the district to depend upon the distance clubs can affiliate with the least inconvenience.

We believe that a happy way to bring about these results would be to organize into district associations, elect a president and secretary and a board of directors to be made up of the presidents of the clubs interested. You can then organize ball teams, golf tournaments, picnics, etc., same to be held far enough apart as not to be tiresome and with small expense so as to not be burdensome.

We recommend that the officers of the clubs in these associations exchange visits at least twice a year addressing the clubs they visit and telling them what their home clubs are doing and how they are doing it.

We suggest that each club organize the Lionesses, an open meeting to be held at least once a month, the Lions and the Lionesses alternating in furnishing the programs. With the Lionesses interested in your work they will be of great assistance in Inter-club Fellowship activities.

The committee urges that the welfare and interests of our boys and girls (they are all ours) bind us together with the firm, strong and everlasting bonds of brotherly love; when this is accomplished we will have LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATIONS SAFETY -- LIONS ALL -- ALL LIONS.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) C. E. Cook, Chairman.
Frank B. Lucas.
MR. BARKER:— I move that the report be adopted. Motion seconded and duly carried.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR:— I wish to call your attention to the work that Frederick is doing. They have picnics and an organization in which they bring Lions Clubs together from all over that end of the State and Northwest Texas and they are having a good time, at the same time getting real results.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OMAHA CONVENTION.

MR. D. A. STOVALL OF HUGO:— Mr. Chairman, The Committee on the Omaha Convention, not knowing who the delegates might be and where they might be located had a hard job in planning out something for the report. With your permission, I would like to read our suggestions:

We your committee on OMAHA CONVENTION, beg leave to report the following recommendations for the Delegates attending the Omaha Convention.

We suggest that TWO special Pullman cars be used for the trip, one car on the Frisco set out at Oklahoma City, and all delegates from Eastern part of the State could join this car at any point, and one car on the Santa Fe whereby the delegates from the Western Part of the State could join at given points, and the two cars be placed together in Kansas City to become a part of a special train out of Kansas City for Omaha on the Missouri Pacific.

The Committee further suggests that the OKLAHOMA Delegates organize as best they can prior to leaving the state, but in any event after leaving Kansas City.

The Committee further suggest that some UNIFORM of distinctive character be used by all the OKLAHOMA Delegates at
Omaha.

We further suggest that the District Governor delegate some member of the Oklahoma City Lions Club or a committee thereof to take charge of the reservations and prepare and distribute necessary information to the various clubs in Oklahoma and to further assist the clubs in making the delegation from Oklahoma a part of the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AT OMAHA.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)  D. A. Stovall, Chairman.

J. A. Black.

D. D. Duskin.

Train schedules and rates are hereto attached.

" Bristow, Okla.

May, 14 1924.

Mr. D. Stovall  Transportation  On to Omaha

Mr. J. A. Black  Committee  Lions Clubs.

Mr. D. D. Duskin

Gentlemen:

Referring to conversation relative to delegates - Lions Clubs enroute Oklahoma to Omaha to International Convention June 23-26-1924:

The Santa Fe will be pleased to operate an overflow standard sleeper from Oklahoma City to accommodate delegates and others on following schedule:

Leave Oklahoma City  7:30 P. M. Train 12 June 21st.

Arrive Kansas City  7:40 A. M. Train 12 June 22nd.

From Kansas City understand you will use the Missouri Pacific, probably on special train leaving Kansas City 12:30 A.M. June 23d, arriving Omaha about 7:30 A.M.

Tickets for this convention on identification certifi-
cate Plan at rate of fare and one-half will be on sale June 19-25 inclusive, return limit July 2d, going and returning same route.

Lower berth from Oklahoma City to Kansas City is $4.13; from Kansas City to Omaha $3.75.

This car will take care of delegates from all Santa Fe points, also other nearby points, for those who wish to pay local fare to nearest junction point.

Below am quoting fares for round trip from some main line points, corresponding fares from other stations. Oklahoma City $30.95. Guthrie $29.82. Perry $28.16. Blackwell $25.73. Ardmore $34.25.

Yours truly,

(SIGNED) H. C. GALLUP
Traveling Passenger Agent.

"Bristow, Oklahoma,
May 14, 1924.

Mr. Dave Stovall,
D. D. Duskin,
J. A. Black,
Transportation Committee,
On to Omaha.

Gentlemen:

With reference to our conversation of today regarding special car over the Frisco from Oklahoma City to Kansas City, thence Missouri Pacific to Omaha, Nebraska, to take care of delegates to the International Convention of Lions in that city June 23-26, I submit the following schedule for your approval:-

Leave Oklahoma City 7 P. M. via Frisco June 21.
Arrive Kansas City 7:30 A. M. via Frisco June 22.
Arrive Omaha 7:30 A. M. via Mo. Pac. June 23.
Round trip tickets will be sold to holders of identification certificates at fare and one-half. Tickets on sale June 19 to and including the twenty-fifth, with return limit of July 2. The following fares will apply from the various stations viz: Ada $31.34. Chickasha $32.60. Bristow $26.52. Okmulgee $27.06. Frederick $38.18. Lawton $35.24. Oklahoma City $30.95. Tulsa $24.59.

Geographically speaking we are better situated than any railroad to take care of a state movement.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. Douglas.
Traveling Passenger Agent
Frisco Lines.

MR. STOVALL OF HUGO: I move the adoption of the report of the committee.

MR. WADE OF MC ALESTER: I second the motion.

MR. STOVALL OF HUGO: Following the suggestion of Lion Vaught today noon, when he suggested that the delegation get together and organize before leaving Oklahoma, it is usually less than one-tenth of the delegation who attend a state convention that go to a National Convention and then they go in several different directions and never seem to get really well together. I know in 1920 in going to Denver, we all went from every direction, did not assemble from any given point. The Oklahoma delegation never got really well together until yet. The same was true at Hot Springs although we had the President's Special from Oklahoma City and we found several delegations from Oklahoma that took other routes, not wanting to make a special trip into Oklahoma City.
For the Omaha Convention, with the Frisco and Santa Fe Leaving Oklahoma City, both with approximately the same time schedule, the same fare from all points that they would reach, the Committee thought it would be advisable to start two cars in Oklahoma City or better still if it could be done to start the car on the Santa Fe as far south as Ardmore and the car on the Frisco as far southwest as Lawton and then let them pick the delegates up coming into Oklahoma City and other delegates would join those cars later on. The Frisco could come out through Bristow and pick up the Tulsa Delegates and those in the eastern part of the state. Then the two cars would be placed together on the special train from Kansas City to Omaha.

The committee suggests that the burden of this trip be placed on the Oklahoma City Club. They are Lions and they know their duty and we who are outside of Oklahoma City feel that the burden is not too great to place on them and we think that they ought to take that responsibility and try to get the delegates assembled into the cars before they leave Oklahoma.

MR. ED VAUGHT OF OKLAHOMA CITY:— It is very necessary that you report to your local clubs at once. It is a very difficult matter to secure reservations in Omaha if it is delayed until the last moment unless you are willing to take accommodations in the second class hotels. I was in Omaha two weeks ago. I found that Texas had reserved fifty rooms in the Convention Headquarters Hotel. Other state delegations have reserved rooms. I went to the Hotel management and asked them how many rooms they had left. They said they didn't have any but when I got through with them they gave me ten rooms. There are two or three other good hotels where reservations can be made yet, but it ought to be
handled at once and I suggest that since Governor Brown's term does not expire until after the Omaha Convention that he be designated as the Chairman of this committee and that the delegates get in communication with him and we will keep him advised as to what we do.

I have one further suggestion. If we could get together before we leave or if we knew how many delegates were going so that we could provide for them, we could make some arrangement which would designate the Oklahoma Delegation. Texas will go up as Cow-Boys, have their big hats. Now of course you say there is no Lionism to that. The point is this. We want to show that we are there. We want to put our state on the map. The main thing is to get the attention of the jury first by telling them a story. Then you can argue your case. Now we want to sell ourselves to the Convention to the extent that they know Oklahoma is on the map. If we could get the Bristow Club to take charge of our proposition when we got to Omaha, I would be satisfied.

(Applause)

This suggestion has been made. I don't know whether you will approve it or not. One of the Omaha boys said why don't you fellows from Oklahoma come up with Indian costumes? You can get Indian costumes and I dare say that the bunch could put on a War Dance that would attract attention. The costumes would not be very expensive if we could order them in a lot and knew how many we had. We would have a lot of fun and while we are going to have some very serious things to consider at the same time, you can't eliminate the idea of having a good time and a lot of fun.

There will be a lot of music. Take a good quartet
with you, if you have one. But you are going to have strong competition. There will be perhaps twenty-five or thirty of the best quartets of America at that Convention. Such clubs as Denver, Chicago and Minneapolis will be there and we want to put ourselves where we will be known at the Convention. Whether we want anything or not, isn't the question. We ought to be designated in some way in dress or otherwise that would let them understand the bunch is from Oklahoma. Of course we couldn't dress in oil wells, but we could get Indian suits if we knew how many to order. Charley says that Tulsa will all wear sheets. I don't know what he means but we ought to have something that would designate us. I think the committee with the Governor as chairman should take this matter in hand.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: I think that part of his suggestion of having something that stamps us as an individual state ought to be carried out if it is possible and I wish that you would consider that very carefully. I would suggest that the Norman delegation consider taking the Norman Quartet.

MR. STOVALL OF HUGO: I move that the report of the Committee and the suggestions made be worked out by the District Governor, as Chairman, and the Oklahoma City Club and that they work in conjunction with the committee.

MR. WADE OF MC ALESTER: I second the motion.
Motion carried.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: One thing in connection with that report and an earlier report, is that Section 7 of our Constitution and By-Laws provides that each club is required to be represented by one or more delegates at the Convention of the District
is which such club is located. Keep that in mind for next year; then keep in mind that we must represent our clubs in the International the same way. That is in harmony with two or three suggestions that you have brought out here.

REPORT OF CLUB PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

MR. A. D. Mc MULLEN OF OKLAHOMA CITY, Chairman: Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen: Your committee desires to submit the following brief report:

Your committee believes that a publication is an absolute necessity for each and every club to inject and maintain interest in each club.

We recommend that the publication be sent with regularity to reach each member on the day prior to meeting. We suggest that the publication continue the program for the following day, committees appointed for special duties, record of attendance, list of absentees and such items of general or personal nature that is of interest to the respective membership.

We recommend that the editorship be changed to allow an expression of ideas from a number of members throughout the year.

It is suggested that publications be exchanged between editors of clubs of the state and new ideas put into practical use by other clubs passed on to the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) A. D. M. MC MULLEN, Chairman.

Lon Payne

Robert Bradley.

I move the adoption of the report.
MR. WADE OF MC ALESTER: I second the motion.

Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENTS.

MR. C. A. HOLDEN, Chairman: Mr. Governor, we desire to submit the following report:

The committee consisting of Presidents of the respective clubs, met with fifteen members present. A review of the work done by the various clubs during the past year was made and reports were made from all presidents present, on the outstanding achievements and activities of the clubs over the state.

The outstanding club efforts were the supporting of boy and girl organizations, principally the girl Reserves, Boy Scouts and Boys Band. The giving of prizes to school students for exceptional work, the encouragement of Moonlight Schools for the illiterate, the encouragement of grade pupils to enter high school and of high school graduates to enter college. The cooperating with the Commercial Clubs, the employment of Community Nurse, County Farm Agents, fostering the City Beautiful Campaigns, Good Roads Improvements, safety zoning of city hospitals, free camp grounds for tourists, city parks and swimming pools, the encouragement of Community Fund Drives and the furthering of co-operative movements.

No one could have heard the recital at this meeting of the achievements of the clubs of the State without being stirred with pride in the purpose and ultimate good of Lionism.

The committee recommends to the Convention that each Club adopt as a part of its permanent program the following move-
mments:

1. Extended effort to aid and direct that class of
   of unprivileged boys, not now reached by the
   Boy Scouts, Church Clubs, De Molays, and Junior
   Y. M. C. A.'s in the paths of good citizenship.

2. That each club award suitable prizes for the
   best essays and orations, by students of our
   public schools, on patriotic subjects which
   best typifies ideal Americanism.

3. That each club lend its effort to further community
   spirit and harmony.

4. That each club co-operate with the American Le-
   gion in its campaign against illiteracy.

Respectfully submitted,

( Signed ) C. A. HOLDEN, CHAIRMAN.

I move the adoption of the report.

MR. PAYNE: I second the motion. Motion carried.

MR. GRUBBS OF CUSHING:- I want to offer a resolution,
just a word.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Third District Convention of
Lions assembled here that we express our appreciation and grati-
tude to our District Deputy, Lion Samon, for his loyal, faith-
ful and valuable service during the past year.

MR. ED VAUGHT OF OKLAHOMA CITY: I second the motion.
Motion Carried.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: If you knew how valuable he was,
you would make it mighty strong.

I want to make this announcement to all of the old men.
The Bristow people are not through. They do not know how to
get through. They state for the benefit of all those who haven't
gotten out, they have planned for an impromptu dance in this hall,
so that all of us old folks can have a good time. Everybody is
invited, urged to be here and join in the fun.

Just a word to you boys who have stood by me all the year and stayed with me. I want to tell you how much I appreciate the courtesies and the kindnesses you have shown me and how deeply I feel it upon giving up the work.

I never had any work in my life that got so close to my heart and came so near being a real guide in the conduct of my life and did me as much good in every way as being District Governor of this Third District for the past two years. I only hope that your new District Governor can enjoy it as much as I have and have the same hearty co-operation. I want at this time to hear a word from Lion Hutto as to how he feels about it.

MR. R. W. HUTTO:— Lion Brown, Fellow Lions. I feel very keenly the responsibility that has been placed upon me here today. I appreciate the fact that this Convention hasn't selected me because of my personal popularity or because of any honor they want to place upon me. I rather suspect that the Norman Quartet that came up here had a good deal to do with the feeling you have toward me, when you knew I was connected with that city.

I realize that Norman, having as it does the State University in its midst has a claim so to speak on nearly every town and city in this State. We have had the privilege of having with us as students in our University, boys and girls from all over this State and that has helped to place a kindly feeling in your hearts toward our city. I realize those things. I haven't any speech to make at this time. I hadn't thought about making one.

I want to say this. I want to enjoy the co-operation, the wonderful spirit, the helpfulness that you have expressed to-
ward our present Governor and I hope that I can carry out the policies that he has already inaugurated. I think he has had a wonderful administration and it will be my aspiration to try to serve the Lions Clubs of Oklahoma in as able a manner as has Russell Brown. I thank you.

MR. FRED MILLER OF ENID: Unfortunately, every Lion can't come to these Conventions and hear the things that we do. I should like to have the secretary of the convention instruct or request the International Magazine to publish Lion Vaught's talk and I, for one, as a delegate from Enid am going to request each one of my men to sit down and read that speech. I think it will make a Lion of them so that next year they won't stay home.

MR. STOVALL OF HUGO: I second the motion. Motion carried.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: I think everyone ought to read it and I am sure the magazine will be tickled to death to get it. We want to keep Ed somewhat before the public and there doesn't seem to be any legitimate way. I am for it.

MR. ED VAUGHT OF OKLAHOMA CITY: I would like to have a word from Burt Samon, a real Lion. I know he has a word for us before this Convention closes. (Applause.)

LION SAMON OF CUSHING: Members of the convention: I had hoped to get out of making a speech. I appreciate the resolution that was passed a moment ago. I don't think I am entitled to it. I don't realize that I have done anything yet. Someone has suggested that men are divided into three classes. Boaster, Booster and Rooster. The Rooster doesn't do anything but sit around and crow; the boaster is something of the same kind and
and accomplishes nothing; the booster works and says nothing.
I haven't yet made up my mind to which class I belong. I am go-
ing to try, however, to belong to the booster class. I have
been trying to get on the inside of that class for quite a while,
maybe, I can make it after while.

May I take a moment just here to suggest to you gen-
tlemen that I have been very much interested in the discussion of
the resolutions and I would like to say something at this time,
if it is proper, but if it is not I shall retire and keep still.

Last week it was my privilege and honor to be sent as
a representative to the meeting of the National Council of Boy
Scouts of America, held in St. Louis. Outside of Lionism I
don't believe that you will get a more representative crowd of
men any where than you would in that council.

I made a little investigation and discovered that there
are less than one per cent of those men who are not members
either of the Lions Club, where they lived, or of the Rotarians
or Kiwanians. It shows the direction in which our minds are going.
I thought of the days when I was a boy. The only instruction
I had was to get out of sight, stay out of sight, and keep still.
Now we are all trying to get the boy into sight in as much as
we are making proper provisions for his training. Justice Crosby
of the Supreme Court of the State of New York made this significant
statement that in his experience as a public prosecutor prior to
his election to the bench and since then not a single boy had
been brought before him on any charge, in any way, who was a
regular attendant, actively identified with any Sunday School of
any kind in this country and second that only three boys in the
United States in the fourteen years of the existence of the
Boy Scouts of America have ever been accused of any violation of the law whatsoever and none of them found guilty.

Now we have many organizations among boys, many works for them. Some years ago I became interested in that Boy Scout movement, passed through the stage of Scout Master, after awhile held the position of the Second Deputy Commissioner in my Council. One of the hardest tasks we have is to get properly trained Scout Masters. We, in our council are asking for them and we can’t get them. The Regional Executive Meeting of our District which is Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico, showed that we were in need of thirty executives. We do not know where to get them, much less get trained men.

That is one of the problems when you start a proposition as outlined in Section 7 of the report of the Committee on Resolutions. When you start boy and girl work you must have leaders. They are the hardest thing in the world to find. All of the boy work or the institutions for the helping of the boy that we have are only touching one-sixteenth of the boy life of America. That gives us something of the tremendous task that is ours of developing our boys for future citizenship.

We need to develop in our boys the spirit of Lionism, of loyalty for everything that is above and beneath that flag, God is above and our home, our nation, our everything is beneath it, and we must develop a coming generation that will understand all that it means. And so it is an appalling statement when Commander Livingston and Mr. Howard the President of the St. Louis Council make the statement that I just quoted. What shall be do about the other fifteen-sixteenths? We have a tremendous task. I am ready to roll up my sleeves. I am ready to sleep a little less.
only sleep about four and one-half hours out of the twenty-four), I am willing to sleep a little less. I have been two years trying to get time to enjoy the privileges of our Country Club in the summer time and I have been on that ground just once, went out about five o'clock in the morning and stayed out about an hour, went home and haven't had time to get out since. I was lucky -- I had a good fisherman with me -- showed me how to do it.

I am going to put in a little more time, whether it is done through the Boy Scouts of America or through this organization with which I am already identified, or however it may be. The thing I want to see is that our boys shall get the chance they need that America may not fail in the task that is hers, and the task of America is the salvation and the civilization of the world.

I thank you for the privilege of this Convention. I thank you for the privilege of service during the past year as your Deputy Governor. Nice things have been said. I wish they were all true. I haven't been able to earn all that has been said. I am ready to help just the same. I am ready, Brother Hutto, to give you my fullest co-operation, as I have tried to give it to Russell Brown, and whatever there is in Lionism, I am for it first, last and all the time. I thank you.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Coming from the Chair, I would like a standing expression of appreciation for all the courtesies shown us on the part of this club, so all you that feel that way about it, please stand up. (Applause). Everybody stood.

MR. STOVALL OF HUGO:-- I move that we adjourn to convene again in Ponca City, Kay County, in 1925.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: This Convention of the Third District now stands adjourned. Hope to see all of you in Kay County
in 1925, first in Omaha, then all over the State of Oklahoma.