

Carolina Chamber of Commerce A Review of Activities of Eastern By N. G. BARTLETT, Secretary-Manager.

Recent Activities.

In talking with Mr. N. G. Bartlett, Secretary-Manager of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, recently, the Editor asked Mr. Bartlett if he would write an article for this paper, giving a brief summary of the activities of the sectional organization from its beginning, April 10, 1922 up to the present time, or a period of almost 12 1/2 years. Mr. Bartlett consented to do this, and we take pleasure in giving the readers of this paper the benefit of this information, as follows:

It seems that the formation of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce grew out of a desire on the part of a group of business and professional men of Eastern Carolina, to have an organization that would serve the section as a whole. This agitation started back in 1921 in the fall of that year.

After several meetings in the fall and again in the new year of 1922, at a group meeting in Goldsboro, February 15, 1922, it was definitely decided to launch this sectional development movement and at this meeting the present secretary was elected Secretary-Manager of the organization and has remained in that capacity from that day until this.

The new secretary took active charge of the organization, April 10th following. The late Dr. C. J. Ellen of Greenville was the first President, and served from April 1922 to April 1923, when Mr. George C. Royall of Goldsboro was elected as his successor, and he in turn served from April 1923 to April 1924, when Mr. John W. Holmes, prominent business man of Farmville, N. C., was elected as the third President. Mr. Holmes served the organization three years and was succeeded by Mr. J. B. Turnage of Ayden, prominent time merchant, and Chairman of the Pitt County Highway Commission, and active in the community life of Eastern Carolina. Mr. Turnage was succeeded by the late Mr. C. Felix Harvey, Jr., of Kinston, who prior to that time had served as District Governor of Kiwanis, and was active manager of the L. Harvey & Son Co., Kinston, N. C. Mr. Harvey was succeeded by A. S. Oliver, of Benson, another public-spirited citizen of that section. Dr. Oliver was succeeded by Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill, who served the organization eighteen months, and was succeeded by Guy V. Smith, prominent tobacconist of Greenville, N. C. Mr. Smith was succeeded by the present incumbent, Guy Elliott, April 1933. Judge Elliott is now serving his second term.

The Organization's First Objective.

The first big thing that the organization tackled as an objective in 1922 was a campaign to put into effect in Eastern Carolina a better balanced program of farming. To this end, a campaign was launched immediately to put at least 100 hens, one cow, and one brood sow on every farm in Eastern Carolina, and also to encourage commercial poultry raising as well as better bred stock. This campaign took definite shape in the fall of 1922 when the organization brought from the North a mammoth 2400-egg incubator and placed it on exhibition at the Wayne County fair in Goldsboro with a view of demonstrating to the prospective poultry raiser the value of commercializing poultry in Eastern Carolina. This incubator was purchased by a Wayne County farmer and this was the beginning of the commercial poultry raising in Eastern Carolina. At the present time it is conservatively estimated that the mammoth incubators in Eastern Carolina will easily rate up into the six figures.

Along with this campaign to improve the poultry flocks of Eastern Carolina went a campaign to bring into the section pure bred hogs. Four auction sales of pure bred hogs was sponsored by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce in Johnston County and in Goldsboro, which resulted in placing on the farms of dozens of farmers in Eastern Carolina pure bred hogs. A visit to the agriculture fairs in Sampson County or Wayne County, or Johnston County, will easily prove the effectiveness of this campaign, as you will see the hogs on exhibit that are the descendants of the pure bred animals that were sold at these sales.

Warning Against Boll Weevil.

Another important campaign was one of education to forewarn the cotton growers of Eastern Carolina as to the damaging effects the invasion of the boll weevil would have on the cotton farmers of this section. More than \$10,000 was actually expended by the organization in putting on demonstrations in carrying on an advertising campaign throughout the section. At this stage of the game, more than ten years after the campaign, a retrospection hour reveals the fact that whatever protection accrued from this campaign came through the knowledge that the cotton growers had obtained through this campaign before the actual invasion of the weevil.

The program of better balanced farming championed by the organization has been carried on in a more or less extensive manner up to the present time.

Some of the more recent activities of the organization came during the past year when the organization took the lead in bringing about a stabilization of peanut prices by the growers of Eastern Carolina. Immediately after Congress adjourned in 1933, when it was discovered that under the farm legislation in the past, marketing agreements could be entered into the past, marketing agreements with the Secretary of Agriculture for the purpose of handling peanuts through culture, the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce immediately took definite steps to bring about this kind of program. President Guy Elliott, Judge J. H. Matthews of Windsor, and Senator E. S. Askew of Bertie County, together with Secretary Bartlett, went to Washington June 12, 1933 and with the help of Congressman John H. Kerr secured an interview with Secretary Henry A. Wallace. When the committee informed Secretary Wallace of their mission, he immediately said that they had no time to devote to peanuts, that they were devoting their entire time and energies to cotton and wheat, but after a little persuasion on the part of the committee, the Secretary agreed to refer them to Mr. Chester C. Davis, the Director of the Production Division, with the suggestion that whatever Mr. Davis said would be satisfactory to him. The committee immediately called on Mr. Davis and found a very responsive ear to its plea. June 12, 1933 was the beginning moment which resulted in a minimum price of 3 1/2 c per pound for the farmers' peanuts of North-eastern North Carolina for 1933. It is very probable that the 1934 crop will have the same minimum price, though one year prior to 1933 the crops sold at 1c per pound. The organization was also very active in the campaign in bettering the price of tobacco in 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, and again in 1933.

During the past six months the organization has brought to the attention of the department heads in Washington the wonderful advantages to be offered here in the rehabilitation program which the Federal Emergency Relief Association is planning to put into effect. The organization officials and committees also made several trips to Washington in the interest of securing several subsistence homestead projects for Eastern Carolina. It is quite probable that the Eastern part of the State will secure its share of these new projects.

In the matter of securing the appropriation for the Morehead City terminal development, the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce played a very important part. Not only did the officials co-operate in the tabulation of facts and figures that were submitted to the departments at Washington, but through its personal contact with the powers at Washington in the latter stages of the campaign, much good was accomplished at the last meeting. Though it has not been made public yet, it is a fact that about three weeks before it was made certain that the appropriation would be approved by the President, the officials in charge of the Morehead City project, called into conference the President and Secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and very frankly acknowledged that help was needed and that they felt that this organization could render this help in a very opportune time. Immediately the wires were made busy with telegrams and communications to important persons close to the President, and the President himself; and immediately thereafter the results were announced. The organization, of course, does not claim full credit for securing this decision, but does feel that it had some part in determining a decision at least immediately.

Much Publicity for Eastern Carolina.

The publicity that the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce has given Eastern Carolina in the past twelve years cannot be measured in dollars and cents. It is conservatively estimated that one-fourth of a million pieces of literature has been sent to the four corners of the earth by this sectional organization, and at the present time there is being prepared for publication its most recent booklet, which will have 25,000 circulation, which particularly appeals to the tourist travel of the world.

Among other things the organization during the twelve years held the first peanut exposition ever held in America in Windsor, N. C., in December of 1926, which proved to be very helpful to the peanut industry at that time. The organization held annually for eight years the Eastern Carolina Exposition, which proved to be so popular with the people of the section.

This Year's Activities.

It must not be forgotten that along with the regular program of development, the organization has assisted in the marketing of perishable produce on more than one occasion. As a matter of fact the charter of the organization gives it authority to act as brokers or dealers in produce of all kinds. Another part of the program which the organization is spon-

soring this year is the operation of six agricultural and livestock fairs in Eastern Carolina and Virginia. It is the hope of the officials that by the operation of these fairs, interest in livestock and poultry and better farming will be stimulated again after a cessation of fairs for five years in the East. The present officers of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce are as follows: Judge Guy Elliott, Kinston, President; H. M. Tyler, Dunn, First Vice-President; C. J. Shields, Scotland Neck, Second Vice-President; C. P. Hsrper, Selma, Third Vice-President; D. F. Wooten, Treasurer, Kinston; N. G. Bartlett, Kinston, Secretary-Manager. The organization has about 1700 members in more than thirty-five counties in Eastern Carolina and hopes to increase its membership considerably in the coming twelve months.

To sum up the program, the Esstern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is one organization in the East that represents all interests in an impartial and unbiased manner. It stays clear of any intra-sectional quarrels but is ever on the alert to defend Eastern Carolina from outside enemies. These and many other projects have been handled and are still being handled by the sectional organization. The headquarters of the organization has been in Kinston for the last eleven years.

STATEMENT TRAVELERS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, ST. LOUIS, MO. Condition December 31, 1933, as Shown by Statement Filed

Balance from Previous Year	\$ 445,189.52
Income—From Members, \$1,014,850.75;	
Miscellaneous, \$17,205.23; Total	1,032,055.98
Disbursements—To Members, \$871,887.97;	
Miscellaneous, \$168,528.81; Total	1,040,413.78
Business written during year—Number of Policies, 4,308; - - - - - Amount, Accident Only	
Business in force at end of year—Number of Policies, 69,201.	

ASSETS

Value of Real Estate (less amount of encumbrances)	\$ 99,432.99
Value of Bonds and Stocks	285,071.10
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks not on interest	30,477.63
Deposited in Trust Companies and Banks on interest	20,000.00
Interest and Rents due and accrued	6,445.74
All other Assets, as detailed in statement	66,339.61
Total	\$ 507,767.07
Less Assets not admitted	41,628.55
Total admitted Assets	\$ 466,138.52

LIABILITIES

Death Claims resisted	\$ 38,902.75
Death Claims reported, but not yet adjusted	86,750.00
Sick and Accident Claims	61,428.54
Borrowed Money	65,000.00
Advance assessments	8,699.50
All other Liabilities, as detailed in statement	413.49
Total Liabilities	\$ 261,194.28

BUSINESS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING 1933

Policies or Certificates in force December 31st of previous year, - - - - - Number 4,694;	
- - - - - Accident Insurance Only	
Policies or Certificates issued during the year, - - - - - Number 176; - - - - - Accident Insurance Only	
Policies or Certificates in force December 31, 1933, Number 3,476; - - - - - Accident Insurance Only	
Losses and Claims unpaid December 31st of previous year, - - - - - Number 70; - - - - - \$	13,530.00
Losses and Claims incurred during the year, - - - - - Number 289; - - - - -	37,312.47
Losses and Claims paid during the year, Number 300; - - - - -	41,412.47
Losses and Claims unpaid December 31, 1933, - - - - - Number 48; - - - - -	7,930.00
Premiums and Assessments collected during the year in North Carolina, - - - - -	58,582.00

WM. E. WELLMAN, President.

T. S. LOGAN, Secretary-Treasurer.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
Raleigh, July 9th, 1934.

I, DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct abstract of the statement of the Travelers Protective Association of America, a Fraternal Order, of St. Louis, Mo., filed with this Department showing the condition of said Order on the 31st day of December, 1933.

Witness my hand and official seal the day and date above written.

DAN C. BONEY, Insurance Commissioner.