

Hugo Lions Club  
**CAPABLE LEADERS AID IN ADVANCEMENT OF  
CIVIC WELFARE MOVEMENTS IN HUGO**  
**Club Sponsors Charity Drives, Park Program**  
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**1919**

In 1919 W.J. Holloway, who was then county attorney of Choctaw County, and who later became governor of Oklahoma, called about 25 Hugo business and professional men to meet him at his office, where he suggested the organization of a Lions club. R.D. Wilbor, banker, was elected President, with D.A. Stovall, secretary, and a charter was secured from the Lions International. At that time there were 42 clubs in the United States with 2,363 members; today there are over 1,500 clubs.

**1920**

W.A. Goforth, banker, was the second president, with D.A. Stovall, secretary. During this year good fellowship and study of the meaning of Lionism was the principal work done. One student was placed in the school for blind at Muskogee.

**1921**

R.C. Lane, was elected the third president, but he resigned and moved to Paris, Texas, and D.A. Stovall was elected. With J. Lee Rodgers as secretary he led the club into a program emphasizing city parks, highways and the county health.

**1922**

Ray W. Gumm, with L.R. Blakely and J. Lee Rodgers as secretaries, led activities which resulted in the building of a boys dormitory, and in the location of an artillery unit of Oklahoma with its band. Nine delegates from Hugo attended the International convention at Hot Springs, Arkansas and were instrumental in securing membership for D.A. Stovall on the Boys Work Committee of the International Lions club.

**1923**

The failure of the First State Bank molded the events of F.M. Phillips term as president. A home talent play, "Kathleen," recuperated club finances, and the year's constructive work dealt with boys between junior high and senior high school, through direct contact and citizenship institutes. W.E. Schooler was secretary during this time.

**1924**

Safety first signs, a tourist camp at the city fair grounds and a thorough clean-up of Hugo characterized the administration of L.M. Lungaard, who was assisted by secretary J.A. Wolff.

**1925**

Hugo's real banking difficulties came while E.A. Burke was president and J.A. Wolff secretary. His administration did much to keep the civic pride of

Hugo alive and to hasten the coming of adequate banking facilities to our community.

**1926**

The administration of W.L. Blackburn, president, with Bert McDonel and J. Lee Rodgers, secretary, attracted the attention of the Lions International because of activities with the 4-H clubs of the county. Coincident with this, much attention was given to Boy Scouts, and a home [unreadable] was held during summer.