

(Taken from The Albany Herald dated, 01-11-1937)

EXCHANGE TO FETE STATE HEADS WITH BANQUET THURSDAY

The President and Secretary of the Georgia State Exchange Club will be feted with a dinner Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the New Albany Hotel by the members of the local organization, it was announced today by Spencer Walden, club head.

The Officers, C.W. Peek, Jr, President, and Charles J. Vance, Secretary-Treasurer, both of Columbus, are making a good-will tour of the state, giving advice on Exchange work to new clubs.

Both officials will make short addresses on club work to the members at the banquet and a full attendance is expected.

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ALBANY EXCHANGERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS AT WEEKLY MEETING

Fred Sumter Is New Head Of Civic Club-Variety Program Given At Meet.

The Albany Exchange Club elected officers for the next six-month term at the regular weekly meeting held last night at the American Legion Clubhouse.

Those who took office were: Fred Sumter, President; S. C. Walden Jr, Secretary; and Joe Hughes, Treasurer.

The Club was entertained by members of the Mildred Ross Crouch School of Dancing, who appeared in a number entitled, "Fred Astaire Cane Strut", in which Mary Adams, Leah Yarborough, Sarah Logan and Mary Elizabeth McLin took part.

The dancers were accompanied by Mildred Jones at the piano.

The club voted to bring the Mercer Glee Club to the city in March. Members also voted to cooperate in every way possible with city and county officers in making a success of the annual safety program.

The local Exchangers will hold a joint meeting with the Waycross Club in that city, February 10, and the Waycross Club will return the visit to this city in the early spring.

One of the largest attendances of the club was present last night.

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SAFETY PROGRAM IS LAUNCHED BY ALBANY EXCHANGE MEMBERS

Official figures on the Albany Exchange Club's Safety Drive were released last night at the regular weekly meeting of the club in the American Legion Clubhouse, it was announced today by the Secretary, S. C. Walden, Jr.

"Last Saturday night," the secretary said, "members of the club were placed at the main traffic arteries of the city, such as the east section of the Flint River Bridge, the section in which the Dawson Road meets the city limit, for example, and were, under orders to check every car that came by their respective places for a period of thirty minutes.

"The members found that within the allotted time, a total of 604 automobiles and two wagons

passed their respective spaces. Three of these cars had no lights whatsoever, twenty-four had one headlight, and 161 autos had no taillights.

“At the Flint River Bridge, where the traffic was heaviest, 334 cars passed in thirty minutes. Two of these had no lights, one wagon that went by was without lights, and 78 autos had no tail lights.”

“We are making these check-ups for the benefit of the general public, in keeping with the state program of safety that has been launched by the Georgia Exchange Clubs. It is hoped that by the above figures, persons will see the immediate needs for adequate safety rulings.”

Members of the club decided to send a delegation to Waycross to meet with the club in that city on Wednesday, February 10. The club also made a donation to the flood relief.

(Taken from The Albany Herald dated, 02-10-1937)

EXCHANGITES MEET WITH WAYCROSS CLUB

Eight members of the Albany Exchange Club left today for Waycross to hold a joint meeting with the Exchange Club of that city, it was learned today from the secretary, S. S. Walden Jr.

Those members attending the session in the Ware County Center are: Spencer Walden Jr, Ernest Wetherbee, John Ventulett, Franklin Jefferson, Monroe Latham, Fred Sumter, Billy Stokes and William Godley.

The Waycross civic organization will meet in a joint session with the local group in about two weeks, an official of the club stated. It is thought that the clubs would work together on some civic betterment program.

(Taken from The Albany Herald dated 02-13-1937)

EXCHANGITES ELECT THREE MEMBERS TO BOARD OF CONTROL

Three members of the Albany Exchange Club were elected to the Board of Control at the regular weekly meeting, held last night in the American Legion Clubhouse, according to the secretary. Those elected were William Godley, W. A. Jones and Harry Pittman. They will serve a term of six months, reports stated. Last night's meeting was centered on business affairs, several important transactions coming before the club.

The club expects to bring the Mercer Glee Club here Monday, March 29, the secretary said. The Waycross Exchange Club, who was hosts to members of the local civic organization in Ware County last week, will return the visit to the local club Friday, February 26. A new attendance contest has been arranged to stimulate interest, it was learned. The club was split into two factions, the losing side to treat the winners to a steak supper when the race is over.

The Exchange Club took in a new member last night, Obid Stephenson. The Club, organized last year, now has a large roster.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated 03-11-1937)

LIONS, EXCHANGITES HOLD JOINT MEETING TO CONFER ON WORK

Members Vote Unanimously To Make Meeting Semi-Annual Affair

The Albany Lions and Exchange Clubs met in a joint session in the American Legion Clubhouse last night to discuss problems of interest to both organizations.

Due to the fact that the meeting was such a large success, members of both clubs turned in a unanimous vote on a motion to have the clubs meet semi-annually.

Exchange President Fred Sumter opened the meeting expressing his appreciation to the Lions Club for approving of the joint meet. "We are inexperienced in civic work," the Exchange Club head said, "and we look to the Lions as older brothers." I hope that we can form a closer union between the two clubs and work together for the benefit of the community."

Pupils of the Mildred Ross Crouch School of Dancing were the featured artists on the brief program. A tap dance by the junior boys of the class, two "swing" numbers by the girls, and a song by Miss Mildred Jones, accompanist, completed the musical part of the program.

Lion President Turner Smith then addressed the joint session. "We welcome the Exchange Club into safety work," Lion Smith declared. "We want to thank the Exchangites for the distinct honor which they have bestowed upon us for the privilege of meeting with them and we hope that you will call on our club at any time to assist you in any way possible."

Exchangite Ernest Wetherbee opened a discussion of a project for both clubs to introduce the true Australian ballot in the voting being done in Dougherty County. "We have the so called Australian ballot in voting now," Wetherbee stated, "but we do not have that particular type of ballot in its truest form." Discussion was then heard from the floor on the subject.

A joint committee, composed of Turner Smith and Richard Hobbs, representing the Lions, and Ernest Wetherbee and Spencer Walden, representing the Exchange Club was appointed to confer and report on the proposal.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated 03-21-1937)

EXCHANGITES WILL SPONSOR MERCER'S GLEE CLUB HERE

To Appear at Municipal Auditorium Tuesday, March 30, at 8 o'clock.

In their regular weekly meeting Friday night in the American Legion Clubhouse, the Albany Exchange Club made final plans to bring the Mercer Glee Club to this city on Tuesday, March 30, according to John Ventulett, publicity chairman.

Thirty-Four boys comprise the club according to reports. They specialize in skits, comedy, octet work, choral and "Swing" music, having a special 13-piece orchestra for the finest qualification. An Albany boy, Frank Bozemann, is a member of the club and will appear in several skits along with both the orchestra and Choral.

The club will appear at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Auditorium, it was added, admission prices to be 40 and 25 cents, according to the club secretary. Advance tickets may be purchased at the following places: Hal and Ed's, The Rialto, The Raymond Gunnels Sports Shop, and the A&P Store located at 809 North Monroe Street.

Proceeds from funds derived will be used to complete payment on the High School Band's uniforms and to further assist that musical organization.

Any person able to house one or more of the club members when they are in the city, for one day only, are asked to get in touch with John Ventulett immediately.

Another feature of Friday night's meeting was a short speech on "Cancer Control", by Dr. Alex Freeman, an informative address that held the interest of members of the club.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated 03-29-1937)

*EXCHANGERS SPONSOR MERCER'S GLEE CLUB IN CITY AUDITORIUM
To Appear Here Tomorrow Night at 8 o'clock with "Swing Band"*

The Mercer Glee Club, on its thirty-second annual tour, will appear in the Municipal Auditorium under the sponsorship of the Albany Exchange Club tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

The club, one of the finest of its type in this section of the state, will present choral groups, skits, quartet and octet work and a thirteen piece "swing" band, under the direction of Will Johnson. The orchestra, which has been recently added to the personnel of the club, has an Albany boy in its ranks. He is Frank Bozeman, Trombonist, who is well remembered here for his work in the Albany High School Glee Club. Frank also appears with the choral groups.

Dr Burt P. Richardson, of Mercer University, directs the club. The President of the organization is Will Johnson, who leads the orchestra. The club will be honored with a police escort when they come into the city tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, it was learned from Exchange Club sources. They will also be heard on the local radio station before their performance in the auditorium.

This will be the third consecutive year that the glee club has appeared in this city, reports state, their two previous performances having met with unusual success. Funds derived from the entertainment will be used by the Exchangites to promote the Albany High School Band, it was learned from publicity chairman John Ventulett.

Admission prices for the entertainment are 40 and 25 cents. Tickets are now on sale at the following business houses: The Rialto, The Raymond Gunnels Sports Shop, Hal and Ed's, Wiggins Dry Cleaners, and the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company Store located at 809 N. Monroe Street. A special section of the balcony has been reserved for colored patrons, reports state.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-20-1937)

*VICE-PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL EXCHANGE TO SPEAK TOMORROW
Will Address Local Organization at 7 o'clock in Legion Clubhouse*

E. W. Sprague, of Memphis, Tenn., National Vice-President of the National Exchange Club, will speak tomorrow night at 7 o'clock in the American Legion Clubhouse at the Albany Exchange Club's weekly meeting, it was learned today from John Ventulett, publicity chairman.

Although his subject was not announced by local club members, it was thought that Mr. Sprague would speak on the Exchange Club's loyalty program, which went into effect at the beginning of the year. Embraced in this subject will be the rapid strides taken by service clubs in the depression years, a fact which, says Mr. Sprague, was a vital point in maintaining community morale through the "dark" years.

Mr. Sprague is also, expected to make reference to the National Exchange objectives. They follow: American Citizenship, Community Service, Service to Children, Tax Reduction, Service to Aviation, National Community Week, Service to Agriculture, Co-operation in Fire Prevention Week, National Constitution Week, the promotion of National Defense, granting of University Scholarships, establishment of local Junior Exchange Clubs, leadership in safety campaigns, and

participation in sponsoring National Boys and Girls Week.

Exchangite Sprague has held positions with the Illinois-Central Railroad for more than forty years, serving as its general claim agent for twenty-seven years. A prominent member of the Memphis Exchange Club since 1930. He was elected National Vice-President at the Silver Jubilee Convention, held in Detroit last year. Previously he had served as National Marshal, National Sentry and Regional Vice-President, representing the southern states in the latter capacity.

All club members are urged to attend tomorrow night's meeting.

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EXCHANGE HEAD SPEAKS TONIGHT

E. W. Sprague, National Vice-President, Addresses Local Club at 7 o'clock

E. W. Sprague of Memphis, Tenn., Vice-President of the National Exchange Clubs, will address the local club tonight at 7 o'clock in the American Legion Clubhouse, it was learned from Secretary Spencer Walden, Jr.

The visit of the club notable has been scheduled at special request of the local club, and a called meeting was ordered. Mr. Sprague has been with the Illinois Central Railroad more than forty years, serving as its general claim agent the last twenty-seven years.

Previous to his election as National Vice-President at the Silver Jubilee Convention in Detroit last year, the organization elected him to the positions of National Marshal, National Sentry and National Regional Vice-President. In the latter capacity he represented the Exchange Clubs of Georgia, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Kentucky, South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida. In 1934, he became a member of the National Board Of Control.

Preceding his national leadership, he held the Presidency of the Memphis Club two years, and occupied various Tennessee Exchange Club Offices.

It is expected that the national official will stress the way in which the Exchange Club of Albany can help improve its civic service with more and varied activities. It is also thought that he will speak on the "Loyalty Program", an undertaking ordered for all Exchange Clubs starting this year.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-22-1937)

NATIONAL EXCHANGE OFFICIAL STRESSES SERVICE FOR CLUBS

Many of Local Notables Present at Exchange Club Meet Last Night.

E. W. Sprague, Vice-President of the National Exchange Club, stressed the Exchange Club motto, "Unity for Service", in an address before the local club at the American Legion Clubhouse last night.

"Exchange is not an infant industry," Mr. Sprague began. "We have been organized for twenty-six years now and are growing as time passes. Charles A. Berkey, of Detroit, founded the club back in 1911 when he and fellow businessmen met on a certain day each week for a luncheon discussion of business affairs. From this, the National Exchange spread.

"Today we have over 800 clubs in the country, in practically every state in the union. We have

organized seventy new clubs since last October and hope to have seventy more by the time of the National Convention in Tampa October 17-20.

“Service is the vital reason that all luncheon clubs exist and without service to the community, jointly, or through individual efforts of club members, the service club, the Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, Exchange and others would not exist.

“An Exchange member becomes a better Exchangite if he knows all the facts about the national organization. There are 8 basic points of Exchange work: Service to Children, the “Sunshine Special”, Community Service, Tax Reduction, Service to Aviation, Service to Agriculture, Go to Church, and Clean up day.

“All clubs come to that point known as the standstill stage in their infancy and the only things that bring them through this stage are knowledge of their work and belief in national work.”

Mr. Sprague closed his speech by urging local members to attend the national convention in Tampa, during the month of October.

Among the city’s notables present were: L. W. Smith, head of the Albany Kiwanis Club; George Sabados and Adie Durden, representatives from the county; Turner Smith, President of the Albany Lions Club; M.M. Wiggins, President of the Albany Baseball Club and prominent local sportsman; and W. B. Haley, President of the Chamber of Commerce.

L. H. McGrady was welcomed as a new member to the club last night.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-20-1937)

LIONS, EXCHANGE IN JOINT MEETING TONIGHT AT 7:30

Prof. J. O. Allen, of High School, To Discuss School Plans.

Prof. J. O. Allen, Principal of the Albany High School, Prof. B. F. Brooks, Superintendent of schools, and members of the school board will be guests of the Albany Lions and Exchange Clubs tonight at 7:30 o’clock in the New Albany Hotel.

The meeting will be the second joint meeting of the clubs during the year, the last one held several months ago proving highly successful.

Professor Allen will offers views on the addition of two extra grades to the present high school system, giving Albany and Southwest Georgia a Junior College, if present school building plans formulate. Professor Brooks and members of the school board present will also lend views on the timely subject.

Other details of the program have not been announced.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-03-1937)

EXCHANGE CLUB TAKES AMERICAN LOOP TITLE

Joe Hughes Hurls 6-Ball as Clubbers Blank Cudahy, 16-0.

Blasting out a 16-0 blank-out over the Cudahys, the Exchange Club clinched the American Softball League last night in a play-off game from a 5-5 tie earlier in the season. Joe Hughes, ace flinger for the Blue and Gold, limited the lads from the beef house to 6 hits and no runs. All hits were scattered.

The Exchange, first at bat, tallied a quartet in the first inning, off of doubles, singles and

McNabb's screaming triple. The Cudahys put three men on base in the first with one man out and Mr. Hughes of the Exchange proceeded to strike the next two men out in one, two order, leaving the Trust with no runs.

Dorris Holt's crew came through with a lucky seven-run spree in the third, first baseman McNabb and Manager Hold both homering in the same inning while their mates blasted out singles. Again in the fourth a duo of scorers touched the rubber for the Clubbers, McNabb and Godley scoring off of two singles and an error on the shortstop. Not satisfied with a 13-0 lead in the fourth, the Exchangites shoved across another trio of winners in the fifth, when Hughes, pitcher and incidentally clean-up batter for the team, pooshed one over on the right field wall of the bowl with two men on base

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-15-1937)

HARDY SPEAKS AT EXCHANGE MEETING

Max Hardy, of the government experiment laboratory was the principal speaker at the Albany Exchange Club meeting held Friday night in the American Legion Clubhouse.

Mr. Hardy spoke on the divisions of the United States Department of Agriculture, outlining the functions of each department, according to Monroe Latham, secretary of the civic organization. Louis Leach was welcomed as a new member of the club.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-22-1937)

EXCHANGE PLANS FALL PROGRAM

A complete program of work for the fall was outlined Friday night when the Albany Exchange Club held its weekly meeting in the American Legion Clubhouse.

Secretary Monroe Latham reported that an almost perfect attendance record had been chalked up at nearly every meeting for the past few weeks.

The club voted to hold Ladies night on Friday, September 3, it was reported. Exchangites completed a lengthy business session Friday night.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-29-1937)

EXCHANGITES WILL HOLD LADIES NIGHT

The Albany Exchange Club laid final plans for Ladies' night, to be held next Friday night at 7:30 o'clock, at their regular meeting Friday night in the American Legion Clubhouse.

The Exchange Club will join with the Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs Wednesday night in sponsoring a supper in honor of M. M. Wiggins, President of the Albany Baseball Club, at the Hotel Gordon.

The President of the club, John Ventulett, has called a board of control meeting at some time during this week, according to Monroe Latham, secretary.

Two new members, Bill Buntin and Bill Lewis were officially inducted into the club Friday night.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-05-1937)

LOCAL EXCHANGITES FETE LADIES WITH ENJOYABLE MEET

Many Contests Are Held

Bill Binns Is Master Of Ceremonies

The Albany Exchange Club held a hilariously successful Ladies Night Program Friday night at their weekly meeting, held in the American Legion Clubhouse.

No business was transacted, but the entire program was planned to entertain the members of the feminine contingent present. About seventy-five Exchangites and ladies were present.

Bill Binns, master of ceremonies, made the occasion bright with a public address system, which enabled every member in the hall to hear every word spoken clearly.

A number of contests and a community sing kept the entertainment at a sparkling pace. With the accompaniment of a phonograph system, members of the club and their guests sang the popular hillbilly number, "The Martins and The McCoys," in the accepted manner of a community singing affair.

Among the contests held were a milk drinking affair in which Dick Jordan downed his portion of "cow juice" first and was awarded a handsome baby doll; a race in which contestants rolled peanuts with toothpicks; a contest in which several popular couples were tied together with strings, and many eccentric antics were used by the couples in trying to free themselves. The prize, a huge stick of peppermint candy, went to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sumter who were able to untangle themselves more quickly than the others.

The contest, which proved the most successful of the night, however, was held between two popular Exchangites, Bill Buntin and W. A. Jones. In this affair, the contestants were forced to sit on a jug, place their feet one upon the other, and light a candle while in this position. Bill Buntin, managed to eke out a victory over Mr. Jones.

Exchange President John P. Ventulett welcomed the many visitors. After entertainment session members remained in the clubhouse for a dance.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-26-1937)

EXCHANGE GOLF TOURNEY AT LEGION COURSE TODAY

Will Be Annual Links Conclave

By Joel Huff

Play is scheduled to start this morning at 10 o'clock in the first annual South Georgia Golf Tournament, which will be staged today over the nine-hole, par 86 American Legion Country Club course under the sponsorship of the Albany Exchange Club.

In connection with the one-day links event, Exchange authorities have announced a hole-in-one tourney to be run off on the 146-yard No. 6 hole. Contestants will be allowed four shots off the tee on this par-3 stretch. The entrant placing a ball nearest the pin will receive a suitable award. Expected to attract some of the finest golfers in this section, the meet is slated to get under way promptly at starting time with entrants divided into foursomes for play. All competition will consist of one trip around the 3,028-yard layout, match play.

A handsome silver trophy, to become the permanent possession of any golfer capturing it three times, will go to the winner of the championship flight. In addition the titlist will receive a suede jacket, to be donated by the local Sears, Roebuck & Company store. Runner-up in the championship bracket will receive a sweater and winner of consolation a set of club head covers. D. V. Holt, Jr., chairman of the committee in charge of the affair, has announced appropriate prizes to be given in each of the other flights. Winner of the second flight is to be awarded a trench coat, with the runner-up in this division, receiving a sweater, and consolation winner, socks.

To the champion of the third flight will go an ash stand, with the runner-up getting a sweater. A chipper is to be awarded the titlist in flight four and the victor in the fifth flight will get a pair of shoes. Sixth and Seventh flight champions are to receive golf bags.

Advance plans called for eight golfers in a flight and Exchange Officials announced that the tourney would be made up of as many flight as necessary to accommodate the complete entry list.

Billy Greek, caddy master of the Legion Club, stated yesterday that the rough on the entire course had been freshly cut and the fairways mowed, putting the layout in top-notch condition for today's tournament.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-10-1937)

WETHERBEE SPEAKS ON "Y" AT EXCHANGE

Ernest Wetherbee, member of the speakers' bureau in the Y.M.C.A. drive, spoke on the "Y" and its benefits at the weekly meeting of the Albany Exchange Club, held Friday night in the American Legion Club House, it was reported yesterday by Monroe Latham, secretary.

In his address, Mr. Wetherbee stressed the importance of the local "Y" and the work that it has been doing for the youth of this community over a long period of time.

The club decided to challenge the Albany Lions Club to an attendance race in the near future.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-12-1937)

EXCHANGE CLUB TO SPONSOR DANCE AT LEGION SATURDAY

A script dance, featuring the music of Hartley Toots and his 14-piece Orchestra and Floor Show entertainment, will be sponsored by the Albany Exchange Club at the American Legion Country Club Saturday night from 9:30 to 1 o'clock, it was announced today by Ernest Wetherbee, representing the civic club.

The Toots Orchestra, Mr. Wetherbee said, plays at leading spots in New York and Miami engagements.

A vocalist and a violinist will present special numbers with the orchestra. The feature of the floorshow, it was announced, will be a presentation of the "Big Apple" by "Bevo," local Negro.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-05-1937)

REV. ED FAIN IS EXCHANGE SPEAKER

The Rev. J. Ed Fain, pastor of the First Methodist Church, was the principal speaker at the weekly meeting of the Albany Exchange Club, held Friday night in the American Legion Clubhouse.

Mr. Fain urged the members to "get the Christmas spirit and give", according to Monroe Latham, secretary. After the pastor's speech, the Exchangites discussed plans for giving a supper to the underprivileged children of the city.

Fred Darby was inducted as a new member.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-19-1937)

EXCHANGE CLUB PLANS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

To Have Party Tuesday, Ernest Wetherbee Elected President

New officers were elected and plans were made for a Christmas Dinner for seventy-five children at a meeting of the Exchange Club Friday night.

The club will be host to a number of children chosen as its guests at a banquet Tuesday night in the Legion Clubhouse at 6 o'clock. The children were invited Saturday. They are to meet at 5:30 o'clock on the auditorium lawn and will be taken to the club.

After the dinner the children will be brought back to town and will be guests of the club at the picture show.

The following officers were elected: Ernest Wetherbee, President; Tom Wetherell, Vice-President; Bill Lewis, Secretary; and W. A. Jones, Treasurer. They will be installed later and will succeed John Ventulett, President; Mr. Wetherbee, Vice-President; and Monroe Latham, Secretary. Mr. Jones was re-elected.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-24-1937)

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Exchange Club Entertains Seventy-Five Children

The Albany Exchange Club has helped to make this Christmas a merry one for seventy-five children who were entertained with a bountiful repast Tuesday night and afterwards were taken to the picture show. Through the courtesy of A. C. Gortatowsky, manager, the children were admitted free.