

NON-PARTISANS GIVE JOHN SMITH BANQUET AT GARDEN

The Non-Partisan Citizens' committee of the 21st district of which John William Smith is the alderman, tendered him a banquet at Laurel Garden, Friday, Jan. 18. The affair was sponsored by the Pocahontas Negro Democratic club of which Alderman Smith is president. Harlemites from every walk in life helped make this the gala event it was, over 300 guests taking part. The affair was purely non-partisan as Democrats and Republicans mingled side by side in perfect harmony which will make for a better Harlem.



J. W. Smith

During the dinner, impromptu four-minute talks were indulged in by the guests. Martin L. Perkins, toastmaster and chairman of the committee, introduced the speakers led by an invocation by the Rev. Richard M. Bolden followed in turn by Senator Michael E. Reburn, Hon. Henri Shields, Dr. P. M. Murray, Fred R. Moore, Alderman Henry, 22d district; Miss M. E. Colbert; David Broderick, secretary Chicopee club; Dr. Spingarn; Mr. Snendara, also of the Chicopee club; William Roach, Gilchrist Stewart and Alderman Smith. The committee which took an active part in helping to make the affair a success were as follows: Eugene McIntosh, Dallas S. Cooper, Henry Dukes, Miss Marie Colbert, Mrs. Marie Payton, George E. Hilton, Miss Pearl Grayson, Mrs. Louise DeComasana Perkins, Mrs. Marie N. Smith, Frank S. Carrington, Robert W. DeSilva, George J. Jackson, Miss Alice Calhoun and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Horner. Officers of the Pocahontas club are: Dr. Gustavus Henderson, first vice president; Mrs. Lilla Levy, second vice president; Miss Helen Lee, recording secretary; Miss Alice Calhoun, corresponding secretary; Geo. Hilton, financial secretary; M. L. Perkins, treasurer; George J. Jackson, sergeant-at-arms.

Captains of the Chicopee Democratic club are: Mesdames Florence Hurley, Pauline Hutchinson, Grace Corney, Louise Jackson, Florence Smith, Alma-Louise Hitchens, Esther Archer, Lena Bailey, Edna Rensly, Hattie Grant and Helen Anderson. Some of the many guests who greeted the alderman were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Dade, James Press, Misses Annie Press, Ethel Hill, Minnie Brown, Mesdames A. T. Hastin, Bessie Bearden, Mary Lane; Jack Duncan, Aiken Pope, Counselor and Mrs. Pope B. Billups, J. T. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rector, George Fleming, Joseph L. Pritchard, William J. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Willis, Colonel and Mrs. Charles Fillmore, Counselor J. Gordon Dingle, Dr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Parker, Henry Branam, Dr. M. E. Moss and hosts of others. Lieut. Fred W. Simpson's Mi-tee Monarch band furnished the music.