



THE new president of Lions International, Earle W. Hodges, is a man who has given many years to the service of Lionism, and who by inclination and training is admirably equipped to lead.

The background of his eventful life is that of many famous Americans—the farm. He was born near Salem, Ark., and his early years, spent close to the soil, gave him a solid foundation for what he was later to build.

Early in life—even before he was out of high school—he became interested in printing and worked in a country newspaper office. When he left school he became foreman of a composing room, and after a year of that, at the age of nineteen, he bought a country newspaper and became a publisher and editor.

His services in the years which followed included six years as state printing clerk, and ten years as secretary of the Arkansas Press Association. His love for his fellow man led him into the Masons, in which he is a Shriner and a member of the 32d Degree; the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen, the Ancient Order of United Mechanics and other organizations.

Three times he was elected secretary of state for Arkansas. He was the youngest man ever chosen for that office in his

state, and, so far as known, in the United States; and he missed the governorship by only a few votes.

Through the war years Mr. Hodges was chairman of the Arkansas Exemption Board, then for four years with the Jewish Relief Committee.

As director of publicity for the public utilities of Arkansas Mr. Hodges prepared himself for the position he now holds as director of public relations for the Henry L. Doherty and the Cities Service companies.

As a Lion, Earle W. Hodges has been a leader from the very beginning. Twice he was chosen president of the Lions Club of Little Rock, and was credited with making it the biggest Lions Club in the world. It was then he founded the club bulletin, "The Jungle," and as its editor, calling himself "The Jungle Guy," won wide recognition as a writer.

Three times the Arkansas clubs elected Lion Hodges their district governor. Then International demanded his services and he was made a director. Two years later, in 1927, he was elected vice president of International, and has been advanced yearly until now he is president over 2,200 Lions Clubs and 80,000 Lions.