

# Growth Of Woodmen Order Is Phenomenal

### District Manager of Seventeen Years Gives The Advance Facts and Figures About Growth and Assets of Benevolent Order

Growth of the Woodmen of the World has been phenomenal in this district as well as throughout the entire country, since organization of June 6, 1890, according to A. O. Kiff of Aboskie who has himself served as district manager for 17 years of the 34 years of life of the order.

The old Elizabeth City camp was one of the first if not the first in this district according to Mr. Kiff. It is known as Juniper No. 11, which indicates that it was the 11th to be organized in North Carolina. Organization in this city took place about 32 years ago, he estimates. The new camp here which is entertaining the convention is Evergreen 778.

Other old camps in this district are Weldon which had the number 50 and Roanoke Rapids which was numbered 55.

The Woodmen of the World was organized by Joseph Cullen Root of Iowa. Mr. Root died in 1913 at Hendersonville, N. C., while on a tour working for the order, according to Mr. Kiff.

Since the death of the founder, W. A. Frazer of Texas has served as sovereign clerk; and Senator Morris Sheppard, banker.

The assets of the order are now \$116,084,410.55, says Mr. Kiff. The Woodmen have over sixty-three million dollars invested in bonds in various states.

A good many people do not realize how far reaching the investments of the Woodman organization is. Mr. Kiff says that in Elizabeth City the Woodmen hold \$158,000 in school bonds and in Pasquotank county \$85,000 in road bonds.

The Perquimans County investments total \$365,000 in both school and road bonds, while in Camden County the order holds \$30,000 in bonds.

The total loans made by the order in North Carolina is in excess of eight million dollars, according to Mr. Kiff.

One of the things of which the order is very proud is the fact that not a dollar has been lost on an investment since organization.

The Woodmen of the World as a fraternal insurance corporation is the strongest of its kind by twenty billion dollars, says Mr. Kiff. It has also known the most rapid and greatest growth of all similar organizations.

In North Carolina the membership is being increased constantly by 600 applications a month, says Mr. Kiff.

There are now 65 camps in this district. The membership is between four and five thousand for the district. The entire membership of the jurisdiction east of the Rocky Mountains is approximately 700,000. Other jurisdictions comprise the Pacific slope and Canada.

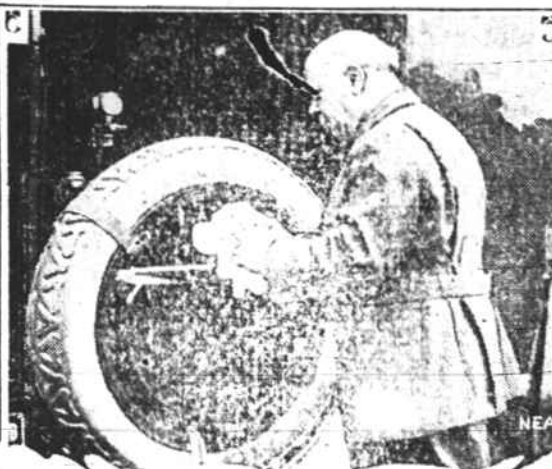
One of the sovereign auditors lives in eastern North Carolina. He is E. B. Lewis of Kinston, also State manager of the order.

At Omaha the order has a splendid office building which produces revenue, as only two floors are used by the order while the remainder of the building is rented out. On the roof of this building is the largest privately owned radio broadcasting station in existence, which is the property of the Woodmen. It is station W. O. A. W.

The War Memorial hospital which is free to Woodmen who have developed tuberculosis is another accomplishment, in which Woodmen everywhere take pride. It is at San Antonio, Texas.

The organization is described as "100 per cent plus" and Mr. Kiff says the organization feels just pride in the sound financial status it has assumed as well as in its rapid growth and developments.

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to sweep back the tide. The tide was started when steam power was discovered, hastened when steam was harnessed to machine pulleys, accelerated when Ben Franklin blew his kite into electricity and fame, and given irresistible force when the modern factory system stood forth in full flower. On this tide we go on to better things, or in it we go down to destruction. "We cannot turn back the tide but we can ride it. "The proper sphere of government in helping toward beneficial results is to find and furnish information, to get at, and make known the facts, to encourage and insist upon development with industry of machinery which will take from invested wealth its dictatorial power over policies of production, employment and public relations. There is a moral course which must be pursued, just as there always has been where life and its perpetuation are concerned. The government may be helpful, but it cannot take over the task, without spoiling the whole effort. "The American labor movement will resist at all times every effort at governmental coercion, every effort of the Government blindly to go counter to the natural and evolutionary forces that are at work where life is being and its sustenance. Labor is concerned with life, which government too often sees only formulas. "In this issue there is bound up the whole content between governmental and individual and group freedom, between industry and state socialism. La bor is for freedom, for the most rational things for the most of freedom and influence for life and life force. Let political claims give heed to these thoughts."

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Lester Lapidus II of Omaha Neb. has vanished with the suddenness and completeness of the flame of a candle that is blown out. It is the son of Harry Lapidus, millionaire president of the Omaha Future and Supply Co. The boy disappeared while on his way to the citizens training camp at Des Moines.