

### Industrial Potential

(Continued from Page 5, Section 2) bines in particular and the State as a whole is that of the seafood industry. This business in which some 25,000 North Carolinians are wholly or in part dependent for their livelihood is now estimated to gross between \$16,000,000 and \$20,000,000 annually in the State. This important industry, which is still largely undeveloped so far as it concerns realization of its full potential value to commercial fishermen as well as to the State as a whole, is to be surveyed and studied this year by the School of Business Administration, University of North Carolina, in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Development. Emphasis will be laid upon the prospects for freezing, packaging and marketing of this huge seafood crop, much of which is still being sold in season on daily fresh markets.

In addition to these two surveys, both of which were planned to aid in the program for general development of Eastern North Carolina, the Department of Conservation and Development, Director Douglas emphasizes, is not overlooking Eastern North Carolina in the over-all plans being pushed in the renewed and intensified drive to bring more industrial payrolls to the entire State.

**Food Processing**  
Encouraging progress is being made in the processing and packaging of truck crop products, long major factors in the economy of Eastern North Carolina. Such establishments as a new pickle plant at Mount Olive, a cannery for red peppers and probably in due course for other truck products at Dunn, several dehydration plants for seafood products along the coast, and growing diversification of new industries coming into the area com-

bine to give promise of "a better tomorrow" for Eastern North Carolina, Director Douglas believes. More local initiative is being shown throughout the State's eastern area in efforts being made to improve the general economy of the area, the C & D Director says. This is particularly true in the formation of local development organizations. The series of Industrial Development Forums held under sponsorship of the C & D department served to awaken Tar Heels in general to the realization that they must work more shoulder to shoulder with the department and other State agencies in helping plan and work for the economic development of North Carolina as a whole. Development workshops are now being held in each county to help local groups in their planning for new industries.

Another look at what Wachovia Bank and Trust Company's Covington found in his survey of Eastern North Carolina to learn more about what has happened in this section during the past few years and what the section has to offer in advantages to industry is in order at this point.

**Much Diversification**  
"Since 1949," Mr. Covington wrote in "The Wachovia," "plants to produce everything from hypodermic needles, cosmetics, and ammunition to prefabricated houses, frozen foods, and seamless hosiery, have been attracted to Eastern North Carolina. In all, over 100 representative concerns, including more than 15 major industries, have chosen the section which extends east from Raleigh to the coast.

Many are the smaller industries which, though not regional or national in stature, add nevertheless to the State's industrial diversification and are tremendously im-

### Parent Desertion Is Less Frequent In North Carolina than in Nation

Desertion by a parent is less frequently the reason families receive aid to dependent children (ADC) in North Carolina than in the nation as a whole. About 15 per cent of the families

receiving ADC in North Carolina need this help because a parent has deserted, according to studies by the State Board of Public Welfare. In the nation as a whole this cause is responsible for about 26 per cent of the ADC cases.

In every case of desertion where an ADC grant is involved the county superintendent of public welfare gives the name and all information available regarding the whereabouts of the deserting parent to the law enforcement officials. The courts have the responsibility for following through to secure contributions from the deserting parent for his family. A Federal law effective since July 1952 gives added support to the long time efforts to enforce North Carolina's support statutes.

**Fourth in Order**  
In North Carolina desertion is fourth in order of frequency among the reasons aid to dependent children is needed. Death of the father comes first with 28 per cent of the cases occasioned by this cause. Incapacity of the father is second with 23 per cent. Fathers in an institution (usually prison) is third with about 19 per cent in this group. In only 15 per cent of the ADC cases has the father deserted his family.

The facts for the nation show that the incapacity of the father is the major cause, followed by desertion, then death of the father as the third cause, and only eight per cent of fathers in institutions.

**Has Enforcement Law**  
North Carolina is one of 52 jurisdictions which have the uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act which provides a legal method for requiring a deserting parent to contribute to the support of his dependent children in another state or jurisdiction.

In this state the Superior Court is designated as the court having jurisdiction in the initiation of action under this law when the dependent children are in this state. That court also executes similar actions for out-of-State dependent children whose deserting parent is in this state. Washington, D. C. is one of the few major jurisdictions which do not have this law.

"Court action is necessary in requiring a deserting parent to contribute to the support of dependent children," said Dr. Ellen Winston, commissioner of the State Board of Welfare which supervises the county-administered welfare program in North Carolina.

"The fact that the whereabouts of a large proportion of the deserting parents is unknown makes it exceedingly difficult to get satisfactory results," she said.

"Over against cases in which full information cannot be obtained however, there are hundreds of cases in which payments from the deserting parents are secured as a result of the efforts of the welfare department in cooperation with the enforcement officials.

"Desertion by a parent and the resulting needs of the children emphasize the service which can be rendered by case workers in county departments of public welfare as they counsel with the remaining parent and children on their family problems," Dr. Winston said.

### Churchless Parish Marks 25th Year of Services

Orange, Mass. (AP) — A Universalist parish which has had no church or formal religious services for nearly 18 years observed the 25th anniversary recently of its monthly vespers.

The parish once had members in the towns of Dana and North Dana, Mass. These communities were wiped out when a huge reservoir supplying the Boston area was completed in 1936. Dana vespers had become a tradition by then, and they still are being held. Forty members of the original church membership are among the 141 who form the parish today.

Money from a trust fund provides for 12 services every year and usually enough for a "bonus" offering annually.

### PTA Congress Meets in April

**Board Positions, Two State Offices to Be Filled at Convention**

Gibsonville, N. C.—The 34th annual convention of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers will convene Tuesday, April 6, in Raleigh with headquarters at the Sir Walter Hotel. Approximately 450 delegates from all over the state will attend, representing the over a quarter of a million state members. Mrs. T. R. Easterling of Rocky Mount, state president, will preside for most of the general sessions.

The convention will last through Thursday night, April 8, when the annual convention banquet and installation of new officers will bring the meeting to a close. Mrs. John W. Crawford of Raleigh, state recording secretary, is convention



Mrs. Ralph Hobbs will attend

director. Host groups will be the Raleigh City PTA Council, of which Mrs. M. E. Klier is president, and the Wake County Council, headed by Mrs. John Adams.

Mrs. Ralph Hobbs of Chula, Ga., chairman of publicity for the National Congress, will be the national representative attending the meeting. She will participate on the program, and will make a radio appearance while in Raleigh.

Gov. William B. Umstead will address the opening session on Tuesday night. This will be followed by a reception at the hotel given by the city and county councils as honor for the delegates. Another speaker will be Dr. Carey H. Bostian, new chancellor of State College.

Featured again this year will be such convention special meetings as the Early Bird National Parent-Teacher Magazine Breakfast, the presidents' luncheon, the fathers' dinner for the men attending, a luncheon for Life Members and a dinner for the 10 district directors.

The two state offices to be filled at this convention are the presidency and that of corresponding secretary. The nominating committee met last month in Charlotte and Mrs. Harvey S. Godwin, Chairman, of Greensboro has announced that the name of Mrs. John W. Crawford has been proposed for the presidency, and that of Mrs. Joe S. Johnson of New Bern for secretary.

The executive committee will hold both pre and post convention meetings. The board of managers will meet Tuesday, April 8, prior to the formal opening. Board positions to be filled include the chairmanships of the following committees: Juvenile Protection, Lunch Room, Mental Health, Music, Exceptional Child, Historian, Program, Visual Education, World Citizenship, Recreation and Art. All are for three year terms except Art and Recreation, which will be for two years.

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