

EXECUTIVES' WIVES AT BRIDGE PARTY



Shown above are the wives of the Chamber of Commerce executives who were entertained at a bridge party at the home of Mrs. T. N. Massie Monday evening, with Mrs. Woody Hampton as joint hostess. Shown with the ladies is W. Kerr Scott, Democratic nominee for Governor.

Reading left to right are Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. Massie, Mrs. Nell Johnson, Mr. Scott. Second row, Mrs. William Burman, Mrs. Roy Kirchner, Mrs. Harry J. Kusz, Mrs. G. C. Meads, Mrs. Joan Farrell, Mrs. Grover Wilkes, Mrs. Robert Warrick, Mrs. Jasper C. Hutto, Mrs. Max Steelman, Mrs. C. E. McIntosh, Mrs. W. T. Kyzer.—Photo by Donnahoe.

Commerce Executives

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president, Harry J. Krusz was presented with a sterling silver set in appreciation for his service as president during the past two years.

The main speaker for the banquet meeting was Dr. Sylvester Green, Editor of the Durham Herald, whose subject was, "An Editor Looks at Chamber of Commerce in North Carolina."

Dr. Green stated that in preparing his talk for the occasion he had his ace reporter, Jimmy Scribble, to go out on the streets of Durham and nearby towns and find out what the people on the streets think of Chamber of Commerce. He got five very definite statements and reactions from these interviews were as follows:

- 1—Just another luncheon club of so-called do-gooders
- 2—Protective group for big business interests—to restrict (a) laborers' pay—(2) good working conditions: (3) new industries. A sort of closed corporation of local capitalists with no sense of

responsibility for community's good.

3—Cover up bad things of the community—tell only the good.

4—Preservers of white supremacy throughout the Nation.

5—Political machine to elect officials cordial to N.A.M. and the U.S.C. of C. lobby objectives.

Then Editor Green took these five things his reporters found and tested them against the truth and interpreted them for his audience, admitting truth but denying the untruth.

He said, "The Chamber of Commerce is not just another luncheon club. It is composed of sincere men and women who would do good but who do not make it a professional process."

"The Chamber is not a protective closed corporation for capitalists. However, we believe in a capitalistic system, but a free enterprise system is based on that principal. The growth and perpetuity of the community looks to this system—without it we would have no community. The Chamber does favor good working conditions for industrial workers, but does take no part in labor and industrial quarrels.

"The Chamber does not cover up the bad faults of its community and show the good points only. It sees these faults and calls attention to them in closed meetings and seeks ways to correct them. It is the Chamber's duty to place the good points of a community before the public.

"The fourth complaint 'Preserver of White Supremacy'. This is a much larger social problem than a Chamber of Commerce can handle. There is much negro business—growing and cooperating must be cultivated. There ought to be a way to do this without flaunting social customs or without passing on moral issues involved, the speaker stated.

"Political no — only as individuals are members of the Chamber of Commerce interested in politics."

After all the only criterion for judging any Chamber of Commerce is by its results for the community. Is the community better, better schools, better business, better senses of social responsibility, better citizens with broader concerns because of the Chamber of Commerce? These are the things on which to judge your organization.

LADIES ENTERTAINED
The visiting ladies were entertained at bridge Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. T. N. Massie with Mrs. Massie and Mrs. Woody Hampton as joint hostesses.

PICKLESIMER ON BOARD
The convention elected Jasper C. Hutto of Lumberton as its new president. Others officers named are: Charles L. McCullers of Kingston, vice-president; George D. Colclough of Burlington, Secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Krusz, Robert D. Warrick of Statesville, Felix Picklesimer, of Sylva, Floyd F. Kay of Charlotte, John H. Farrell of Wilmington, William Ficklen of Shelby and G. C. Mead of Elizabeth City, members of the board of directors.

Other speakers on Monday afternoon program included W. Kerr Scott, Democratic nominee for Governor, John C. Thomas, Willard T. Kyser and George B. Colclough.

JARRETT FUNERAL

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keeper, entertainer, commodity speculator and grain trader.

He had been returned Thursday night from the Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, where he had been a patient since last Saturday.

Mr. Jarrett was listed by the U. S. department of agriculture as one of the nation's "big traders" in grains and commodities and his grain holdings were said to be in excess of one-half million bushels in January.

In addition to the hotel, which he purchased and had operated since 1893, Mr. Jarrett bought the Sylva laundry and dry cleaning firm recently, was owner of the Sylva ice plant at Maple Springs,

the cold storage plant and the post office building in Dillsboro in addition to other holdings in the area. He was a native of Asheville.

As a young man, he served in the general assembly of the state legislature (1909) as representative from Jackson county. An ardent, life-long Republican, he ran for congress from the 11th district in 1940 and was active in party affairs the greater part of his life.

Mr. Jarrett's accomplishments in the field of arts and entertainment were varied. A prolific writer and composer, his best known and longest poem was "Ocooneechee, the Maid of the Mystic Lake." He also published a volume entitled "Back Home and Other Poems."

His more popular songs, published as sheet music, included "Carolina Mountain" and "In The Hills

I Love." He was a vigorous opponent of many New Deal policies and expressed some of his views musically with a song titled, "The Old New Deal."

Mr. Jarrett was widely known as a philanthropist, having contributed liberally to Mars Hill, Brevard and Wake Forest colleges, the Oxford (Masonic) orphanage, and Baptist churches from Asheville to Murphy. He seldom refused a needy, worthy enterprise.

Born in Asheville July 21, 1864, he lived in the city most of the time until reaching manhood and had many friends throughout this area. Even in later years, he was in great demand in Asheville as a speaker. He moved to Macon county in 1885 and eight years later established residence in Jackson, here he had lived the remainder of his life.

PERSONALS

Jimmy and J. C. Resor are visiting in Cincinnati, Ohio. They will return from there to State College in Raleigh where they will both be students.

Miss Jean Barrett of Dillsboro has returned to Converse College in Spartanburg, S. C., where she will work on her Masters and teach.

Dr. Ralph Jarrett of Charlotte

As a small boy, Robert Frank Jarrett lived for a year or two in Atlanta and Dalton, Ga., before returning to Buncombe where he was born and reared. On Jan. 30, 1885, as he was approaching the age of 21, he moved with his family to Franklin, where he served as postmaster several years, resigning

and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jarrett of Atlanta have returned to their homes after attending the funeral of their father, Mr. R. Frank Jarrett, of Dillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lee Mecum of Winston-Salem announce the birth of a son, Edgar Lee, on August 24 at the City Memorial Hospital in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Mecum is the former Miss Inez Howell of Whittier.

in 1893 to move to Dillsboro.

He was engaged for a time in the mercantile business at both Franklin and Dillsboro, also serving as Dillsboro postmaster. He devoted several years to serving churches in which he was interested, as a leader of laymen's activities.

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