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Mr. Jamie Johnson was born in Aiken, South Carolina just prior to the start of the Twentieth Century. His younger years were spiced with such adventurous pastimes as serving in the Marine Air Force during World War I and driving a race car in Kansas to publicize a sponsoring tractor's name.

Jamie came to Dearborn, a town of 7500 population at that time, somewhat by accident in 1925. He was then an industrial sales representative for Standard Oil in Detroit. As fate would have it, he invested in some Dearborn land and then decided the best way to protect his investment would be to move to Dearborn and make real estate his career. "Jamie Johnson Real Estate" continues today as one of Dearborn's leading business concerns, and it is still actively owned and operated by Mr. Johnson.

When the Dearborn Kiwanis Club was organized in 1928, Jamie recognized a good thing when he saw it, and became a Charter member. He has contributed much to the Dearborn Club through the years and still remains an inspirational and active member of Dearborn Kiwanis. He served as President in 1933 and had a 42 year perfect attendance record broken several years ago when a 160 mile round trip drive to attend meetings became necessary during extended vacation periods.

Mr. Johnson's civic involvements and honors are too extensive to fully detail. To mention only a few, he was a Dearborn City Councilman from 1935 to 1942, President of the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce in 1951-52, and served in many civic betterment committees through the years. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Dearborn Oddfellows, Free and Accepted Mason #172, the Detroit Consistory, Moslem Shrine and Dearborn Shrine Club, Dearborn Grotto, the First Marine Air Force Veterans Association, the American Legion, YMCA, the Dearborn Players Guild, and the Dearborn Country Club.

Jamie is the father segment of our Club's first father-son president combination. As indicated, he was President in 1933 and son, Robert, was Club President in 1963.

Jamie Johnson is beloved by all of us who have had the privilege of knowing him. In every sense of the word, he is a true southern gentleman.