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JOE HUGHES NAMED TO HEAD EXCHANGE CLUB DURING 1939

Edge Is Elected Vice-President-Other Officers Chosen

Joe Hughes was named President of the Exchange Club at its weekly luncheon meeting yesterday. Elected to serve with him were, Hoyt Edge, Vice-President; Bill Lewis, Secretary; and Monroe Latham, Treasurer.

Three members were chosen for positions on the six-man Board Of Control. They were: George Watkins, Doug Brady and William Binns.

Mr. Binns, retiring President, congratulated the new officers and expressed appreciation to the club for its co-operation during his tenure of office.

"You Can't Get Away With It," a motion picture showing activities of the Federal Bureau Of Investigation, was shown at the meeting.

The picture went backstage with the "G-Men" to show the intricate machinery, which enables the FBI to mark up its excellent record of crime detection.

John Vincent, special agent in charge of the Atlanta FBI Office was present at the meeting and made a few introductory remarks prior to the showing of the picture.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 01-13-1939)

EXCHANGITES HEAR ANNUAL REPORTS

Joe Hughes, newly elected President of the Exchange Club, took the chair for the first time at the club's weekly luncheon meeting yesterday, heard reports on last year's work and appointed committees to serve during 1939.

The club discussed a letter received from the local Lions Club about a campaign being conducted over the state on behalf of legislation preventing livestock from roaming the highways.

Spencer Walden, Ernest Wetherbee and William Binns were appointed on a committee, and Hughes appointed Doug Brady and George Walton to have charge of programs during the remainder of January.

An attendance committee, composed of Procter Johnston, Chairman, I. H. McGrady and John Ventulett was also appointed.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 01-20-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB COMMITTEES NAMED

Speaker Discusses Interpretation Of World Affairs Through Newspapers

Joe Hughes, President of the Exchange Club, announced committee appointments for the first half of 1939 at the club's weekly luncheon meeting yesterday.

Interpretation of world news through the medium of newspapers was the subject of a talk given at the meeting by Jim Ed Fain, of The Herald Staff.

"The average person must have some idea of the problems encountered before he can place a

sensible interpretation on news as it is reported,” Mr. Fain said. “The elaborate systems of censorship-economic and political-which hamper the activities of the press must be understood before newspapers can be read sensibly.”

Mr. Fain outlined the wire systems, which report spot news today and advised that readers choose newspapers carefully, pay considerable attention to date lines and qualifying phrases and avoid placing confidence in reports, which are not attributed to responsible sources.

Harry Lutz was elected to the club’s board of control in place of Monroe Latham who was automatically made a member of the board by virtue of his being elected an officer.

Committee appointments made were: Membership Committee, Monroe Latham, I. H. McGrady and Fred Sumter. Commissary Committee, Bill Buntin, Ovid Stephenson and Fred Sumter. Civic Activities Committee, Harry Lutz, Edgar Pritchett and Fred Darby. Publicity Committee, George Walter, John P. Ventulett and William Godley. Extension Committee, Ernest Wetherbee, Spencer Walden and Doug Brady. Entertainment Committee, Ernest Wetherbee. Attendance Committee, Proctor Johnston, I. H. McGrady and John P. Ventulett. Education Committee, James Crowell, Doug Brady, and Stockton Odom. Auditing Committee, Stockton Odom, Hoyt Edge, Monroe Latham and Bill Lewis. Interclub Relations Committee, William Binns, Spencer Walden and William Lewis. The first named person under each committee is the chairman.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 01-27-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS ADDRESS BY WILLIAM BINNS

Randy, Albany Theatre Organist, Plays Piano Selection, Explains Organ Work

William Binns, former FBI agent, told Exchange Club members of his activities with the Federal Bureau of Investigation at their luncheon meeting yesterday.

Randy, Albany Theatre Organist, played a piano selection, and explained many interesting features of his work.

They heard committee reports including a report by Spencer Walden, chairman of a special committee assigned to write legislators about enactment of a law to prevent cows from roaming the highways.

“Dougherty County’s representatives are in favor of the law,” Mr. Walden said, “but the club could do a great deal of good in contacting other clubs over the state and asking them to write their representatives.”

Mr. Binns emphasized that the FBI’s work is largely technical in spite of the fact that the more widely publicized activities of the bureau deal with spectacular cases.

He told of a large number of cases in which he had been involved that consisted largely of routine work, and said that nearly all cases demand a large amount of technical investigation.

For his piano number, Randy chose, “Lover Come Back To Me.” He played it to resemble as much as possible an organ interpretation. At the conclusion, he asked members to question him about his work.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-03-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL PLAN

B. D. Lee Explains System Of Sponsorship In Operation At Local High School

B. D. Lee, Principal of the local high school, explained the unique system of sponsorship existing at the school, which is making possible well-rounded development of individual students in an address before the Exchange Club yesterday.

The program planned for many years but not instituted until last year, seeks to develop students in extra-curricular activities, support of school activities, and attendance, all of which are aimed at making more useful citizens of graduates, Mr. Lee said.

Each division of each class has two faculty sponsors, Mr. Lee explained, who take particular interest in the members of that division. The sponsors, who interview students whenever irregular situations arise, closely watch scholastic work, general attitude, and participation in activities.

"This helps to overcome the breach between students and faculty members which was often felt in days past," Mr. Lee declared, "and is of tremendous benefit to the students."

Scholastic programs designed to benefit students according to the lines of work, which they plan to enter or to equip them for the colleges at which they plan to enroll are mapped out under the supervision of sponsors, the speaker said. The sponsors also aid divisions in any activities, which they wish to conduct.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-10-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS WHITING

C. P. Whiting, Secretary of the local YMCA, detailed methods of livening up parties and other social gatherings in a talk before members of the Exchange Club yesterday.

"You don't have to save a person's life to be a hero," Mr. Whiting said. "Just save a party and you will be very much a hero in the eyes of your hostess."

He explained several games, parlor tricks and mental stunts, which can give zest to lagging social functions.

Ernest Wetherbee, Jr., reported on work done by a committee to aid progress of a proposed law, forbidding cattle to roam highways. The club recently wrote each Exchange Club in the state asking them to communicate with their legislators on behalf of the proposed bill.

A report on work taken up by the club's board of control at its meeting this week was made by Joe Hughes, President.

Among the subjects discussed at the board meeting was the "T-Man" project launched here some time ago. The board of control resolved to ask Exchange Club delegates to inquire into the present status of the project and to help launch a movement to regenerate it.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-17-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HAS OPEN FORUM ON ARMAMENT

Paper, Prepared By Major P. D. Connor. Read in Defense Week Program

An open forum on preparedness, armament and defense measures was held at the weekly meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday as a part of National Defense Week Observance.

A paper, prepared by Major P. D. Connor, was read which described the set-up of the Reserve Officers Training Corps, told a little of the history of National Defense Week and summarized

the national defense organization.

Harry Lutz, program chairman, was forum leader at the meeting and made the introductory remarks. Members who took part in the forum included: William Binns, Ernest Wetherbee, Jr. and Joe Hughes.

Mr. Lutz reviewed the world situation briefly and said people were divided into two camps on the subject of Armament; Pacifistic and Militaristic. He pointed out that the most militaristic nations have been aggressors in recent wars and the most pacifistic nations have been their victims. In business session, the club heard reports from various committees and a special Ladies Night committee was appointed. Members are Proctor Johnston, Chairman, John Ventulett, Monroe Latham and Harry Lutz.

Wallace Crouch, President of the Kiwanis Club, was a guest at the meeting. He invited members to attend a special meeting on group hospitalization at the Hotel Gordon Monday night and pleaded for co-operation in the group hospitalization campaign from members of all civic clubs.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-23-1939)

BROWN, WRIGHT RECEIVE EXCHANGE SERVICE AWARD

Club Honors Two Men For Their Work In Securing Air Facilities For Albany

Walter Brown, Chamber of Commerce Secretary and Quintard Wright, Albany, City Manager, received the Exchange Club's Annual Distinguished Service Award this afternoon for their work, in having Albany designated a stop on the Tampa-Atlanta route of Eastern Air Lines and in securing for Albany the airport which is now under construction.

Neither of the men had been told of the award, and they were present at the meeting on invitations to speak.

A plaque on which was engraved, "Exchange Service Award, 1938," and the name of the honoree was given to each of the two men.

H. T. McIntosh, editor of The Herald made the presentation address. "Sometimes public service is spectacular," Mr. McIntosh, said, "It catches the attention of the public, and makes newspapers front pages. It is done in such a way that it creates its own publicity. But there is another sort of public service, which rings no bells and blows no horns. It is simply and unobtrusively performed...not in the heat of political battle, or in the presence of applauding multitudes, but through patient month-in and month-out labor for the things which make for better communities."

Mr. Wright and Mr. Brown were commended for "all around jobs" in responsible positions. Mr. Wright not only as city manager, but for his work with the industrial committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Brown for his intelligent and unremitting work as Chamber of Commerce Secretary. The decision of the committee in selecting Mr. Wright and Mr. Brown as joint recipients of the Exchange Club's award was warmly commended.

Mr. Brown worked with an inter-city group, which was instrumental in getting the Tampa-Atlanta airline established. When the airline had been approved, he began to work for the designation of Albany as a stop on the route.

After the announcement had been made concerning the stop here, the local airport was considered inadequate. Mr. Brown immediately began to focus attention on the need for a sufficient airport.

The chamber of secured an option on the land, which is now being developed into an airport. Mr. Brown continued his active interest in it and worked with the joint city and county airport committee in its effort to secure a WPA project for the airport work. As chairman of the industrial committee, Mr. Wright was closely connected with the airline establishment and airport development. When the city and county agreed to sponsor the airport project, Mr. Wright was made chairman of the joint committee, representing the city and county, which had obtained data on airport costs and operation regulations. Recently he has been in close touch with officials concerning proposed plans for paving at least one of the port runways. An Exchange Club Committee headed by Spencer Walden, selected a group of judges who decided on the men to receive the award. Last year the honor went to John Phillips for his work in connection with the YMCA drive.

Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-03-1939)

EXCHANGITES HEARS THRILLING STORY OF SEA DISASTER

Captain W. Bird Thompson Tells Of Sinking Of British Ship "Victoria"

Captain W. Bird Thompson, one of the 706 men who made up the crew of the doomed vessel and one of the 112 who survived the disaster, at sea, related a thrilling story of shipwreck at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday.

Captain Thompson, retired reserve officer in the British Royal Navy, was the speaker and he told the story of the sinking of the H.M.S. Victoria, the largest battleship of his day, during maneuvers off the coast of Tripoli.

"The 35,000-ton Victoria was the flagship of a fleet of 12 ships," Captain Thompson narrated, "and she was leading a division during maneuvers in the Mediterranean. We left Malta one day and were sailing near Tripoli."

"Thursday afternoon is a half-holiday in the British Navy, and everybody was wondering if it would be observed that afternoon when the order came to turn in six cable lengths shoreward."

"The ship just behind us failed to turn and shot right into us, traveling at a speed of 18 knots an hour. We sent down divers to patch up the hole, but they were unsuccessful."

"Then the order came to train our heavy gun battery around so its weight would tip the ship over and bring the hole out of water. It was too late to get the guns around, however."

"The crew assembled on deck, and the chaplain held a brief service. The band behind him played "Nearer My God To Thee". The last order which came was 'save ourselves.'"

"The men hurried away. Many of them were crushed by guns, which had broken loose and were rolling around the deck. Others jumped over the stern and were caught in the propellers."

"I jumped from the side and managed to get away from the boat. Lifeboats from another ship picked up 112 of us...all that remained of the 706 who had manned the boat."

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-10-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS ADDRESS ON TRAFFIC SAFETY

Rivenbark Says Educational Methods Today Are Directed At Young People

Education in traffic safety today is being directed at students of high school and junior high school ages, A. J. Rivenbark, Jr., Managing Director of the Southern Safety Council, told members of the Exchange Club at their weekly luncheon meeting yesterday.

“Persons between the ages of 16 and 20 have been labeled dynamite by officials working for traffic safety, “ Mr. Rivenbark asserted, “because highway accidents are more than twice as prevalent among them as they are among persons in any corresponding age level.”

“Last year, 12 per cent of the road accidents involved persons of that age.” Mr. Rivenbark stressed the educational methods which are being employed today to combat traffic recklessness among young people.”

“Our foundation has published a book in which Georgia Traffic Laws are compiled and suggestions on traffic safety are printed.”

The speaker explained that many schools today include courses on traffic safety in their curricula and said the book is being used frequently as a text.

Mr. Rivenbark also cited the advantages of zoning in regulating traffic speeds declaring that a speed of 20 miles is too great on some roads and a speed of 50 miles an hour is comparatively safe on other roads.

I. H. McGrady reported to the club on the work of a committee appointed to investigate re-establishment of “T-Man” work in Albany, and said the committee expected the traffic safety group to begin work again in a short time.

Plans for a “Ladies Night” program to be held at 7:30 o’clock Thursday night were discussed.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-17-1939)

EXCHANGITES HEAR INTIMATE DETAILS OF KELLEY CAPTURE

Rorer Tells Ladies’ Night Meeting Inside Story Of Kidnap Case

Intimate details of the nationwide “man hunt” which brought about the capture of “Machine Gun Kelley” several years ago were related at a Ladies’ Night meeting of the Exchange Club last night by Bill Rorer, former FBI Agent.

Mr. Rorer showed how the sharp memories of two persons were largely responsible for the quick capture of Kelley and the solving of the Charles F. Herschell kidnapping...the case in which Kelley was involved.

Students of the Mildred Ross Crouch School Of Dancing appeared earlier in the program and presented several intricate dance routines.

The stories told by Herschell of the “hide-out” in which he was held and by a little girl who accompanied Catherine Kelley, wife of the daring criminal, on several cross-country trips, gave federal agents important clues in tracking down the kidnappers, Mr. Rorer recounted.

“The hide-out was located mainly from Mr. Herschell’s remembering the schedule of airplanes which passed overhead.” Mr. Rorer related, “and his recalling the fact that one airplane did not pass over on schedule.”

“When a vicinity which fit that description was found by checking air transport records, Mr. Herschell’s descriptions were invaluable in definitely identifying the house.”

Mr. Rorer also told of the actual capture of Kelley in Memphis, TN. Mr. Rorer at that time was located in Birmingham, AL, he said, and he received a call instructing him that Kelley was in Memphis and ordering him to get Kelley early the next morning.

He related the trickery, which he was forced to employ to get airplanes to carry him and one other agent to Memphis. The Memphis agent had located the house, when they arrived, he said, and local police officers were enlisted to aid in the capture.

Kelley was taken without struggle, Mr. Rorer told, and from his capture many interesting facts about underworld figures were gleaned. More than 20 persons were convicted mainly on the basis of information given by Kelley.

Taking part in the dances, given earlier in the program, were: Florence Hope, Cleveland Logan, Bee McCormack, Jean Grace, and Jean Robinson, who presented a rhythm tap dance, Sara Logan, who presented a toe dance, and Helene Werden, who presented a fast tap.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-07-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS RUNNELS

Arthur E. Runnels, Chamber of Commerce Secretary, addressed the Exchange Club at its weekly luncheon meeting yesterday on "leadership."

Mr. Runnels stressed that people are not created equal and that the responsibilities of leadership fall on certain individuals.

He spiced his address with numerous illustrations. "Leadership in America is based on service, "the Chamber of Commerce secretary said, "and the man who serves best is the greatest leader."

"Members of service clubs occupy the most advantageous positions from which to become leaders," he declared, "because they are in positions to render the greatest services."

Mr. Runnels cited three main requisites of leadership, listing an open mind, ability to rise above environment and freedom from fear as the most important qualities.

He elaborated on each point, explaining why each was necessary.

Reports from committees and routine business occupied the club during the business session. Letters were read and pamphlets pertaining to the war on cancer being conducted currently were distributed.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-21-1939)

TURNER SMITH ADDRESSES LOCAL EXCHANGE CLUB

Outlines South's Natural Advantages And Economic Opportunities

Turner Smith, District Governor of the Lions Club, sketched a brief outline of the South's natural resources before a luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday and described the south as the nation's "economic opportunity, number one."

Quoting from a recent committee report to the President, which labeled the south the nation's foremost economic problem, Mr. Smith spoke of the south's failure to develop its resources properly.

After he had told of the south's economic plight, he began to speak of its natural advantages.

"Georgia has the largest forest area of any state in the United States," he revealed, "and we lead all other states in production of naval stores."

He listed other advantages such as commercial fisheries, production of peaches, the fact that any edible food grown in North America can be grown in Georgia, and said, "but with all this we rank forty-second among the states in per capita income."

Turning then to the function of civic clubs in boosting the South, Mr. Smith explained how such groups could be organized to render most effective service.

"First of all, you've got to have a product to sell," he declared. "Then you've got to have an organization to sell it, and you must have management. You've got to have sound financing and you've got to have vision."

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-28-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS GIBSON

Dan L. Gibson, local Postmaster, explained the functions of the Post Office Department at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday.

Telling of the organization and multiplicity of functions of the Post Office Department, Mr. Gibson said the distribution of mail was one business, which was and should be owned by the government.

"Many parts of the Post Office Department's work must be carried on at a loss," he brought out, "and it would hardly be fair to expect private industry to continue those functions if it had charge of mail distribution."

He said postal work was carried on by governments in virtually all the countries in the world and said in this country it was one of the few governmental functions against which he knew of no charge of graft ever having been lodged.

Mr. Gibson sketched the history of postal service from its beginnings in this country, told of the introduction of postage stamps and the inauguration of postal service.

In business session, the club heard committee reports and an announcement, read by Joe Hughes, President, that a local curb market would be started here Saturday.

The Exchange Club has been active in the drive for inauguration of the market, Mr. Hughes brought out.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-05-1939)

EXCHANGITES HOLD WEEKLY MEETING

The Exchange Club held its weekly luncheon meeting at the New Albany Hotel yesterday.

After a routine business meeting the session was adjourned to Hotel Gordon, where members were guests of the Rotary Club at the showing of a motion picture dealing with tuberculosis and its control.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-12-1939)

EXCHANGITES HEAR FAIN DISCUSS AMERICANISM

Minister Stresses Importance Of Individual, Child Welfare and World Responsibility

Re-discovery of the individual, careful attention to problems of child welfare and a feeling of world responsibility are primary requisites of Americanism, the Rev. J. Ed Fain, pastor of First Methodist Church, told the weekly luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday.

"Groups are made up of individuals", Mr. Fain said, "and it seems to me true Americanism would try to seek out the individual from the group."

Touching the international situation, the speaker said he thought "we forfeit our right to Americanism when we forfeit our responsibility to other nations."

He said he believed European democracies had defaulted in their democratic obligations when they failed to aid Czechoslovakia last fall.

"One of the most important phases of Americanism is attention to child welfare problems," Mr. Fain declared, "and anything that retards the education and development of children must be labeled un-American."

"The boy scout movement which we are trying to get under way in Albany now is another step toward individual child welfare," the speaker, who is chairman of the Boy Scout financial drive committee, asserted. "The scout movement makes its appeal where the boy is most susceptible to the appeal, and I know of few things which would do more to drive out un-American ideals in this country than the boy scouts."

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-02-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Committee appointments were made at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday.

Joe Hughes, President, announced past Presidents of the club would serve on a nominating committee to report within two weeks, and appointed a committee to help arrange details for a football game to be played here in the fall under the auspices of several local civic clubs.

Announcement was made that a new member, Earl Yancey, had joined the club. Members enjoyed a question game during the recreational panel of the meeting.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-09-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS LEWIS

Bill Lewis, local delegate to the recent state convention of Exchange Clubs, explained work of the convention to members of the Albany Club at their regular luncheon meeting yesterday.

A copy of a speech explaining the purpose of the club, which was made at the convention, was read at the meeting.

The speech emphasized phases of community service, which could be accomplished by service clubs and said benefits of membership could only be reaped through service.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-16-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS DISCUSSION OF SOUTH'S ILLS

Members Vote To Hold Next Thursday's Luncheon In Honor Of Walter Brown

Pointing to development of the yellow pine industry as one way in which the South could bring about a tremendous increase in its economic assets, H. M. Mills, member of the local high school faculty, discussed southern problems at the weekly luncheon of the Exchange Club yesterday.

Mr. Mills asked club members to support a program which would make courses in the south's agricultural problems and their solutions a part of high school curricula.

The club voted to hold a "dutch" luncheon at its next Thursday meeting in honor of Walter Brown of Savannah, former Secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce who will be here that day.

Members of other civic clubs and friends of Mr. Brown will be invited to meet with the club.

Club members also voted to put the group on record as endorsing the drive to establish a community chest here.

Mr. Mills told how the south's natural and population resources had been depleted in recent years and said: "We have now reached a point where our living conditions and labor costs are both so high that we can't compete in a world market. We have got to build up resources...something that the world wants."

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-19-1939)

WALTER BROWN LUNCHEON PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

Exchange Club Will Open Regular Meeting To Citizens At Large

Reservations are being received now for the "Walter Brown Luncheon" which will be held Thursday in connection with the regular Exchange Club meeting.

The club will be open to members of other civic clubs and citizens at large as part of the recognition to be accorded Mr. and Mrs. Brown on their return here for the day.

The luncheon will be a "dutch" affair and advance reservations by Wednesday afternoon are essential. Those who wish to attend are asked to notify Joe Hughes or Bill Lewis.

Mr. Brown will be honored Thursday with a baseball game and a softball game.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-22-1939)

FORMER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEAD IS HONORED HERE

Walter Brown Day Includes Luncheon And Fetes At Baseball And Softball Games

Walter Brown, Secretary of the Savannah Chamber Of Commerce and immediate past Secretary of the Albany Chamber, was honored here today at a luncheon and a baseball game, and was slated to draw still further honors tonight at the Albany Softball Association's Park.

At the regular weekly luncheon of the Albany Exchange Club, Mr. Brown renewed acquaintances with Exchangites and the many visitors who were invited to attend the "dutch" affair.

Prior to the Tallahassee-Albany baseball game, Mr. Brown, was slated to be feted with an appropriate present, while prominent civic leaders engaged in a bit of horseplay on the diamond. The round of activities for the former secretary was scheduled to be concluded tonight, when he will be guest of the Albany Softball Association, of which he was President for two years and played a prominent part in getting the sport organized here, at the softball park.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-23-1939)

WALTER BROWN IS HONORED HERE

Walter Brown, former Secretary of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, was feted here yesterday for the fine work he did as head of the Chamber of Commerce here for four years.

Honors included an Exchange Club Luncheon, thrown open to the public, at which the Savannah Secretary heard civic leaders laud him, a program at the Albany-Tallahassee baseball game, which included presentation of a placard bearing the names of hundreds of his friends here and a basket of flowers for Mrs. Brown.

The program was wound up last night at the Albany Softball Association's Park, where his softball friends in this city presented Mr. Brown, with a traveling bag. Mr. Brown served as President of the Albany Softball Association for two years.

During Mr. Brown's period of service here, Albany expanded in an industrial line. Mr. Brown, as outlined by Postmaster Dan L. Gibson in a speech at the ballgame yesterday, also participated in enlarging Albany's sports program; every community for complete advancement needed a phase of civic life Mr. Gibson said.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-30-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HOLDS MEETING

An informal discussion of topics pertaining to club welfare highlighted the weekly luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday.

Hoyt Edge, chairman of the program committee, was master of ceremonies at the program, which consisted of extemporaneous talks by members. Proposed projects for the club to sponsor, opinions on club administration and other subjects were discussed.

Joe Hughes, President, announced election and installation of officers would be held at the next meeting.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-07-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

Fred Darby was elected President of the Exchange Club at the regular weekly meeting yesterday.

Douglas Brady was named Vice-President and Bill Lewis and Monroe Latham, were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

Joe Hughes and Hoyt Edge are the retiring President and Vice-President. The new officers will be installed at the meeting Thursday. Semi-annual reports, showing a wide variety of activities, were read at the meeting.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-14-1939)

NEW EXCHANGE CLUB COMMITTEES ARE APPOINTED

Five New Members Elected To Board Of Control At Weekly Luncheon

Fred Darby, recently elected President of the Exchange Club, announced committee appointments at the club's weekly luncheon yesterday.

The committees follow: (the first person named under each committee is chairman)

Membership; William Binns, Joe Hughes, W. H. Buntin, Hoyt Edge and Fred Sumter.

Commissary; S. E. Odom and Tracy Bell.

Civic Activities; Fred Pead, Jack Dean and Monroe Latham.

Publicity; Jim Ed Fain, Bill Lewis and Bill Godley.

Extension; John Ventulett and Earl Yancey, Jr.

Entertainment; Ernest Wetherbee, (the chairperson appoints two members to serve with him each month.

Attendance; Paul Lipsey, Proctor Johnston and Edgar Pritchett.

Interclub; Spencer Walden and Douglas Brady.

Educational; Jimmy Crowell and Harry Lutz.

Auditing; Robert Woodall and I. H. McGrady.

The club elected five new members to its board of control. They are Robert Woodall, Fred Pead, Jack Dean, Joe Hughes and Ernest Wetherbee.

Mr. Darby opened the meeting with a few remarks to the club regarding plans for work during the coming year.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-28-1939)

EXCHANGE HAS BUSINESS SESSION

The regular monthly general business session of the Albany Exchange Club was held yesterday. Spencer Walden, past President, presided in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-04-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Plans for a stag supper to be given at an early date were made yesterday at the regular weekly meeting of the Exchange Club.

Paul Lipsey, attendance committee chairman, planned a drive to "check-up" on all absentees. Charles Forrest was a visitor at the meeting.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-11-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Routine business matters occupied members of the Exchange Club at their weekly luncheon meeting in the New Albany Hotel yesterday.

A short program, under the direction of Paul Lipsey, was presented. Fred Darby, President presided at the meeting.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-18-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS WETHERBEE

Ernest Wetherbee, President of The Little Theatre, told the Exchange Club yesterday of the many activities the group offers members.

"Many people have the idea that the only activity of The Little Theatre is acting," Mr. Wetherbee said, "but in reality a well varied program is offered."

"This year we are organizing a stagecraft class and are starting an art department. In addition to those functions, we have to have lighting and electrical departments."

He mentioned The Little Theatre Orchestra, organized last season, and complimented its work.

Mr. Wetherbee also traced the growth of The Little Theatre movement throughout the nation and told of the prominence it has gained.

The club in business session, voted to hold a stag supper meeting Thursday, August 29.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-15-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HAS WEEKLY MEETING

Members of the Exchange Club had a round-table discussion on ways and means of bettering the club at the regular meeting yesterday.

Charles Forrest was welcomed as a new member. An invitation was extended from Griggs Miller to a barbecue Friday at noon.

Fred Darby, President, called a meeting of the board of control for Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in his office.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-22-1939)

GARDNER SPEAKS TO EXCHANGE CLUB

Albany Exchange Club members heard an address by Judge B.C. Gardner on United States neutrality at their regular weekly luncheon meeting yesterday at the New Albany Hotel.

"We need not become involved in the European War that is now raging," the Judge declared. "I believe, like Lindbergh, that we should make our frontiers the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and not land across the waters. If we believe the propaganda coming into this country we are as good as in the war."

Following Judge Gardner's talk, plans for an attendance contest, to run until December, were outlined. Charles Forrest and Paul Lipsey were named captains of the two teams.

Visitors to the meeting included A. E. Runnels, Chamber of Commerce Secretary; W. Carl Smith, Superintendent of City Parks and Cemeteries; Johnny Craig and Jim Porter Watkins.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-29-1939)

BONE ADDRESSES EXCHANGE CLUB

Al Bone of Chicago, Vice-President of American Air Lines, discussed modern air transportation yesterday at the weekly meeting of the Exchange Club.

Mr. Bone told of the increase in air travel and gave statistics on passenger service.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-13-1939)

PACKING OFFICIAL TALKS TO EXCHANGE CLUB MEMBERS

K. M. Russ of Cudahy Packing Company Discusses The Problems And Practice of Meat Industry

Members of the Albany Exchange Club heard an enlightening address on problems and practices of the meat packing industry yesterday at their regular weekly luncheon meeting at the New Albany Hotel.

K. M. Russ of the Cudahy Packing Company was the speaker, briefly tracing the development of meatpacking from the time of Columbus's landing to the present day.

Mr. Russ told of the different grades of beef and described conditions of supply and demand, which cause price fluctuations, re-tail and wholesale. Touching on the livestock situation in this section, the speaker declared that since the Cudahy Plant was built here three years ago, there has been a fifty per cent increase in the quality of native beef.

Following Mr. Russ's address, which was roundly applauded by the Exchangites, he conducted a short question and answer period, during which he answered a number of questions concerning various phases of the packing industry.

A report from Secretary Bill Lewis revealed that the team of Paul Lipsey was out front in the attendance contest, leading by the slim margin of five points. Ernest Wetherbee, Jr won the individual attendance prize given weekly.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-20-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HAS REGULAR MEET

A Varied program of entertainment was offered Albany Exchange Club members attending the regular weekly meeting yesterday at the New Albany Hotel.

Glenn Sumner, prominent in local music circles, sang two solos, "Trees" and "The Sunshine Of Your Smile", accompanied at the piano by Tommy James.

Following Mr. Sumner's songs, E. L. Anderson of the Cudahy Packing Company, who is in charge of pork operations in the Albany District, comprising Georgia, Florida and Alabama, gave a short address. Mr. Anderson discussed various phases of the packing industry and told how packers meet the problem of supply and demand by conserving supplies and proportioning products over the period of a year.

Jim Porter Watkins was welcomed into the club as a new member. Secretary Bill Lewis reported club attendance contest all even, with each team having a total of 44 points.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-27-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB MEMBERS HEAR FORMER G-MAN

Members of the Albany Exchange Club were entertained with an interesting address by William A. Rorer, former G-Man in charge of the Memphis office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, at the regular weekly luncheon meeting of the club yesterday at the New Albany Hotel.

A former Washington newspaper reporter, Mr. Rorer told of some of the exciting experiences he had while connected with the FBI. He described the agency's activities in apprehending and putting an end to the notorious, Barker-Karpis gang, responsible for the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings.

Mr. Rorer described some of the problems of federal agents in connection with local police departments. In addition to other problems in locating bank robbers and kidnapers, agents always are faced with the question of whether it is safe to place confidence in local police officers, he said. He told of several cases in which trusted police officers double-crossed agents and permitted criminals to escape.

Those present enjoyed the former G-Man's talk, immensely, and he received a burst of applause upon conclusion.

Secretary Bill Lewis reported the team of Charles Forrest was leading in the attendance contest by one point.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-03-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS FIRE CHIEF

D. W. Brosnan Explains His Fire Control Program To Local Civic Club

Albany Exchange Club members heard an informative address by Chief D. W. Brosnan of the local fire department at their regular luncheon meeting at the New Albany Hotel yesterday.

Chief Brosnan explained his fire control program, which comprises three main features: Exercise of every possible precaution to prevent fires starting; skillful use of highly trained men armed with the latest and best equipment to fight fires that do start, and practice of a scientific salvage theory.

In keeping Albanians active in fire prevention work, the chief said, he has enlisted the co-operation of civic clubs, churches, patriotic organizations, school children and newspapers. Uniformed fireman make periodic inspections of residential and business property. A fire patrol covers the entire business section once every hour during the night, and has on innumerable occasions discovered and halted incipient blazes.

Chief Brosnan, who has been head of the local department 23 years, told of two records of which he is especially proud. There has never been a citizen's life lost in a fire since he became chief, he said, and never has any fire been allowed to spread from one commercial building or dwelling house to another.

The talk was enjoyed greatly by the Exchangites, who gave the chief a lusty hand upon conclusion.

Floyd Lee was welcomed into the club as a new member and I. C. Johnson of Moultrie was introduced as a visitor.

Secretary Bill Lewis reported that Paul Lipsey's team was leading by six points in the attendance contest, which is scheduled to close the first week in December.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-12-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB TO SPONSOR DRIVE FOR OLD CLOTHES

Boy Scouts Will Aid With Canvass To Get Clothing For Poor At Christmas

A canvass of the city for clothes and shoes to be distributed to the poor at Christmas will be sponsored by the Albany Exchange Club, Jack Deen, a member of the committee, announced today.

The boy scouts will co-operate with Exchange Club members in this drive. They will distribute cards Thursday night telling of the need and asking for donations, and Friday night they will return to the homes to get the clothes and shoes.

Mr. Deen stated that the contributions would be turned over to the welfare department for distribution.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-15-1939)

EXCHANGE CLUB WILL GATHER DONATIONS TONIGHT

Drive Is Being Made To Get Clothing For The Needy—Scouts Are Assisting

Tonight Boy Scouts and Exchange Club members will gather clothes and other donations for the needy. Last night cards asking the people to aid the underprivileged were distributed in the residential section by the scouts.

Each card carried the following message: "This introduces a Boy Scout who is assisting the Exchange Club in its annual drive for needy people of Albany. Anything that you give will be greatly appreciated. Signed, St. Nick's helpers."

Tonight 60 or 75 scouts and 20 Exchange Club members will pick up the donations.