

1. The Chamber of Commerce has conducted itself as a willing and useful friend of the farmer during the twenty years of its existence.

2. The forerunner of the Chamber of Commerce was the Merchants Association and among its various activities was that of being a collection agency for its members.

3. This adjunct naturally was never popular with those who happened to owe bills and when the debtor happened to be a farmer he sometimes endeavored to put himself in the position of one who was being wronged.

4. Nevertheless, progress was made in creating good will and understanding between city and country. At one time the Chamber of Commerce and Farmers' Union cooperated in a big dinner, in which farmers brought the food supplies and C. of C. cooked and served the dinner.

5. Road conditions early engaged the attention of civic organizations. In Lawrence as in many other places the worst roads were