

1966-1967 IOWA DISTRICT

President of O.I.

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401 Burwell Building  
Knoxville, Tennessee 37902

Regional Vice-Pres.

Ralph Glasscock  
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Clinton, Missouri 64735

Governor

Ralph LaCombe, Jr.  
2027 Grande Avenue S.E.  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

Lt. Governors

Eldon W. Eberhard	Sioux City
Robert Gilliam	Council Bluffs
Homer Rinehart	Marshalltown
• Don Strub	Iowa City
George Otte	Davenport

Secretary-Treas.

Willard W. Verba	Cedar Rapids
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District Chairmen

Willard W. Verba	A & A
Ralph Boden	Boys Work
Milt Lipsman	Community Ser.
Paul A. Mauer	Convention
Morris Dicker	Leadership Tr.
Earl Yoder	Life Membershi
• Charles V. Heiden	M & A
Donald Purdy	N.C.B.
Ralph LaCombe	Public Rel.

Convention Site

Council Bluffs

Convention Representative

Past Pres. John M. Grimland, Jr.  
(Phyllis) Midland, Texas

Clubs in Iowa:

Bettendorf  
Carter Lake  
C.R.-Marion  
Cedar Rapids  
C.R. Evening  
C.R. Thursday  
Clinton  
••Coralville  
Council Bluffs  
C.B. Sundown  
Davenport  
Davenport Brk.  
Denison  
Des Moines  
Dubuque  
Glenwood  
Hiawatha  
Iowa City  
I.C. Sunrise  
Larchwood  
Maquoketa  
Marshalltown  
Red Oak  
Sioux City  
Waterloo  
West Branch

President:

Clair Challup  
H.L. Karrer, Jr.  
Edgerly Watts  
Newell Lash  
Robert W. Lehman  
Loren Stake  
Larry Youngman  
•Leslie Miller  
James McPartland  
William Phillips, Jr.  
Walter Harding  
James Boosalis  
Fred Wutzke  
Carroll Mann  
William Retz  
Clarence Boles, Jr.  
Carl Long  
James Hardy  
Russell Mishak  
Dr. Charles Haines  
Paul Hartel  
Herbert Tschudy  
Gary Pierce  
Paul Bockelman  
James Clabby  
Tom Kirkman

Secretary:

Leonard Finck  
Ronald Caddell  
Dean Wagner  
Frank Hulbert  
Clem Mundel  
Frank Parks  
Francis McNamara  
David Bourgeois  
John Lane  
Gary Turner  
Bill Hawthorne  
Rev. Oscar Bohman  
Kenneth Westrom  
Leonard Rhoads  
Fred Pape, Jr.  
Kenneth Mead  
L.E. Wheeler  
Stanly Plank  
Robert Gay  
Gerald Grotewold  
Tim Thomas  
Terry Kluck  
Jack Dilley  
Mike Malinosky  
Dixon Allenstein  
Edwin Slach

Clubs Added:

Solon

Harry Kral

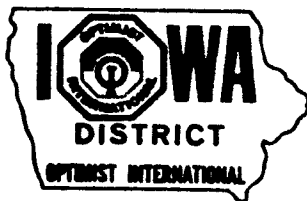
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Clubs Deleted:

Clinton  
Glenwood

Membership 1129 - 1134 = +5  
Clubs 26+1-2 = 25  
Life Membership Quota 9 = 10  
International Rank 28

- Distinguished
- Honor Club



# HAWK-EYE

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## DISTRICT MEETING



80 OPTIMISTS

ATTEND

IOWA DISTRICT

BOARD MEETING

Thanks to the 22 Clubs who had representatives at the Iowa District's third quarter Board Meeting in Des Moines on January 21! The turnout was very encouraging. Unfortunately, five of our Clubs were unable to attend this important meeting. The Executive Committee met on the evening of the 20th, and all were in attendance but we. On the whole it was felt that the meetings were highly successful and an Optimistic view was taken for the final months of this year.

The Iowa District is in excellent shape in all District quotas with the exception of new clubs. This requirement can still be met, however, if the Presidents who promised new clubs in the next few months get started immediately and fulfill these promises.

Congratulations to Lt. Governor Don Strub and the Presidents of all 10 Clubs in Zone 4, and to Lt. Governor Homer Rinehart and the Presidents of the 3 Clubs in Zone 3 for 100% representation at the Board Meeting.

**CORALVILLE & LT. GOV. STRUB STILL LEAD IN A. & A.**

The Optimist Club of Coralville maintains a 4400 point lead over second-place Evening Optimist Club of Cedar Rapids, with Iowa City a close third. Lt. Governor Don Strub is 3000 points ahead of Lt. Governors Rinehart and Otte for the Lt. Gov. Achievement and Award Contest.

## ZONE 4 TO BE DIVIDED

It was decided at the District Board Meeting to split up the 10 Clubs now in Zone 4 into two Zones. As of July 1, 1967, Zone 4 will be comprised of the 3 Cedar Rapids Clubs, the CR-Marien Club and the Hiawatha Club. The 2 Iowa City Clubs, Coralville, West Branch and Selen will make up Zone 5. Zone 6 will then be added and include the 2 Davenport Clubs, Bettendorf, Dubuque, Maquoketa and Clinton.

## TEN CLUBS WORKING ON NEW CLUB SPONSORSHIP

With emphasis on New Club Building in the next few months, 10 Club Presidents indicated that they would concentrate on the sponsorship of a new club. The clubs and areas that they are working on are: Davenport in DeWitt; Breakfast of Davenport in Muscatine and Mason City; Dubuque in Manchester or Dubuque; Cedar Rapids in Fairfax and Des Moines; Evening of Cedar Rapids in Anamosa; Iowa City in Fairfield and Fort Dodge; Marshalltown in Newton; Larchwood in George; Council Bluffs in Atlantic; and Red Oak in Shenandoah. With this many prospects, we have good reason to hope that we will achieve our 6 new clubs this year. If you have any prospects in any of the prospective towns, send the names to the Presidents of the Sponsoring Clubs.

## FUTURE CLUB OFFICERS

If you Presidents have not already selected a nominating committee for your Club's officers for next year, now's the time to do so. Elections should be held in late April or early May and nominations should be announced two weeks prior to election.

## CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT OFFICES

Now's the time to submit the names of candidates for Governor and Lt. Governors of the Iowa District for next year. Remember, with the additional zone, we will need 6 Lt. Governors next year. Elections of District Officers will be held on Saturday morning, May 20, at the District Convention in Council Bluffs. The Nominating Committee will nominate candidates based on your recommendations. Send the names of men whom you think are best qualified to lead the Iowa District next year to Bob Klopp, 2634 5th Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids.



### DISTRICT CONVENTION

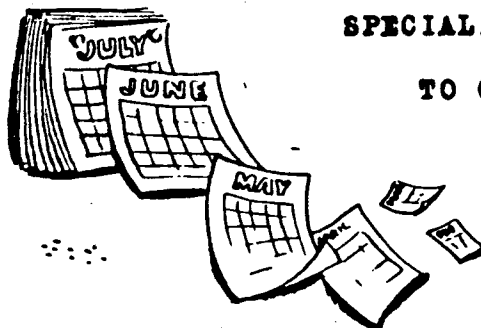
It is certainly not too early to make plans to attend the second convention of the Iowa District in Council Bluffs May 18-20 at the Howard Johnson Motel. Festivities begin with an Executive Committee Meeting at 3:00 p.m. Thursday and a fun-filled Defroster Party that evening. Highlights of the Convention include Administrative Conferences that are a must for all incoming Club and District Officers; a Model Club Luncheon; a Ladies' Luncheon; an afternoon at the Races, featuring the Optimist Governor's Race; the popular Old Times Breakfast; a tour for the ladies; the highlight of the Convention--the District Oratorical Contest; a big Fun Night; and topped off by the Governor's dinner and Ball. Make plans now to bring a big contingent from your Club. The more you have attending from your own Club, the more fun you will have. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

### NOTICE TO LT. GOVERNORS

You Lt. Governors **MUST** make your 2nd visitations to a Club Meeting or Board Meeting for each Club in your zone prior to March 31--especially if you want to remain eligible for the Distinguished Lt. Governor Award. Visitation Reports must be filed by April 30.

## GOLDEN CIRCLE AWARD

I am sure many of your members who are now qualified for President Leonard's Golden Circle Award have not had your Secretary file for the award for them. Let's make a concentrated effort to get as many members as possible signed up for the coveted award at your meetings and through your Bulletin. It is an Award any member may obtain and will be proud to have.



**SPECIAL!**

**TO CLUB**

**PRESIDENTS**

You have only four more months to fulfill your obligations and goals during your year as the leader of your Club. Don't wait until July, then look back to ask yourself Could I have done more for my Club and myself? Your Club and your District is depending on you to make this one of the biggest years ever for all of us. Ten or eleven of you, and you know if you are one of these, still have an excellent opportunity to make Distinguished President, and earn your club Honor Club status. If you don't make it, you will always wish you had in years to come. Along with the honor and gratitude of your members, you will also materially receive a beautiful gold wristwatch that you will always wear and display with pride. Make a pledge to yourself right now to become a Distinguished President, then devote the next few months to accomplishing this goal. For you Presidents who cannot achieve this status, you can still lead your Club to a successful and prosperous year by devoting your time and effort to the members of your Club who had the confidence to elect you to the highest office in your Club.

## ORATORICAL CONTESTS

Plans should be under way for your Club's Oratorical Contest, so that you will be sure to have a boy representing your Club at the Zone Contests.

Lt. Governors, you should be setting up your Zone Oratorical Contests. So far, we have had word on one Zone Contest. Lt. Governor Gilliam has scheduled the Zone 2 Contest for 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 16, at the Dodge Memorial Congregational Church in Council Bluffs. Please let us know as soon as possible when you have your Zone Contest scheduled.

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

The Red Oak Club scheduled its next series of Travelogues for February 16. This is a highly successful fund-raising project for President Gary Pierce and the members from Red Oak. We wish them continued luck.

President Bill Retz and select members of the Dubuque Optimist Club are planning a 70-some mile sojourn to visit the Evening Optimist Club of Cedar Rapids on February 28. I am sure President "Tiny" Lehman and the boys from the Evening Club will make them feel more than welcome.

District Convention Chairman Paul Mauer and the delegation from the Council Bluffs Clubs made their trip to the Des Moines District Board Meeting well worthwhile by obtaining 40 registrations for the District Convention from the 80 Optimists attending. That's Salesmanship!!

Congratulations to President Carl Long and the members of the Hiawatha Club for moving up from 18th to 13th place in the Achievement and Award Program!

## NEW O. I. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Congratulations to fellow Optimist Hugh H. Cranford of Charlotte, N. C. on his appointment as Executive Secretary of Optimist International. Many of you remember Hugh from his visit with us in July, 1965.

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The newest recipient of an Optimist Life Membership in the District is George Nordstrom of the Evening Optimist Club of Cedar Rapids. George is being awarded his Life Membership as a result of his outstanding job as General Chairman of the Joint Christmas Tree Fund Raising Project for the Cedar Rapids-Marion-Hiawatha Clubs. George is the 7th Optimist to become a Life Member in the Iowa District this year. We need two more to reach our District quota of nine.

## GLASSCOCK REGION STILL NO. 1

Our Region retained its firm hold on the Number One position in O. I.'s Regional Competition. The Regional Average Percentage is 45.7, a fine 15.6 percentage points ahead of the second place Region. The Missouri and Northern Illinois Districts are Nos. 1 and 2 respectively in both Regional and O. I. standings. The Iowa District remained Number Three in the Region and Eleventh in O. I. At the end of January we had achieved 25% of our quota for New Clubs, 33.34 for Life Memberships and 45.2% for Net Membership gain. A few more New Clubs will bring us right back into the thick of the battle for top place. You Club Presidents who are working on New Clubs, let's get those New Club Building Reports in.

## LATE FLASH!

We have just received word that the Optimist Club of Dubuque has placed the name of Leland Stocker in nomination for District Governor for next year. Lee's name is the first to be put in for District Governor.



Standings of June 30, 1967)

REGIONAL COMPLETION -- 1966-67 12 months

VICE PRESIDENT CAMPBELL

Distr.	New Club Building			Life Membership			Membership			District Rank		
	Quota	Clubs	%	Quota	Sales	(x)%	Net	Net Gain	%	As of	As of	As of
		Org'd.	Attain.			Attain.	Quota	Or Loss	Attain.	6/30	5/31	5/31
ALMIS	4	2	50.0	11	14	50.0	140	-101	0.0	31	30	30
ARK	4	4	100.0	8	8	50.0	127	+160	126.0	15*	15	15
FLA	7	7	100.0	29	31	50.0	296	-139	0.0	23	26	26
GA	6	1	16.7	16	20	50.0	214	-194	0.0	39	39	39
LA	4	3	75.0	9	10	50.0	130	+149	114.6	20	13*	13*
Regional Average Per.....										55.5		

VICE PRESIDENT FERRIS

IND	7	10	142.8	41	45	50.0	288	+256	88.9	93.9	12	12
NJ	4	2	50.0	8	9	50.0	133	+ 81	60.9	25	22	22
NY	4	2	50.0	11	7	31.8	138	- 76	0.0	33	35	35
OHIO	6	8	133.3	27	37	50.0	241	+365	151.5	10*	7*	7*
WPA	4	2	50.0	5	7	50.0	123	+ 64	52.0	26	29	29
Regional Average Per.....										67.4		

VICE PRESIDENT GLASSCOCK

CSILL	4	0	0.0	16	14	43.8	152	-113	0.0	14.6	40	40
IOWA	4	1	25.0	9	10	50.0	126	+ 5	4.0	26.3	35	28
KYWVA	6	6	100.0	24	27	50.0	229	+ 93	40.6	63.5	22	23
MO	7	21	300.0	35	56	50.0	279	+855	306.4	218.8	1*	1*
NOILL	4	6	150.0	8	10	50.0	125	+295	236.0	145.3	5	4
Regional Average Per.....										93.7		

VICE PRESIDENT MARLOWE

AMS	4	5	125.0	9	15	50.0	132	+267	202.3	125.8	7	19
CALSO	4	4	100.0	7	18	50.0	130	+155	119.2	89.7	17	27
PACC	6	7	116.7	25	35	50.0	257	+120	46.7	71.1	21	31
PACNW	5	9	180.0	10	13	50.0	168	+394	234.5	154.8	3*	6*
PACSW	9	11	122.2	58	61	50.0	425	+ 39	9.2	50.5	23	25
Regional Average Per.....										100.4		

\* Top District in Region \*\* Top Region

(x) 50% of Total Attained in LM.

Maximum credit for Life Membership is Quota



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### PAST GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS

#### Ralph LaCombe - 2nd Year of Iowa District

It's hard to realize that there are currently almost as many Optimist members in the Iowa District as there were in the former Dakota-Manitoba-Minnesota-(Iowa) District the last year Iowa was a part of that district.

Our membership has just about doubled in the short seven year history of the Iowa District, from 1050 members at the onset to over 1900 today. We have almost reached another milestone, and hopefully will reach it yet this year. There were a sociable 25 clubs in Iowa when our Iowa District came into being in 1965. We are fast closing in on double that number at the present time. I think that it can be readily seen that the Iowa District's growth is due primarily to the chartering of new Optimist clubs throughout the state. The importance of chartering new clubs has been stressed over and over again, and here is further indication of the importance of spreading Optimism in our own area and other communities in Iowa. The formation of new clubs has a snowballing effect. Clubs that were not even in existence when the Iowa District first became a reality, have already sponsored new clubs of their own in Iowa.

When it was finally decided that perhaps Iowa was ready to stand on its own two feet as a full-fledged district, I really had no apprehension about the ability of Iowa Optimists to successfully carry out this challenge. By necessity, dedicated leadership sprung up quickly and was an important segment in our district's growth. Almost from the very beginning the Iowa District made its mark in Optimist International. During the past seven years it has maintained itself as one of the top districts in O.I. It took that additional effort and dedication the Iowa Optimists were willing to put forth which is reflected in our present high standing.

As we embarked on our new venture as a separate district seven years ago, I couldn't help but reflect then on the memorable conventions we attended in such exotic places as Minneapolis, Duluth, and Sioux Falls. I questioned whether we Iowans could ever match the fellowship, outstanding



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programs and great times we experienced at the conventions with the old, larger district. All my doubts were squelched at the first Iowa District Convention held in Marshalltown. Two youngsters of the Optimist Club of Marshalltown, Homer Rinehart and Ron Stahlhut set the trend for the outstanding Iowa Conventions to come.

I guess that a governor's own convention is the one that he always remembers as the "Convention par excellence." Our second Iowa District Convention in Council Bluffs was no exception. My District Secretary-Treasurer, Will Verba and I always looked forward to our trips to Council Bluffs to help plan the convention with Don Purdy, Paul Mauer and our other Optimist friends there. The Optimists of Council Bluffs proved to me once and for all that we were able to put on a district convention in Iowa second to none. Those of you who have attended Iowa District Conventions know what I'm talking about. Those who haven't won't want to miss what Bud Foster and the Waterloo Optimists have in store for us in August.

Some of the most pleasant and rewarding experiences during my year as governor were witnessing the enthusiasm and companionship that began to develop among the Optimists throughout the fledgling Iowa District. Iowa Optimists banded together in working toward the common goal of putting the Iowa District on a firm foundation. The dedication and hard work began to have results. The Iowa District was on its way to becoming an Honor District the next year under the capable leadership of Governor Lee Stocker, an honor which it has achieved every year since. A tradition as a top district has been one we have had from almost the beginning and one that I am confident we will maintain.

I have also seen strong ties develop and lasting friendships evolve through Optimist fellowship. I am deeply grateful for the many friends I have personally made in Optimism through the years. It's certainly an inspiration and source of pride to experience this feeling of unity, the concentration of effort, and in so many instances, the personal sacrifice the Optimists in Iowa have and are rendering.





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Achievements and awards are emphasized in our organization and I'm sure have a definite place in our overall programs. It is my hope, however, that we don't get so wrapped up in our attempts to derive these personal awards that we lose our perspective of the real purposes of optimism. Certainly the material awards are in most cases, well-deserved and serve as some yardstick of achievement. But perhaps, they sometimes have some negative effects over the long run. It would seem that the most gratifying rewards should come from the actual results derived from the time we invest in youth work, community activities and introducing Optimism to other men and communities. One of our most important assignments as an Optimist is to convince ourselves that we want to become personally involved without anticipation of a personal award. Our personal contributions will be our true reward and satisfaction.

The involvement and dedication of each individual Optimist are essential ingredients if the Iowa District is to continue to grow and remain strong. Only through this continued growth and strength will we be able to fulfill the demands and challenges of Optimism.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ralph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ralph LaCombe  
Past Governor, Iowa District