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It is noteworthy that Carmi Hicks, the original Secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Lions Clubs, was no longer available due to Military Service. His replacement, Melvin Jones, a relatively new face, owed his selection to replace Carmi to none other than Dr. Woods. (In a 1952 sworn affidavit, Dr. Woods told Melvin Jones that "If you will get out and mix with the boys and be a good fellow, and try to boost your own stock, I'll get behind you and I'll boost you also." Dr. Woods was good to his word and Melvin Jones was elected Secretary.)

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CLUB OF BUSINESS MEN CONVENES HERE FOR FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The Lions' Club may be the first mutual business organization in the world to recognize woman constitutionally as a business entity and provide for women members.

Whether or not women will be made constitutional members of the club will be decided today at the second day's sessions of the first national convention of the Lions at the Adolphus. By-laws and a constitution are being drafted by the convention. Most of the work was completed yesterday. Shortly before adjournment Charles J. Kirk, delegate from Houston, suggested that women be made constitutional members. Several prominent business women of Houston and active workers in the Lions' Club of that city, Mr. Kirk said.

L. H. Lewis, president of the Dallas club, made the suggestion that the members of the club be limited to white persons.

Change of Name Suggested.

Delegates from the St. Louis club want the name changed from the Lions' Club to the Vortex Club. E. N. Kaercher presented the St. Louis club's request. Mr. Kaercher's home club succeeded the Vortex Club of St. Louis, which was one of the two clubs bearing that name. The other was located at Detroit. The name "Vortex," it was contended, emphasisss the idea of "bringing together." T. N. Calvin of Waco will take the floor against changing the name. The delegates are divided as to whether the organization shall be called "national," "international" or "general."

Yesterday morning was spent in preliminary ceremonies. Mayor Joe E. Lawther welcomed the Lions to Dallas.

"We feel that you have honored our city by coming here to hold your first convention," Mayor Lawther said. "Your organization is made up of men who accomplish things; men who recognize no obstacles. No enterprise looking to the betterment of the city has been undertaken since the local club was organized in which its members did not have an active part."

Melvin Jones of Chicago responded to the address. Applause and laughter greeted Mr. Jones' statement that he wished "Chicago might change Mayors with Dallas." Some of the local delegates answered, saying "there's not a chance." Mr. Jones complimented Dallas on its excellent drinking water, declaring that "with such fine water I am not surprised that Dallas has gone dry."

W. P. Woods, president of the association, appointed Tom Finty Jr. of the Dallas club to be secretary pro tempore of the convention in the absence of the secretary, who was unable to attend the convention.

Committees Are Appointed.

The following committees were named by Dr. Woods: Credentials, W. A. Lybrand, H. A. McDonald and T. A. Mathes; election committee, W. J. Power, Melvin Jones and W. L. Dickey; resolutions and constitution committee, Joseph Trienens, L. H. Lewis and E. N. Kaercher; business methods and conventions committee, A. W. Dycus, J. W. Conner and W. A. Grimes; public affairs committee, G. Richardson, Tom Finty Jr. and Charles J. Kirk; education committee, H. P. Henderson, Hunter Martin and M. E. Trowbridge; publicity committee, C. L. White and Charles W. A. MacCormack.

L. H. Lewis entertained all of the delegates and officers of the club at a luncheon at the Adolphus at noon. Speeches were made by Mr. Lewis, A. C. Ebie of Dallas and others. A number of dialect sketches portraying Italian and German life were given by James P. Landry of Beaumont.

At the afternoon session the report of the committee on credentials was adopted. Charles W. A. MacCormack of Austin and H. F. Ensley of Texarkana told of the things being done by their local clubs.

The remaining portion of the afternoon was spent in considering the report of the committee on constitution and by-laws. Most of the provisions were adopted without difficulty, but there was extended debate on the section which declares the purposes of the association and the clubs composing it. An amendment was offered to this section by W. A. Lybrand and J. C. Leonard of Oklahoma City, who led a fight for its adoption. The amendment declared that "no club shall by its by-laws, constitution or otherwise hold out the financial betterment of its members as its object." Mr. Kirk of Houston led the debate against the adoption of this amendment, saying that the members were benefited in their business by membership in the Lions' Club and that there should be no concealment of the fact. The Oklahoma members conceded that such might be the facts; but they did not want it stated as an object of the organization. Although the amendment was defeated, 12 to 17, it is probable that it will be offered today in another form.

Entertainments Planned.

Many changes were made in the report of the committee, among them being the adoption of an amendment which contemplates the remuneration of Dr. Woods, the president, for his expenses in organizing the association. Another proposed amendment stipulates that the board of directors may provide for the compensation of officers in the future.

The delegates were the guests of the local club at the Majestic Theater last night. At 9 o'clock this morning they will be taken on an automobile ride over the city. At noon they will be guests of the Dallas Club at luncheon. At 2 o'clock this afternoon their wives will be the guests of the Dallas Lions at the Jefferson Theater. Tonight all Lions and their wives will attend a banquet given by the Dallas Lions' Club at the Adolphus.

Among the delegates here are Charles W. A. MacCormick, Austin; Joseph Trienens, Chicago; Charles J. Kirk, Houston; F. A. Matthews, Austin; W. A. Lybrand, J. C. Leonard and R. A. Kleinschmidt, Oklahoma City; W. J. Power, E. N. Kaercher and R. J. Dawson, St. Louis; M. E. Trowbridge, Shreveport, La.; Grant Richardson, Shreveport; W. F. Ensley, Texarkana; James P. Landry and H. A. McDonald, Beaumont; E. A. Corbett, Fort Worth; A. W. Dycus, Port Arthur; W. A. Grimes, Fort Worth; Hunter Martin, Tulsa, Ok.; Melvin Jones, Chicago; W. Lyle Dickey, Tulsa, Ok.; C. L. White, Oklahoma City, Ok.; J. W. Comer, Chickasha, Ok.; O. L. Gregory, J. W. De Wess and R. E. Duval, Paris; James L. McKee, L. W. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes, Memphis, Tenn.; R. D. Law, Colorado Springs, Colo., and E. N. Calvin, Waco.

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Monday at noon the delegates were guests of local President L. H. Lewis at luncheon. Monday evening the Dallas club was host to a theater party at the Majestic theater.

Tuesday morning the delegates will take up the question of recognizing women as members. It is thought that this can be done constitutionally. If the move carries the Lions Clubs will be the first organization to adopt such a ruling.

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LIONS SELECT ST. LOUIS AS PLACE FOR 1918 CONVENTION

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The morning session, aside from the selection of a place of meeting, was devoted to talks by various members of the convention, under the general head of "good of the order." Most of the delegates will leave for their homes Wednesday evening.