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Four Years Work By Chamber Commerce

A Fine Record By President Titsworth Is Here Recorded.

At the close of the fourth year of the Kent County Chamber of Commerce, at a time when the entire country has been going through an unusual depression, there is a degree of satisfaction to be gained by looking dispassionately at conditions in Kent and by counting our blessings, not smugly, but gratefully.

Although this section has suffered considerably from the long drought, it has escaped the wholesale devastation of many parts of the United States. One of the clearest proofs of this statement is the soundness of Kent's six banks. In other communities one bank after another has collapsed under the strain. Money is tight in Kent, yes. But the statement came from the County Treasurer that, on January 1, 1931, $2000 more in taxes had been paid than on the same date of the previous year, and that 71 per cent of the taxes due in the county were in.

The depressing effect of too much talking about hard times can be effectively offset by considering facts. Without any ballyhooing or exaggeration, the Chamber can and should help keep up the morale of the county by presenting the actual soundess of conditions in Kent.

Public Health Work

The Chamber of Commerce is actively interested in the public health work in the county and delights to lend its support at all times for its advancement.

During 1930 the Chamber got behind the movement to have Kent take its place with those counties in the State that have a full-time health officer. That hope was realized on June 1 last.

The Chamber has entered the health conservation contest for Kent County through the National Chamber of Commerce and is ambitious that the community receive a high rating. Because one of the points on which it will rate low is that of sewage disposal in Chestertown, the Chamber has been backing the local department of health in its efforts to secure a suitable sewerage system so that the pollution of the Chester River will cease.

Throughout the preparation and carrying through of the National Negro Health Week, the Chamber cooperated in every possible way. It had the extreme satisfaction of seeing Kent County win the cup for the best work for Negro Health Week for rural communities in the United States.

Since the County has enjoyed a full-time health officer, Washington College has been able to establish a students' health service under Dr. R. G. Beachley. This service includes a series of lectures on hygiene and a physical examination for every student. The College is now a member of the American Student Health Association.

Turkey Industry

From the time when the Chamber first organized work among the turkey growers of Kent to help them secure better markets until the growers themselves organized under their own name, the Chamber has felt a particularly keen interest in its offspring, the Maryland Turkey Growers Association of Kent County. In 1930, as in 1929, the Growers Association has been welcome to the Chamber's office as a meeting place, both buyers and growers using the services of the secretary and the office phone throughout the season. The Chamber is glad to be able to be of practical help in lessening the distance between grower and buyer. Kent's turkeys are enjoying a valuable reputation and the growers are to be congratulated on their scientific methods of raising birds. The three largest growers of the County continue to advertise Kent far and wide and this year two of them have again brought honors to Kent with winning birds.

Relief Work

Before the holiday season this past year, the Chamber sent out a call for toys, clothing, and contributions of cash to help make Christmas a cheerier time for the very poor in Kent.

The Washington College Orchestra and Glee Club generously staged a concert to raise funds for the work. The amount raised made it possible to send out baskets of food at Christmas time and together with other contributions, to build up a small working fund to buy food which is being sent out at intervals as need arises? Needy families were and are found through the public health nurse and the attendance officer, both of whom come in contact with all kinds of need throughout the county. In distributing clothing that was donated, the Chamber's Committee took care to select the size and kind most needed. The Chamber still has a supply on hand to provide for new needs as they are discovered. It is hoped to make relief work an established part of the Chamber's activities in the future, particularly during the winter season, or, at least, until a better way is found to handle the situation.

The County should have a trained social worker to handle this problem.

The Chestertown Mercantile Section

The Chestertown Mercantile Section has just completed a busy year. While it suffered a serious loss in the passing away of its president, M. Edward Newsome, A. S. Turner, Jr., its vice-president, has kept the organization moving so that there has been no let-down. The loss of Mr. Newsome is keenly felt as he was one of the faithful who always shoulder their share of work—and more.

The Chamber staged a splendid dollar day on March 19 which brought many people to Kent and Chestertown.

In April the merchants undertook their part of the work involved in Road Day, an occasion promoted by the Chamber and of which celebration Mr. Marion deK. Smith was general chairman. Committees were named and meetings were held weekly. For the occasion, the Section purchased permanent decorations which can be used in the future.

Feeling that a new charter was needed for Chestertown, a committee of merchants called a public meeting to consider revision. Many subsequent meetings, with hard work by many of the Section, resulted in a modern charter.

In the battle of the truck lines the Section supported the independent companies, protesting against granting permits to the Baltimore Transfer Company and PAX.

The Section staged its usual Christmas treat for Kent and Queen Anne's and attracted many people to Chestertown. Besides the regular distribution of gifts to the children, a treasure hunt and a Punch and Judy Show afforded much delight to the younger set.

The recent emergency call from the Red Cross met with prompt support by the merchants who contributed generously toward Chestertown's quota of $700.

Miscellaneous Activities

The Secretary reports an increase over last year in the number of tourists coming to the office during the summer for information as to resorts, and of those, here merely on day trips, inquiring about places of interest in this section. On several occasions the Secretary acted as guide to nearby points. Many letters of inquiry were also received as to boarding places for the summer along the shores of the County—Betterton, Tolchester, and Gratitude. Undoubtedly, each received its quota of guests from recommendations made at the office.

During the building of the Chester River Bridge many bridge workers came to the Chamber for information as to rooms and boarding places. The citizens of Chestertown were invited to register their rooms with the office without cost and in that way many outsiders found pleasant quarters for their stay in Chestertown, and townspeople were aided in renting rooms.

Early in January, 1931, a new constitution and by-laws for the Chamber were drawn up, adopted, printed and mailed to all members.

The Chamber has kept in close touch with the plans for a new post office for Chestertown. On January 19 a delegation from the organization met Congressman T. Alan Goldsborough and Major Heath, first assistant secretary of the treasury, in Washington to confer on the matter. Mr. Goldsborough has been most thoughtful in keeping the Chamber posted as developments progress.

Transportation

Transportation, one of the major activities this past year, has covered many phases.

The matter of bus service was taken up early in the year when complications arose from winter road conditions and the irregular schedule of the Tolchester Ferry. Mr. Heaster, of the Red Star Motor Coaches, Inc., attended a meeting of the diretcors of the Chamber to help work out a plan whereby passengers to and from Tolchester would be cared for, upon proper notice of any irregularity of the Ferry's schedule. The Red Star Motor Coaches were very cooperative in the matter.

Twice during the year the independent truck lines appeared before the directors to ask the cooperation of the Chamber in protecting their rights before the Public Service Commission. Not only were written protests sent to the Commission but representatives of the Chamber attended the hearings to urge against granting blanket franchises to the Baltimore Transfer Company and the P A X. The independent truck lines won their case.

It was with much gratification that the Chamber viewed the building and completion of the Chester River concrete bridge which is a marked improvement over the old wooden structure. The County has now a wonderful Southern gateway.

The President was appointed chairman of a committee on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge of the Delmarva Eastern Shore Association which succeeded in getting the approval of the Association for the proposed Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Members of the committee also made a number of visits to Baltimore to the Bridge Commission meetings. The Chamber sent out broadcast cards featuring comparative mileage by various routes, including that over

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COUNTRY CLUB COMMITTEE LIST

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—P. G. Wilmer, Chairman, P. M. Brooks, E. W. Emory, H. C. Hughes, J. S. W. Jones, Ernest Strong.

HOUSE COMMITTEE—James G. Beck, Chairman, Wm. S. Collins, H. C. Hughes.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE—Thomas W. Perkins, Chairman, Stephen R. Collins, W. R. Hubbard, Simon W. Westcott.

GOLF COMMITTEE—Claude Truslow, Chairman, J. T. Kibler, J. G. Metcalfe, Harry Russell, M. deK. Smith.

HANDICAP COMMITTEE—D. W. Ingersoll, Chairman.

AQUATIC COMMITTEE—E. W. Emory, Chairman, Col. I. Price Ewing, E. F. Perkins.

REGATTA COMMITTEE — Neal Truslow, Chairman, J. P. Corcoran, Dorsey Hines, T. W. Perkins, Tilghman H. Moyer.

TENNIS COMMITTEE—Dr. T. H. Fowler, Chairman, R. H. Collins, Jr., Dudley G. Roe.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE—Eben F. Perkins, Chairman, Morris K. Barroll, A. A. Harris, James W. Johns, Rolph Townshend, W. B. Usilton.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Simon W. Westcott, Chairman, R. R. Corey, S. Scott Beck, Dr. W. R. Howell Donald Stam.

$50,000 Cigarette Contest Under Way

A contest offering $50,000 in prizes has been announced by R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, makers of Camel cigarettes, with special announcements in practically every newspaper in the United States. Eight days are allowed for submission of essays, the contest closing at midnight on March 4.

Prizes will be awarded for the best answers to the question: "What significant change has recently been made in the wrapping of the Camel package, containing twenty cigarettes, and what are its advantages to the smoker?" Answers are limited to 200 words in length, must be written on one side of the paper only and are to be mailed to the Contest Editor, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.

First prize is $25,000, with second and third prizes of $10,000 and $5,000. Numerous smaller prizes will also be awarded. Judges of the contest are Ray Long, president of the International Magazine Company and editor of Cosmopolitan Magazine; Roy Howard, chairman of the board of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers, and Charles Dana Gibson, internationally known artist and publisher of Life Magazine.

The contest is part of what advertising experts declare is one of the most intensive advertising campaigns ever staged. Practically every daily and county seat weekly newspaper in the country will be used as well as college periodicals and financial newspapers. This campaign is to be followed by an aggressive advertising drive through newspapers, magazines, radio and outdoor display.

Tuna an Enigma

The bluefin tuna, which has almost world-wide distribution, appears in southern California waters in June and leaves in September, with no one knowing where the fish come from or where they go.

Communion Token

The token which was used by many of the early Presbyterian churches as an identification of the person expecting to participate in the communion was a small metal disk usually inscribed with the name of the church or some other designating mark, which was presented to each person as admitted to full church membership. It was shown at the communion services.

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