

# Washington News Letter

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Three social activities with a distinct Tar Heel flavor were the principal news in Washington last week. The first of these was the dinner given by North Carolinians attending the annual convention of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. A pleasant and pretty young woman taking a presidential poll for a national magazine was the chief greeter at the Shoreham Hotel.

Tar Heel delegates to the convention were hosts to the Tar Heel members of Congress and the Tar Heel press. Their cocktail party and buffet supper was conducted in the Louis Seize Room of the Shoreham.

The pretty poll taker, armed with pad and pencil, asked each arrival at the entrance to Looey's room, "Who, please, is your choice for President, no names to be used, except your choice, of course?"

Most of the crowd had gone in when your correspondents arrived, and after answering, we asked the polltaker, "How is it going?"

She answered politely and quickly, "Vandenberg and Stassen, all the way. Not many other choices."

Most of those who passed through the door were North Carolina Democrats, which would indicate definitely a low ebb for the stock of President Truman, at least among those to whom the question was put.

Members of Congress were cagey, of course. Most of them passed quickly into Looey's room and into the ranks of about fellow Tar Heels. Just before us was Rep. Graham A. Barden, of New Bern. Hap Barden looked the young lady over, opened the door and walked quietly through. He never answered.

As the old saying goes, the eating was good and the drinking was wet at the buffet supper. Chief host was Harry J. Krusz, of Winston-Salem, executive manager of the Chamber

of Commerce there—all chamber secretaries are now getting high sounding titles, executive vice-president, general manager, this, that and the other. Mr. Krusz is president of the State Association of Chamber of Commerce officials. His wife was chief hostess.

The honor guests included Senator Hoey and Representatives Bonner, Barden, Cooley, Folger, Durham, Deane, Doughton, Bulwinkle and Redden; Mrs. Bonner, Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Durham; Secretary of the Army and Mrs. Kenneth C. Royall, of Goldsboro, and Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Gordon Gray, of Winston-Salem, in addition to the hundreds of North Carolina Chamber men attending the convention.

The next social event came two days later when a local North Carolina boy who made good in the big city was cast in the role of host in the most spacious parlor of the Statler Hotel in Washington, the Congressional Room.

The local boy is J. Dewey Dorsett, native of Siler City, former member of the State Industrial Commission at Raleigh and former president of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina.

Mr. Dorsett is now president of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, with headquarters in New York City. He lives at Ridgewood, N. J.

In the Congressional Room, his organization gave a cocktail party for scores of delegates to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce convention, to a number of members of Congress, civic and business leaders in Washington, and Tar Heel friends.

The guests included Secretary of the Navy John L. Sullivan and former Undersecretary of War Louis M. Johnson of West Virginia.

Mr. Dorsett extended the glad hand of welcome to Fred W. Morrison, head of the law firm of late former Governor O. Max Gardner, who is spending most of his time in Shelby these days although he is a member of the law firm of Gardner, Morrison and Rodgers in Washington.

The guests also included Frank Jenkins, of Siler City, accountant for Columbia Hospital in Washington, brother of Mrs. Dorsett, the former Minerva Jenkins of Siler City.

The same night North Carolina's Democratic National Committeeman, State Senator Joe L. Blythe, of Charlotte, called on the North Carolina Democratic Club of Washington to "keep the lamps of democracy lighted."

The club, with a turnout of about two hundred, gathered in the Women's National Democratic Club House on New Hampshire avenue for a buffet supper, general get-together and the Blythe speech.

Blythe, who recently recovered from an extended illness, traced the history of the Democratic Party, ties it in closely with freedom, and avoided the factional side of party politics including the present Democratic primary campaigns in the state.

Blythe presented the question, "How will the people of North Carolina vote in the fall election?" and said that "If freedom is safe by that time, the people will be willing to discuss candidates," otherwise not.

The State Senator was introduced by his own congressman, Rep. Hamilton C. Jones, of Charlotte.

Before the speaking, there were sessions with the punch bowl and the cold buffet. The punch was tossed up by that noted Tar Heel soldier and barrister, Brig. Gen. Albert L. Cox, according to his own formula, and the audience found it very palatable.

There was plenty of handshaking with the visiting Tar Heel digni-

ties, including Sen. Clyde R. Hoey; Representative Robert L. Doughton, dean of the delegation in Congress; Representative Harold D. Cooley and his wife; Ralph Webb Gardner, of Shelby, son of the late former Governor and Undersecretary of the Treasury, O. Max Gardner; Rep. Jones, and Assistant Secretary of the Army and Mrs. Gordon Gray, of Winston-Salem.

The master of ceremonies was the president of the club, John M. Lang, of Carthage, secretary to Rep. Chas. B. Deane. Mr. Lang was in fine fettle for the evening and turned aside with occasional touches of humor the jibes of the arriving club members that "Joe Blythe has come to Washington to preach the funeral sermon for the party."

As for the speech, Mr. Blythe did a good job of it. As National Committeeman, he has been busy keeping out of the line of fire in the primaries for governor and senator. And when you examine his party record of hard work in the money-raising field in recent years, it is easy to see that Blythe is entitled to a lot of credit for that work from all factions of the party in the state.

There was a lot of personal talk through the club evening about the party primaries now in their closing weeks. Possibly the only significant thing to be noted from the bull session was that few, if any, horseback experts were predicting firmly that their respective favorites had the primary sewed up.

Speaking of work for the party, Mr. Lang may well be credited with bringing the Democratic Club back to life. This revival was long overdue, and Lang has accomplished it. He also has removed the club from its role of second rate sideshow to the North Carolina State Society headed to these many years by John K. Slear of Charlotte, secretary to Rep. Jones.

Turning from Democrats to Republicans, the N. C. Republican candidate, John A. Wilkerson of Little Washington, has been in Washington conferring with national Republican leaders.

The N. C. Republican Friday talked with House Speaker Joseph W. Martin Jr., Republican National Chairman Carroll Reece, and Rep. Harold Knutson (R., Minn.)

Wilkerson did not disclose any plans for his campaign in N. C. during his stay in Washington. He did take time out to call on his congressman, Herbert C. Bonner.

The infant mortality rate in N. C. dropped 5.1 per 1000 live births in 1946 over 1945, the national office of Vital Statistics has announced. Although a tremendous increase in the number of births was reported in the U. S. during 1946, a decrease of 42 deaths among infants under 1 year old was counted in N. C. that year. The number of deaths in 1946 was

3,742 and in 1945 3,782.

The decline in infant death rate in N. C. followed the national rate which showed a decrease of 11.7 per cent for the year 1946 compared with 1945. All statistics exclude stillbirths.

A New Englander will depend on Southern rhetoric to carry him through a Memorial Day address.

Joseph W. Hudson of Providence, R. I., has written Sen. Hoey that he was using Hoey's memorial address, complete and unabridged, at an Elks Memorial Day service. The Rhode Island man said he had just finished reading the speech made by the N. C. senator on the floor recently and had decided it could not be improved on. Sen. Hoey had represented the Democrats in a memorial service in memory of the senators who had passed away during the last two years. He had already received commendation from most of his colleagues in the senate, but Hoey said he was surprised that his same speech was to be used in Providence.

However, the senator wrote Hudson he was very welcome to repeat the speech given on the senate floor.

Rep. Bayard Clark says he will work for the reelection of Senator William B. Umstead, thus becoming the only N. C. congressman to openly declare support in the senatorial campaign between Umstead and former Gov. J. M. Broughton.

The Fayetteville congressman, who will retire at the end of this term, said: "I don't see any need for people trying to kick out a man like Sen. Umstead to make room for another." He went on to add that the senator has experience, integrity and ability, and he added that he was basing his support mainly on these qualities.

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This 3rd day of May, 1948.  
LINA GASKIN,  
Administratrix.  
6-6p

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If elected to this important post, I will use my best endeavors at all times to render my best service to the people of Harnett County.

I will appreciate your support.

**C. G. FIELDS**  
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## FOR THE HOUSE

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for nomination in the Democratic Primary on May 29 for Representative from Harnett County in the House of Representatives.

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If elected as a County Commissioner I promise at all times to be of greatest service I can render to the people of Harnett County.

Your support will be appreciated.

**PAUL E. TYSINGER**  
JOHNSONVILLE TOWNSHIP

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I am a candidate for member of the Board of County Commissioners from District 4, composed of Lillington, Stewart's Creek and Anderson Creek Townships, in the Democratic Primary on May 29.

I will greatly appreciate your support.

If you nominate and elect me, I pledge my utmost endeavors to be of the greatest service to Harnett County and all of our people.

**J. EARLY WOMBLE**

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