

EXCHANGE CLUB OF ALBANY HISTORY:

1936(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-11-1936)

NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB IS ORGANIZED AT LOCAL MEETING

*Spencer Walden, Jr., Elected President Of New Civic Group*An Exchange Club was organized here last night and Spencer Walden, Jr., was elected President. A local branch of the "nation's largest national service club" has been in the process of development in Albany for several weeks, it was stated at last night's organization meeting at the New Albany Hotel, which marked the first of regular weekly meetings.

A.M. Whelpley, extension representative of national headquarters, Toledo, Ohio, organized the local club, and was present at the meeting last night, at which Officers were elected.

Fred Sumter was elected Vice-President; Dorris Holt, Secretary; and John P. Ventulett, Treasurer.

The newly formed service club, the fourth in Albany, will meet either Thursday or Friday night every week at 7:30 o'clock.

Charles A. Berkey and a number of his friends and business associates formed

Exchange in Detroit, Mich., March 27, 1911.

Since that time it has grown to be one of the largest and most influential service clubs in America, with organizations in most of the leading cities.

Among prominent members of the national organization are President Franklin D. Roosevelt, William E. Borah, Orville Wright and Richard E. Byrd. The late Calvin Coolidge was also a member.

Rapid development of the Albany club is expected.(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-20-1936)*EXCHANGE CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY*The Albany Exchange Club will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock in the New Albany Hotel for the second regular supper meeting. Spencer Walden, club official, announced Thursday.(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-22-1936)

EXCHANGE CLUB APPOINTS VARIOUS COMMITTEES AT MEET

Board of Control, Charter Committee and Date of Meeting Selected

At the weekly meeting of the Albany Exchange Club last night at the New Albany Hotel, a board of control was elected, a committee to work on the charter was appointed, and the date for the regular weekly meetings was set.

The board of control was elected as follows: Ernest Weatherbee, Hoyt Edge, Marvin Turnipseed, Joe Hughes, Bill Godley and Billy Stokes.

Those appointed to draw up the charter were as follows: Hoyt Edge, Marvin Turnipseed, and Ernest Weatherbee.

The members voted to hold the weekly meeting on Friday nights at 7:45 o'clock. Members of the club enjoyed a delightful dinner at last night's meeting.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-28-1936)

EXCHANGE CLUB MEETS TONIGHT

The Albany Exchange Club will meet tonight at 7:45 o'clock in the New Albany Hotel. Elaborate plans are being made for the September 18 meeting when the club's charter will be presented.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-29-1936)

EXCHANGE CLUB HAS BUSINESS MEET

At the weekly meeting of the Exchange Club, held last night at the New Albany Hotel, business was the main topic of discussion.

The attendance at the meeting was excellent, Dorris Holt, Secretary of the club, announced it today.

Committees were selected to start the club organization working immediately. Business matters pertaining to the uplift of the organization were discussed from the floor.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-05-1936.)

EXCHANGE CLUB MEETS AT LEGION CLUBHOUSE

The Albany Exchange Club met last night at the American Legion Clubhouse, it was announced today by Dorris Holt, secretary of the club.

The meeting was enthusiastic and nearly the full attendance of the club was present. The club is still discussing organization matters and business is the main topic of discussion.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-12-1936.)

EXCHANGE TO INVITE FDR TO CLUB MEET

President, National Club Member, Expected For Centennial

At the weekly meeting of the Exchange Club, held last night at the New Albany Hotel, it was agreed to invite President Franklin D. Roosevelt to attend a meeting of the club if he visits the city during the Centennial Celebration, it was announced here today by Dorris Holt, secretary of the club.

The President is a member of the National Exchange Club, stated Mr. Holt. Another motion was passed-on to invite eleven new members into the club.

All the meetings during the past three weeks have been devoted to organizing and shaping the club.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated September 25th, 1936.)

Exchange Club To Receive Charter

Tonight at 7:30 o'clock the Albany Exchange Club will receive it's charter at appropriate exercises at Radium Springs. The Rev. M. M. Maxwell of Griffin, a representative of the National Exchange Club, at Toledo, Ohio, who will be the primary speaker, will present the charter.

Dinner will be served to about seventy-five guests who are expected. Delegates from Exchange

Clubs over the state, representatives of Albany Civic Clubs and other guests will join with the members of the local Exchange Club and their ladies in this celebration of charter night. Spencer Walden, newly elected President will preside. A short program of entertainment will include selections by a popular Negro Quartet, dance numbers, and a talk by Walter R. Brown, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. The club colors, blue, gold and white will be carried out in the decorations.

(Taken from The Albany Herald dated, 09-26-1936)

*Albany Exchange Club Receives its Charter At Banquet
Dinner is served in Main Dining Room at Radium Springs.*

Beginning with a membership of twenty-three young men, the newly organized Albany Exchange Club received its charter at an enthusiastic meeting Friday Night at Radium Springs. The Rev. M. M. Maxwell, Secretary of the Griffin Exchange Club, and a former representative of the national organization presented the charter. About seventy-five guests were present, the members and their ladies, heads of local civic organizations and visitors from Macon, Waycross and Griffin Exchange Clubs.

Dinner was served in the main dining room, where the club colors, blue, gold, and white were carried out in the flowers and burning tapers. The program opened with an intricate tap dance by Miss Helen Werden, followed by a brief welcome extended by Joe Hughes.

The Rev. Mr. Maxwell, before presenting the Charter, explained the aim and purpose of the Exchange Club. An interesting and entertaining speaker, he interspersed his talk with clever stories and delightful bits of humor. Mr. Maxwell explained that the Exchange Club is National in its scope, a large and influential organization whose work is beneficial to its individual members and felt in the community life. He urged the members to put forth effort to reach the intended goal.

The speaker showed that the club is interested in living things and in helping to solve present day problems: that it keeps before it a definite task and its members work at that as individuals and as a club. Interested in Education, the Exchange Club strives to educate the community to better ways of living and to assist those who have already begun the work. Finally, said Mr. Maxwell, the club is interested in making friends and in personal contacts which all, got us involved.

Spencer C. Walden, Jr., President, who presided, accepted the Charter on behalf of the Club. An enjoyable feature of the program was a group of performers by the J.C. Davis Quartet of Albany; Fred Sumter, accompanist, rounded out the music program, rendered two numbers.

Walter R. Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce spoke briefly on the value of a service club, showing the need of organized effort and well as of individual work. The new club, he said, has a place in the community. Find that place and prove yourself worthy of your trust.

Visitors at the charter night dinner were introduced as follows: Mallory Tippitt, representative of the County Commission, K. M. Dickson, secretary of the Kiwanis club, Mr. Floyd Alford, manager of Radium Springs, Frank Rowney, editor of the Albany Post, Walter Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Turner Smith, President of the Lions Club. Mrs. Clara Conroy, State President of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Mrs. R. L. Troy, President of the Pilot Club, Mrs. R. H. Waugh, President of the Woman's Club, J. W. Smith, Vice-President of the Kiwanis Club, Mrs. George Nall, society editor of the Albany Herald. Among the out of town

visitors in attendance were the Rev. C. Howard Matheny, Dr. W. M. Evans, Jack Beall, A.O. Johnson, H. A. Stallings, F. A. Carter, F. B. Stephens, secretary from the Waycross Exchange Club, Otis Hughes, former President of the Augusta Exchange Club, Charles M. Cork, secretary Of the Macon Exchange Club, J. S. Manley, past state President of the Georgia Exchange Club, R. L. Musser of the Griffin Club and R. G. Hunt of the Griffin Rotary Club.

The Charter members with their motto "Unity For Service" and their aim of unselfish service to humanity are:

Hoyt Edge
William Godley
Tom Hilsman
D. J. Holt
D. V. Holt
John O. Huckabee
Joe Hughes
Franklin Jefferson
W. A. Jones
Richard Jordan
J. M. Langley
G. C. Mays
W. A. Stokes
W. W. Strom
Fred Sumter
Marvin Turnipseed
John Ventulett
Spencer C. Walden Jr
Ernest Weatherbee
Earl Williams
Monroe Latham
J. G. Harrell
Robert Lanier.

(Taken from *The Albany Herald*, dated, 10-04-1936)

JUDGE B.C. GARDNER SPEAKS AT MEETING OF EXCHANGE CLUB

Judge B. C. Gardner, of Albany Judicial Circuit, was the principal speaker at the weekly meeting of the Albany Exchange Club, held Friday night in the American Legion Clubhouse. As the topic of his address, Judge Gardner chose the subject, "The Importance of Every Citizen Co-operating With The Judicial Bodies of the Government." Briefly he outlined the various departments of the judicial branch of the American Government, urging club members to co-operate in every way possible, according to Monroe Latham, Secretary. Ernest Wetherbee, program director, introduced Judge Gardner.

(Taken from The Albany Herald dated, 10-11-1936)

ALBANY EXCHANGE CLUB WAS FOUNDED HERE LAST AUGUST
Spencer Walden Jr., Elected First President of Civic Group.

*The Albany Exchange Club was organized on August 10, 1936 creating
The youngest civic club in the city.*

*First Officers of the club elected at that time was a Board of Control and a
Charter committee.*

*Officers are as follows: Spencer Walden Jr, President; Fred Sumter, Vice-President;
John Ventulett, Treasurer; and Dorris Holt, Secretary.*

*The Board of Control is Ernest Wetherbee, Hoyt Edge, Marvin Turnipseed, Joe
Hughes, Bill Godley and Billy Stokes.*

*A Charter Committee was appointed as follows: Hoyt Edge, Marvin Turnipseed,
And Ernest Wetherbee.*

*The club meets every Friday night. (At the American Legion) The Club stands for anything in the
way of civic betterment.*

(Taken from The Albany Herald dated, 10-15-1936)

EXCHANGE CLUB ASKS DONATIONS TO BAND FUND

*Members of the Exchange Club are trying to raise \$40 to send the Albany High School band to
Waycross for the Albany-Waycross game Friday, and they ask that Albanians aid them by
contributing to this fund. Terry Mays is chairman and the money can be sent to him or to the
Herald Office. Let's support the High School by sending the band to the game, a club official
said. If many Albanians give as much as a quarter it won't take long for us to raise this money.
Let's all work together and send the band with the football team.*

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-06-1936)

EXCHANGE CLUB'S NATIONAL SECRETARY TO ADDRESS MEMBERS

*Herold M. Harter, of Toledo, Ohio, National Secretary of the National Exchange Clubs will be
the honor guest of the Albany Exchange Club at the regular meeting at 7 o'clock tonight in the
American Legion Clubhouse; Spencer Walden, President, announced it.*

*Mr. Harter will make a brief address to the club members, offering instructive advice. Several
plans for furthering the aims of the Albany Exchange Club will come before the meeting.*

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-16-1936)

DONKEY BASEBALL WILL BE PLAYED IN BALL PARK TWO DAYS

*Two games of "donkey baseball" under the sponsorship of the Albany Exchange Club will be
played at the local ballpark Wednesday and Thursday night at 8 o'clock.*

Funds derived from the games will be used to send the high school band to the Albany-Valdosta Classic Football Game to be held in Valdosta Friday.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-17-1936)

DONKEY BASEBALL INVADES ALBANY

Two games of donkey baseball sponsored by the Albany Exchange Club will be played Wednesday and Thursday nights at 8 o'clock in the old ballpark, it was learned this morning. The games will be played between the faculty of the Albany High School and members of the Exchange Club. The line-ups for the two teams follow:

Exchange Club: Holt, 2b; F. Jefferson, lf; Hughes, p; Godley, c; Mays, cf; Stokes, rf; Latham, ss; Turnipseed, 1b; Williams, 3b;

Faculty: Loveless, c; McNabb, p; Allen, 2b; Lacey, cf; Miss Huff, 3b; Miss McNair, rf; Mrs. McNabb, lf; Benton, 1b;

Benefits derived from the games will go toward sending the high school band to the annual Valdosta-Albany Football Classic Friday.

Admission prices will be 15 and 35 cents. The public is urged to attend to see real fun and help a worthy cause.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-18-1936)

DONKEY BASEBALL TEAMS WILL MEET AT PARK TONIGHT

Donkey baseball, the latest diamond craze, will invade the city tonight at 8 o'clock in the old ball park when the members of the Albany Exchange Club will meet the faculty of the Albany High School in a game that promises hilarious fun.

The game will be played for the benefit of sending the high school band to the annual Albany-Valdosta Football Classic, to be played this year in Valdosta.

Another game will be played tomorrow night at 8 o'clock and the public is urged to attend to help a worthy cause.

Following are the line-ups announced by the managers of the two aggregations, Dorris Holt and H. E. McNabb:

EXCHANGE: Holt, 2b; F. Jefferson, lf; Hughes, p; Godley, c; Mays, cf; Stokes, rf; Latham, ss; Turnipseed, 1b; and Williams, 3b;

FACULTY: Lee, p; Loveless, c; McNabb, ss; Allen, 2b; Lacey, cf; Miss Huff, 3b; Miss McNair, rf; Mrs. McNabb, lf; Benton, 1b;

The Albany Exchange Club is sponsor of the games, and admission fees will be 15 and 35 cents.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-19-1936)

DONKEY BASEBALL GAME WON BY FACULTY

Thirteen Hundred Fans See Humorous Episode At Ball Park

Educators Score Win Over Exchange

Civic Clubbers On Wrong End Of 6-3 Count-Umpire Stars For Winners

By James Robinson

Thirteen hundred fans huddled together last night in the old ballpark to see the Albany High School Faculty wring a 6-3 decision from the bewildered Exchange Club members in the first of two donkey baseball games. The two teams play again tonight.

However great were the performances turned in by the players, none were par to that of Col. J. W. "Sugar Cane" Smith, umpire of the hilarious fracas, who kept the crowd in an uproar throughout the hour and forty minutes of play. At several points when he obviously helped the faculty members by his decisions, he was mobbed by the maddened Exchangers who made his life no bed of roses.

Exchange came through with the first marker in the latter half of the second canto when Latham hit a home run while the older contingent present among the grandstand screamed with delight. Undaunted by a momentary setback, the faculty slammed through 4 markers in the first of the third square, Miss Huff scoring on Miss Crabb's screaming triple to center, Miss Crabb scoring on Allen's single to right, Allen scoring on Loveless's sacrifice, and head football coach Harold E. McNabb sending a scorching homer over the hills and far away from the eagerly outstretched hands of the fielders for a circuit clout.

At this point of the tilt, the high school cheering section swung into action with "Siss-Boom-Rah", all of the "Sisses" going to forlorn "Taxi", and the "booms" going to faculty members as they hit terra firma after a brief ride on the donkeys.

The ladies of the faculty can claim most credit for the markers crossing the platter as they supplied the "big push" that was necessary to pull their team out of the rut.

Late in the fourth inning, Exchange pushed across another scorer, Latham scoring on D. V. (N.C.D.) Holt's single.

But again in their half of the fifth frame, the faculty was good for 2 more points over the money platter. J. O. Allen scored on McNabb's single and Mac scored on B. D. Lee's triple to left field. Exchange attempted a rally in the latter frame of the fifth, the final inning of the game, but was able to shove only one man across, this fellow being their ace pitcher, Joseph Hughes.

The game was a complete success in every way. The attendance was good, the players put on just enough pantomime (Bill Benton, band leaders, wishes he hadn't now), and "Taxi" Smith was the best, or worst, umpire ever seen on a local field.

The final game of the series will be played tonight at 8 o'clock, admission charges being 15 and 35 cents. Come out and support the final game, send the high school band to Valdosta, and make the game down there a complete success in every way.

Following is a line-up of last night's game:

EXCHANGE: Lofton, cf; Hughes, p; Jefferson, c; Latham, 1b; D.V. Holt, ss; Mays, 1b; Jones, lf; Stokes, rf; and Dorris Holt, 2b;

FACULTY: Allen, c; Loveless, 2b; McNabb, ss; Lee, p; Lacey, lf; Benton, 1b; Betty McNabb, rf; Miss Huff, 3b; and Miss Crabb, cf.

(Taken from The Albany Herald dated, 12-12-1936)

LOCAL IMPERSONATOR DELIGHTS EXCHANGE

Marvin Lorig, Local impersonator was the guest of honor at the weekly meeting of the Albany Exchange Club, held last night in the American Legion Clubhouse. After a short business session was completed, a series of imitations and impersonations were given by the guest of honor. The club was highly entertained by the sketches. Members of the club decided to appoint their next meeting as "Ladies Night" at which time each member of the club will bring a guest. They further agreed to bring each other a small Christmas Present.

(Taken from The Albany Herald dated, 12-19-1936)

EXCHANGERS ENJOY CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Members of the Albany Exchange Club presented Christmas presents to each other last night at the regular weekly meeting held in the American Legion Clubhouse. Last night was also "Ladies Night" and each member attended the meeting with a feminine guest. The presents were turned over to the chairman of the "Basket Fund" committee, Richard Jordan, who in turn will distribute them to needy families of the community.