Note: The withholding tax withheld from salaries of the officer for the three months endede June 30, 1944 was paid to the collector of internal revenue during the month of July, 1944.

Exhibit E

THE FIREMEN'S FRATERNAL INSURANCE FUND OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION Ed. A. Johnson, Treasurer

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1944

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30), 1944	
	Mortuary Fund	General Fund
CASH RECIPTS:		
John L. Miller, secretary, assessments and initiation	n	
fees	\$29,422.49	\$2,942.24
Bonds sold or redeemed:		
Liberty Storage Company		
N. C. State Highway bonds (due 1-1-49)	6,916.20	2,305.40
N. C. State Highway bonds (due 1-1-48)		
N. C. State Highway bonds (due 1-1-46)		
Stock redeemed, Piedmont Building & Loan	2,000.00	
Income from investments:		
Interest:		
U. S. savings bonds, series G		50.00
State of North Carolina bonds		85.00
Liberty Storage Company bonds		
University of N. C. bonds	162.50	
Dividends:		
Brown Manufacturing Company		
Chatham Manufacturing Company		
First Federal Savings & Loan Association		
Piedmont Building & Loan Association		
Piedmont Federal Savings & Loan Association	150.00	
Total receipts	\$52,486.62	\$5,382.64
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Death claims (25)	\$25,000.00	
Investments, U. S. Savings bonds, series G	23.000.00	\$4,000.00
John L. Miller, secretary, salary		1,468.59
Ed. A. Johnson, treasurer, salary		142.50
Stationery and postage		93.20
Surety bond premiums		34.38
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N. C. State license and fees	58.00
Custodian fees59	.75 3.42
Auditing services71	.79 5.59
Intangible tax	12.78
Total disbursements\$48,131	.54 \$5,818.46
INCREASE IN CASH BALANCE DURING YEAR	
(DECREASE \$435.82 included under general fund) \$ 4,355.	.08 \$ 435.82
CASH BALANCE, July 1, 1943 13,004.	.10 2,000.45
CASH BALANCE, June 30, 1944\$17,359.	.18 \$1,564.63
Note: The withholding tax withheld from the salary of the	secretary for

Note: The withholding tax withheld from the salary of the secretary for the three months ended June 30, 1944, was paid to the collector of internal revenue during the month of July, 1944.

It was moved that the auditor's report be accepted and spread upon the minutes. Motion seconded and carried.

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT

By A. W. Brinson

President Burkett, Fellow Firemen, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I submit to you my report of statistics for the fifty-sixth annual convention assembled here in Charlotte, the friendly host of our Association.

It has been two years since we met, as last year's convention was called off on account of the war. Since our last meeting in Greensboro we have been in the midst of the greatest war in the history of all time. Many firemen of our Association have answered the call to serve their country in this global conflict. The Firemen not called on to fight in this war have been fighting here at home and have won one of the greatest battles of time against that ever present enemy, the FIRE DEMON, who is forever taking lives and destroying property and more especially so since he has as his accomplice that Black Traitor—WAR-SABOTAGE.

FIRE COLLEGE AND DRILL SCHOOL: Your annual Fire College and Drill School was held again this year in our host city of Charlotte May 23, 24 and 25. The school was one of the largest in attendance having more than 400 registered. The whole program was considered by all as one of the most outstanding in the history of the school. The high lights were the lectures and demonstrations by Chief of Maintenance, O. E. Fearn, of the District of Columbia Fire Department, Washington, D. C., and Lieutenant Sherwood Brockwell, Jr., of the Bomb Disposal School of the United States Army. Among those attending and receiving certificates

were eighty odd members of the Engineering Corps of the United States Army, Camp Sutton, North Carolina.

The State Fire College and Drill School was followed by the Eastern Carolina Fire College and Drill School held at Greenville on June 29 and 30. This school was well attended by firemen from a number of Eastern Carolina cities and towns. The feature of this school was an elaborate demonstration of Crash Trucks. These demonstrations were conducted with crash trucks and men from the United States Marine Corps at Seymour Johnson Field and from the Greenville Air Field. Eighteen members of the United Stataes Marine Air Field yere issued certificates from the school. This school is an extension of the North Carolina State Fire College and Drill School and was conducted by our conductor Sherwood Brockwell and Chief George W. Gardner.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: Fire Prevention Week was observed in October 1943 and most cities and towns throughout the entire state were active in teaching prevention of fires of the future. Gastonia having come from second place in 1942 to the highest place of all cities and towns in North Carolina won the honor of taking first place in North Carolina for 1943. Rocky Mount was a close runner-up to Gastonia and was named for second place along with Asheville, Durham, Greensboro and Salisbury, all having won positions in the National Contest. Albemarle, Burlington, Charlotte, Dunn, High Point, Lenoir, Oxford, Reidsville, Tarboro and Washington received creditable mention in their respective classifications. The reports submitted represented considerably over a thousand cities and towns in the United States, Alaska and Canada. This speaks within itself praise for North Carolina Firemen.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM: The Educational Program, exclusive of the State and Regional schools, has initiated instructive programs in all meetings of the several Regional Associations and groups of the State Association. Also talks and lectures have been given by the chairman of the Educational Committee before civic clubs and other organizations throughout the state. Since the last report the National Board of Fire Underwriters has published a bulletin (Bulletin No. 189) and distributed it throughout the United States, Alaska and Canada, which is composed of excerpts from a speech "Fire Department Personnel Training" delivered before the International Association of Fire Chiefs in Chicago, Illinois, by Sherwood Brockwell, Chairman of the Educational Committee of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION: Governor Broughton on May 10, 1944, presented our dearly beloved Sherwood Brockwell with a 30 year CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION, which is as follows and speaks the feeling of every fireman's heart in the state of North Carolina:

WHEREAS, Sherwood Brockwell has served as State Fire Marshal of the State of North Carolina for over 30 years, in which position he has rendered distinguished service to the State of North Carolina

and to its various municipalities; and Whereas, Fire Marshal Brockwell has cooperated in every possible way in building up the fire departments of the municipalities of the State and has served untiringly to promote the best interest of these men who protect the property and lives of our citizens; and Whereas, his unusual talents and capable leadership in the field of fire protection have many times attracted national attention to the extent that he is recognized throughout the nation as one of the leading men in this field of public service

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of his long period of public service and of his devotion to the high public service to which his life has been dedicated, I, J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, do confer upon the said Sherwood Brockwell, State Fire Marshal, this CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION and expression of appreciation.

Witness my hand and seal of the State of North Carolina, this 10th day of May, A. D., 1944.

J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON, Governor of North Carolina

FIRE TOLLS: Again it is gratifying to be able to report to you that NO school children lost their lives in North Carolina school fires in 1943.

There were 77 deaths in North Carolina in 1943 caused from conflagrations of buildings. Accidental deaths took α toll of 160 lives of our men, women and children. This does not include deaths from automobiles and planes. These deaths came from such causes as careless handling of oil and other inflammable fuels, outdoor fires, playing with matches, scalding, smoking in bed and many others.

A NOTE OF INTEREST: Two hundred thirty-eight people lost their lives in aeroplane accidents and crashes in North Carolina in 1943. Compared with the total loss of lives from burning buildings and accidental deaths in the state this exceeds the combined toll by one. Many of these aeroplane accidents and crashes caused death by fire, however, I was unable to ascertain the number of people who were burned from such accidents. There are no figures available at present for the loss of life caused by fires for the United States in 1943.

FIRE CHIEFS' MEETING: The North Carolina Fire Chiefs' Association met in Salisbury on March 8, 9 and was well attended. Fire chiefs from every section of the state were present and the two days were well spent in furthering the cause of fire protection. President Palmer reported one of the most successful meetings ever held. Chief Burkett, President of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, was a grand host, as usual, and escorted the members attending through the Southern Railroad Company's shops which was an interesting trip to all.

STATE FIRE LOSS: The 1943 fire losses reported paid by the various insurance companies to the North Carolina Insurance Commis-

sioner were \$5,920,000. Using the 30 per cent formula generally used by the National Board of Underwriters to determine the uninsured loss we find it to be \$1,776,000. When we add the insured loss of \$5,920,000 to the uninsured loss of \$1,776,000, it shows North Carolina had a loss of \$7,696,000. Using the formula and figures above a per capita loss for North Carolina for 1943 and on the estimated population of 4,928,785 would be \$1.95. The estimated per capita loss for the United Staates in 1943 was \$2.79, thus North Carolina still has a favorable per capita loss in spite of our \$36 cents increase over \$1942.

In comparing our 1943 loss with 1942 we find that we have an increase of \$1,606,286, which gives the per capita increase of 36 cents. There are many contributing factors that have caused our loss by fire to rise in the year of 1943. First, we will all agree, could be named WAR SABOTAGE. Second the increase could be caused to some extent by many men going into military service being forced to store their furniture in all kinds of places, many of which proved to be fire hazards. In some cases fires have originated in service men's homes when their wives went to visit the men and left their homes locked and not properly protected. Another possible factor could be the draft which has taken numbers of experienced volunteer and paid firemen from many departments through the state so that the possible effect has reflected in state fire loss increase over 1942.

NATIONAL FIRE LOSS: The fire losses for 1943 in the United States as reported by the National Board of Fire Underwriters was \$380,235,000 or 65,940,000 increase over the year 1942. The 1943 loss was the highest loss since the depression year of 1932 when there was a reported loss of \$400.859,554.

Fire losses for the first five months of 1944 are reported by the National Board of Fire Underwriters as \$183,497,000. This compares with a loss of \$163,660,000 reported for the same period of 1943 and represents an increase of 12 per cent. These figures, based upon insurance losses, with a fixed percentage of allowance for uninsured and unreported losses, do not reflect the increased contribution of the national fire loss made by fires in uninsured government-owned properties. Such losses are not currently reported through any central agency but it appears clear from the fragmentary information that is available if these uninsured government losses were included, the fire loss curve would show a still more pronounced upward trend. The National Fire toll figures are not yet available.

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT: I have again this year, with the cooperation of Mr. Brockwell and the Insurance Commissioner's office, made a complete summary of the number of paid and volunteer firemen and fire fighting equipment as reported to the Insurance Commissioner's office. This report represents 177 cities and towns with a combined population of 1,132,467 (1940 census) men, women, and children who are being protected by the firemen of the North Carolina State Firemen's

Association.

When we compare the equipment for 1943 with that of 1942 we must take into consideration that it is war time and the comparisons are especially interesting in noting the improvements in the state fire fighting equipment and personnel. First we find that we have a gain of 50 in number of paid fireman over 1942, with a corresponding loss of 44 in the number of volunteers. This gives us a total of 4283 firemen as of October 1, 1943 with a gain over 1942. We do find that many paid and volunteer firemen answered Uncle Sam's call to service from all over the state, however these firemen have been replaced in most instances with some cities and towns increasing the number of firemen.

Our equipment consists of 13 aerial trucks, 27 ladder trucks, 71 auto hose trucks, with hose capacity of 61,900 feet, 301 combination pumpers, 83 hand reels with a capacity of 35,300 feet of hose. There was reported new or in first class condition 616,970 feet of hose. This is an increase of 7,020 feet.

I especially wish to call your attention to the increases in your equipment and its value. You had one rescue truck, one aerial and one pumper again, but many new pumpers replaced old and wornout jobs. We find two hose trucks and six ladder trucks replaced with pumpers. Your pumping capacity was increased by 650 gallons thus giving a total pumping capacity of 193,800 gallons per minute.

It is with extreme pleasure that we see the cities and towns increase the value of our total equipment α quarter million dollars. The total value as of October 1, 1943 reported to the Insurance Commissioner was \$3,867,309.

In closing I wish to express my sincere appreciation to our good friend Sherwood Brockwell and the Insurance Commissioner's office for their full cooperation in helping me to secure the necessary information to compile my reports.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT W. BRINSON, Statistician

DONALD SHUFORD:

Since listening to the report of the Statistician I don't think we ought to pass it by with just a motion that it be accepted. I think his Association should thank Albert Brinson for the fine work he has done. He has spent days and weeks in research work to get these figures. I, myself, would like a copy of it. It will be published in the minutes I know, and if you will get that report and study it you will find out a lot of things you didn't know.

I, personally, make a motion to thank him for his report and that it be adopted and spread upon the minutes, and I want to thank him for the information that I personally get out of the report.

MOTION seconded and unanimously carried.

Burnsville Candor Conton Carolina Beach Carboro Carthage Cary Chadbourne Chapel Hill Charlotte Cherryville China Grove Clayton Clinton Columbia Concord	997 5,037 5,37 1,455 1,281 1,141 1,576 3,654 100,899 3,225 1,567 1,711 3,557 1,090 15,572	16 22 22 35 22 18 16 25 19 16 15 17 23 16	2 138 2	1	3	1 1 1	1,500 500 900 1,500 700	1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	500 750 600 600 350 500 750 7,000 750 500 1,100 850 2,350	2 2	400 1,000 900 500 300 600 800 500	2,000 Telephone 1,500 Sirene 2,400 Gamewell 2,100 Sirene 1,250 Sirene 2,300 Sirene 1,350 Sirene 1,900 Gamewell 28,000 Gamewell 2,500 Sirene 2,100 Sirene 1,500 Sirene 1,500 Sirene 1,500 Sirene 1,700 Sirene 2,700 Sirene	2 1 2 2 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 1	8,000 2,200 15,000 12,000 2,500 4,500 3,000 5,750 7,000 384,210 15,000 3,660 13,550 12,000
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ABSTRACT FROM STATISTICIAN'S REPORT 1944

Summary of the Fire Fighting Equipment in Various Cities and Towns of North Carolina as Reported to the Insurance Commissioner as of October 1, 1943.

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Cities and Towns	Population 1940 Census	Volunteer Firemen	Paid Firemen	Aerial Trucks	Ladder Trucks	Auto Hose Trucks	Auto Hose Truck Capacity	Combination Pumper	Pumping Capacity Gallons	Hand Reels	Hand Reel Capacity	Number Feet Fire Hose	Alarm System	Number Pieces Equipment	Total Value All Equipment
Aberdeen Ahoskie Albemarle Andrews Angier Apex Asheboro Asheville Ayden Beaufort Belhaven Benson Belmont Bessemer City Bothel Biltmore Forest Black Mountain Blowing Rock Boone Brevard Bryson City Burlington	1,076 2,313 4,060 1,520 1,028 977 6,981 51,310 1,884 3,272 2,360 1,837 4,356 2,567 1,333 476 1,042 654 1,788 3,061 1,788 3,061 1,512 12,198	17 13 13 20 9 20 25 24 39 20 11 15 24 22 20 40 20 14 18 18	3 61 1 1 1 2 4	2	1	2	1,500 500 1,000 1,200 500	227131111121123	800 1,500 1,750 1,750 1,000 1,350 5,500 5,500 300 500 500 500 500 750 750 1,250 750 750 7,50 7,50 7,50 7,50	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	400 250 500 500 500	2,100 3,000 5,900 1,700 2,000 4,000 3,600 3,600 3,600 2,055 1,500 1,500 1,500 1,500 1,600 1,500 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600 1,600	Telephone Telephone Telephone Sirene Sirene Sirene Gamewell Telephone Camewell Sireen Sirene Sirene Camewell Camewell Camewell Sirene Camewell Sirene Camewell Sirene Camewell Sirene Camewell Sirene	1 2 4 3 1 1 2 2 3 1 1 1 2 2 2 1 2 4	\$ 15,000 14,000 22,500 4,000 4,800 92,000 8,000 28,000 10,000 7,500 4,000 10,000 7,500 12,000 12,000 12,000 10,000 7,500 10,000 9,000 7,500 10,000 60,000

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Halifax Hamlet Hamlet Henderson Hendersonville Hertford Hickory High Point Hot Springs Hillsboro Jacksonville Kannapolis Kernersville Kings Mountain Kinston LaGrange Laurinburg Leaksville Lenoir Lexington Lillington Lincolnton Littleton Louisburg Lumberton Madison Maiden Manteo Marion Marshal Maxton Mebane Mocksville Monroe Mooresville Morree ad City Morganton	474 5,111 7,647 5,381 1,969 13,487 38,495 1,311 873 25,000 2,103 6,547 15,000 1,647 15,685 1,886 10,550 914 4,525 1,200 2,309 5,803 1,688 1,833 1,833 1,688 1,550 2,309 5,803 1,688 1,510 2,889 1,156 2,060 1,647 6,682 3,695 7,670	No re 199 1 16 16 17 40 16 19 26 23 12 26 15 11 18 21 20 21 20 21 22 23 23 23 23 23 23	1 7 2 6 59 4 1 12 1 1 4 4 7 2 1 1 1 2 3 1 1 1 5 2 2 2 2 2 2	1			1,000 1,000 300 750	23 1 4 5 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	1,350 2,400 750 750 3,750 500 3,750 500 1,000 2,750 2,000 750 1,250 1,100 500 1,250 1,100 1,250	1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2	500 300 500 1,000 500 250 500 400	3,000 4,500 2,400 2,400 11,150 1,800 2,700 2,500 3,500 7,100 2,150 3,500 2,750 2,400 2,450 2,400 2,400 1,000 1,500	Sirene Gamewell Gamewell Gamewell Sirene Sirene Sirene Sirene Sirene Sirene Sirene Gamewell Sirene Jariene Sirene Sirene Sirene Sirene Sirene Sirene Sirene Jariene Sirene Jariene Jar	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	19,000 25,000 5,000 5,000 88,000 110,000 4,500 5,000 15,000 6,000 1,500 6,000 16,000 16,000 25,000 25,000 25,000 2,000 3,000 4,000 25,000 2,500

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Pinehurst Pinetops Pittsboro	1,800 713 826	20 14 12	2			1	1,000	2	400 1,050	1	500 500	1,400 Sîrene 2,80 0 Gamewell 2,000 Sirene	3	1,500 15,000 4, 0 00
Plymouth Raeford Raleigh	2,461 1,628 46,897	24 25	1			1	800	1 2	750 850			1,200 Sirene 2,750 Sirene 2,500 Sirene	1 2 2	2,284 1,800 9,000
Red Springs Reidsville Roanoke Rapids	1,559	20 18	52			2	1,000	7 1 2	5,750 500 1,500	1	500	9,000 Gamewell 1,550 Sirene 2,500 Sirene	10	132,0 0 0 5,000 25,000
Rockwell Robersonville Rockingham	8,545 825 1,407	23 23 23	2		1	1	750	2	1,100	1	500	3,900 Sirene 1,500 Sirene 2,100 Sirene	3	12,500 1,45 0 10,000
Rocky Mount Roseboro Rowland	3,657 25,568 939	16 33 16	17	1		1	1,000	2 4 1	1,250 3,350 500	1	500	2,200 Gamewell 8,500 Gamewell 2,300 Sirene	6 2	12,500 60,0 0 0 5,500
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Smithfield Snow Hill Southern Pines	3,678 928 3,226	15 13 19	1			1	800	2	1,250	2	300	1,950 Sirene 3,500 Sirene 1,800 Sirene	2 2 1	5,000 16, 0 00 2,500
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REPORT ON FIRE COLLEGE AND DRILL SCHOOL

By Sherwood Rockwell

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

I have a book here which I will not read; with your kind permission I will touch the high spots. I wish to add what Mr. Shuford said about Mr. Brinson's report except what it said about me. That report didn't just happen. When it is distributed I want you to take it in your off hours and peruse it because in every great endeavor there must be one man in the group with a talent for research, a desire to do it and with the faculty of putting it together in entertaining reading in order that we may know and keep abreast of what is going on in your own North Carolina Association. I am glad Mr. Shuford made the remarks.

September 13th, 1944

Mr. Charles L. Burkett,

President, North Carolina Friemen's Association,

In Convention Assembled,

Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Representing the Fire College and Drill School Committee of the North Carolina Firemen's Association, I, as Chairman of the Committee and Conductor of the Fire College and Drill School, have the honor of presenting

REPORT OF THE 1944 SESSION

Conducted in Charlote, N. C., May 23, 24, 25.

The 1944 Session consisted of six lecture periods and three drill periods. Total overall attendance, including visitors and observers, was FOUR HUNDRED and TWENTY-ONE.

Of this four hundred and twenty-one, THREE HUNDRED and SEV-ENTY men, representing EIGHTY-FOUR Fire Departments and ONE Unit of the Army of the United States, registered for the 1944 session.

The eighty-four Fire Departments represented included members of seventy-seven North Carolina Fire Departments; two South Carolina Fire Departments; five Military Post Civilian Personnel Fire Departments and one Unit of seventy-two officers and enlisted men of the Army of the United States.

Of the three hundred and seventy men registered THREEHUNDRED and FIFTY-THREE attended all lecture periods and observed the work of the drill periods and were awarded

(353) FIRE COLLEGE CERTIFICATES (353)

Of the three hundfred and fifty-three awarded Fire College Certificates, TWO HUNDRED and EIGHTY-ONE participated in all of the drill periods and were awarded

(281) DRILL SCHIIL CERTIFICATES (281)

ONE HUNDRED and FORTY-SIX of those awarded Drill School cer-