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EXCHANGE CLUB MEMBERS INSTALL OFFICERS FOR 1940

Committee Appointed To Designate Recipient Of Outstanding Citizen Of 1939 Award

At the weekly meeting and luncheon of the Exchange Club yesterday at the New Albany Hotel, officers and committees for 1940 were installed and members and guests were entertained by the performance of Willis Dysart, nationally known mathematical wizard from Omega, GA.

Officers for 1940 who were installed were: Doug Brady, President; Proctor Johnston, Vice-President and Secretary; and Monroe Latham, Treasurer.

Committee members installed were: Attendance, Paul Lipsey, Chairman, Earl Yancey and Edgar Pritchett.

Auditing, Hoyt Edge, Chairman, Robert Woodall and Fred Sumter.

Civic Activities, Ernest Wetherbee, Chairman, and Spencer Walden and John Ventulett.

Commissary, Harry Lutz, Chairman, Fred Pead and Bill Buntin.

Entertainment, Proctor Johnston, Chairman, and Fred Sumter.

Educational, Bill Binns, Chairman, John Ventulett and Floyd Lee.

Extension, Spencer Walden, Chairman, and two other members appointed by chairman.

Inter-Club, Spencer Walden, Chairman and Fred Darby with alternates Ernest Wetherbee and Paul Lipsey.

Membership, Fred Darby, Chairman, Paul Lipsey, Monroe Latham, Jim Porter Watkins and Stockton Odum.

Publicity, Jack Dean, Chairman, and Tracy Bell.

Besides other business discussed at the meeting, a committee was appointed to designate the trophy for Albany's outstanding Citizen of 1939 Award. This is an annual award made by the Exchange Club for outstanding citizenry of each year.

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ALLEN SPEAKS AT EXCHANGE MEETING

DeLacey Allen, prominent Albany Lawyer, gave a short talk at the weekly meeting and luncheon of the Exchange Club held at the New Albany Hotel yesterday, in which he urged all present to attend the "Y" Blues-Georgia Bulldogs Basketball Game at the high school gymnasium which was held last night. He added that all civic clubs are being urged to form a united front to support the local YMCA and all athletic activities in Albany.

Members who will act on the Board of Control for 1940 were named. They are: Paul Lipsey, Fred Darby and Earl Yancey.

Doug Brady, President of the club asked members to suggest projects, which the Exchange Club could sponsor. He said they would be advanced at the next meeting.

Besides the routine business that was enacted, it was announced that the entertainment of the winning team in the attendance contest that was recently held would be scheduled for Thursday night of next week.

It was explained that Charles Forrrest, captain of the losing team, would leave shortly to make

his home in Orlando, FL., and it would be necessary to appoint someone else in charge of arrangements for the entertainment. Spencer Walden and Fred Darby, both members of the losing side, were named as co-chairman in charge.

The Secretary, Stockton Odum, will notify members as to the time and place of the proposed dinner.

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EXCHANGITES WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS INTO CLUB

Civic Organization Members Discuss Proposed Civic Projects At Weekly Luncheon

At the weekly meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday at the New Albany Hotel, two new members were welcomed into the civic organization. The new Exchangites are Hugh Horton and Tom Bynum.

Exchange President, Doug Brady read a letter from Mrs. Ailene C. Arensbach, Director of the Dougherty County Welfare Department, in which she expressed the department's thanks for the aid in obtaining contributions for the needy that Exchange members gave during the Yuletide season.

The business that was discussed at the weekly luncheon was the progress that has been made by the committee named to propose and study possible civic improvements for Albany. The chairman of the committee, Ernest Wetherbee, devoted his discussion principally to a proposed Community Chest organization for the city. It was decided that further investigation would be made before definite action, could be taken by the club.

Proctor Johnston, Chairman of the entertainment committee, appointed Ernest Wetherbee and Earl Yancey to be in charge of entertainment at the meetings of the club during February. Taken under consideration also was the proposal that Exchangites should shortly begin an organized drive for new club members.

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STOCKTON ODOM MAKES SHORT TALK AT EXCHANGE CLUB

Interesting Discussion Of Loan And Investment Companies Given By Albany Business Man

Highlight of the regular weekly luncheon of the Albany Exchange Club at the New Albany Hotel yesterday was a short talk by Stockton Odom, who used as his topic, the profession of loan and investment companies. Mr. Odom's talk was well received by an interested audience who were pleased by the amusing business incidents with which he interspersed his speech.

Among the business that was taken up was the proposed joint meeting of The Exchange Club and the Lions Club to be held soon. It was decided that a more definite announcement would be made at the next meeting.

Jimmy Crow, Exchangite who had been seriously ill for several months, was heartily welcomed back in attendance.

President Doug Brady announced that a Board of Control meeting will be held February 12, time and place to be stated later. He emphasized that the chairman of all the committees should plan to attend the meeting for an important discussion.

The committee, which he appointed to select the Exchange Club's choice for Albany's Outstanding Citizen, reported that more time would be required before an announcement could be made as to the Albanian selected for the honor.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-09-1940)

EXCHANGE CLUB HAS MEETING

Members of the Albany Exchange Club at the regular luncheon meeting yesterday held a round-table discussion of current events following the business session.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-15-1940)

EXCHANGE CLUB CANCELS MEETING

The weekly Thursday luncheon meeting of the Albany Exchange Club at the New Albany Hotel was canceled today, Doug Brady, President, announced this morning. He stated the weekly meeting would be resumed next Thursday.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-23-1940)

CO-COORDINATOR SPEAKS AT CIVIC CLUB MEETING

Francis Shurling Tells Exchange Club City Should Establish "Model City."

"The people of Albany have the opportunity to build a town along constructive-planned lines, which will make for a city the best laid-out and one of the most beautiful in the United States," said Francis Shurling of Atlanta, co-coordinator of government agencies, yesterday at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club.

Mr. Shurling, who is here to aid Albany in its rebuilding, spoke to Exchangites in the absence of Tracy Augur, widely know city planner, who was scheduled to address the civic organization. In stressing the importance of taking advantage of the services and aids offered the city to construct a "model town", the co-coordinator pointed out that industries go to a town which is rebuilt on modern lines and shows signs of continued progress.

The usual business discussion of the club was dispensed with, on the suggestion of President Doug Brady, to allow time for the talk.

Quintard Wright, city manager, introduced the speaker, explaining that Mr. Shurling instigated the movement to obtain the services of the Reconstruction Finance Committee and several other federal agencies to aid tornado-stricken Albany.

Mr. Shurling stated that real-estate values in the city had increased since the twister descended and that with the construction, or re-construction, of the town on planned lines, the values would remain up.

To aid the beautifying of the city, Mr. Shurling pointed out, Alfred Kastner, of Washington, internationally know architect, had been secured to insure harmony in new business structures. Concluding, the co-coordinator emphasized that it behooved Exchangites and themselves of the services and opportunities which, besides making for a greater and better Albany, would tend to

enrich personal values of Albanians.

In a short talk, Mr. Wright outlined the civic building program, which was endorsed by the city commission Wednesday night. He also gave an account of the damage suffered by city property in the wake of the tornado, and estimated the possible financial expenditure necessary for repairs.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-08-1940)

CITY PLANNER SPEAKS TO MEMBERS OF EXCHANGE CLUB

Alfred Kastner, Famed Architect, Stresses Acquiescence On Part Of Merchants To Follow Planners' Suggestions

Alfred Kastner, world famed architect, yesterday at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club at the New Albany Hotel stressed a volunteer movement on the part of merchants of a city to follow suggestions of city planners assisting in beautifying a town declaring that a city built on a model design suggested by an architect tends to increase the value of the merchants' stores and makes a better display of them.

In his talk to the Exchangites, Mr. Kastner briefly reviewed the story of city planning, pointing out developments in work accomplished and the increased value of the city planner profession from its origin in 1880 to date.

C. Q. Wright, honorary member of the Exchange Club and Albany City Manager, in introducing the speaker, explained that other than material damage was suffered by Albanians. He pointed out that the estimated loss incurred by citizens amounted to approximately three million dollars of which only one million was covered by insurance. The remaining two million dollars of damage must be absorbed by the citizens of Albany, the city manager said. He expressed appreciation to the government agencies for sending experienced men to aid in rebuilding the city and voted that with this proffered assistance was included a financial buffer through a spending program to further the building of a better constructed and more beautiful town. Doug Brady, club President, gave a short report of the Board of Control meeting last week and advised members that there is a vacancy on the board to be filled. A committee was appointed to obtain a nominee for the vacancy. Mr. Brady also explained that the board would meet once every two weeks in the future.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-15-1940)

BROSNAN SPEAKS ON RECONSTRUCTION AT EXCHANGE CLUB

States That "By May 1 An Enormous Improvement In Appearance Of Business Section May Be Seen"

"As early as May 1 Albany will have shown an enormous, marked improvement in the reconstruction of the business section, though it may take the balance of the year to get all the mercantile section rebuilt," Fire Chief D. W. Brosnan said yesterday in discussing the rebuilding program of this tornado swept city at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club in the New Albany Hotel.

Beginning his talk with a resume of the twister emergency and the work done by the members of

the fire department immediately after the tornado struck, the fire chief said that never before had he seen people of a city jump so quickly to the aid of the distressed as Albanians did the morning of the storm. He also stated that never before had a city rehabilitated itself as Albany did to so quickly bring order out of chaos.

Mr. Brosnan, also building inspector of the city, noted the difficulties that have to be overcome in this reconstruction period. He said that though, as in any major movement, the building program necessarily runs into by-ways and minor obstructions, Albany is coming out of its disaster to build a better appearing city and one that is many times safer.

Stating that the reconstruction program calls for a modern, uniform business section, the chief pointed out that the demand was also being made for better-constructed buildings. Working on the basis of the same building code used in past years, the building inspector stated pamphlets containing essential building points have been issued to property owners repairing or rebuilding storm-swept constructions.

Mr. Brosnan pointed out that practically Albanians have offered 100 per cent co-operation, the majority realizing that the extensive improvements in the city, though expenditures aren't designed to run to excessiveness, may cost a little more, but in the long run will pay dividends. A report of the committee appointed by Exchange Club President Doug Brady to nominate a member to fill the vacancy on the club's Board of Control, named Jim Porter Watkins as nominee. A vote by members elected Mr. Watkins to the board.

A discussion of projects preferred at the Interclub Council meeting Monday night was made by Exchangites who attended.

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GIVES HISTORY OF EXCHANGE CLUB

John Ventulett Tells Members Of Organization Here And Progress Of National Exchange

A short history of the Albany Exchange Club and a brief resume of the progress of the national organization since it was formally organized in 1911, were given by John Ventulett, member of the entertainment committee, in a talk before fellow Exchangites at the weekly luncheon meeting of the club in the New Albany Hotel yesterday.

Mr. Ventulett pointed out that since the Albany Club received its charter in 1936, it has made an enviable record in civic achievement service, though finding it necessary to overcome numerous difficulties.

He explained that the club was given its charter with a membership list of 23 and has now reached its highest peak of enrollment, with 26 members listed. The Exchangite stated that out of the original 23 charter members only six remained active in the club today.

In his short resume of the history of the national organization, Mr. Ventulett stated that the Exchange Club, since its formation in 1896, known then as the Booster Club, had grown to become the largest national civic group in the country. He stated there are more than 800 clubs throughout the nation.

He said Exchange Clubs had national objectives as well as civic, and pointed out the outstanding record of the Exchange in its promotion of aviation. Since 1928 the Exchange Clubs have marked up more than 5,500 achievements in their fight for progressive aeronautics.

Doug Brady, Exchange President, announced that next week's luncheon meeting would not be held, the organization would meet with the Rotary Club.

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EXCHANGE TO ENTER DECORATED CARS IN CIVIC PARADE

Club Sponsors Garden Project For Youngsters, National Secretary To Speak Here Wednesday

Following a meeting last night of Board of Control of the Albany Exchange Club, President Douglas Brady announced that a committee he appointed at the weekly luncheon meeting of the club yesterday, in the New Albany Hotel, had advised him that plans for the decoration of several automobiles which will carry the Exchange Insignia in the parade next Thursday are under way.

He also announced that Harold M. Harter, of Toledo, Ohio, National Secretary of The National Exchange Club, would speak at a dinner meeting of the local organization in the New Albany Hotel, Wednesday night, April 10, at 6:30 o'clock.

A business discussion was the topic of the luncheon meeting. President Brady pointed out several details of the Exchange's newly inaugurated "streamlined" program and urged the members of the club to read the article referring to it in the official publication, The Exchangite.

A new method of arranging prizes for attendance at the weekly meetings went into effect yesterday.

A committee consisting of Fred Darby, Jack Dean and Spencer Walden was placed in charge of arrangements for the Exchange's participation in the Civic Pride and Progress Parade here later this month.

A team including Hoyt Edge, Proctor Johnston, Fred Sumter and William Binns was named to represent the club in a "quiz" program to be held at the Albany High School tonight, participated in by the civic clubs of the city and sponsored by the Woman's Club.

At the Exchange Board of Control meeting last night, President Brady brought out the recently originated "garden plan" sponsored by the club. The project of 10 garden lots has been laid out on Eighth Avenue, and the club has chosen a boy to work each lot. The Exchange is furnishing the seed and equipment for the gardens and assisting in an advisory capacity to the youngsters, who will be given prizes for the best lot, Mr. Brady pointed out. He explained that the purpose of the movement is to aid in the character building of youth and to promote better workmanship and citizenship relations.

The control board announced last night that it will sponsor one of the good-will baseball caravans to the city in which the Albany Cardinals play its opening game of the season in the Georgia-Florida League. It was reported that the city selected would be announced later.

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NATIONAL EXCHANGE SECRETARY TO SPEAK BEFORE LOCAL CLUB

Herold Harter To Be Guest At Dinner-Meeting Wednesday Night

Herold M. Harter, Secretary of the National Exchange Club and in charge of the organization's National Headquarters at Toledo, Ohio, will be the principal speaker at the dinner meeting of

the Albany Exchange Club Wednesday night at 6:30 o'clock in the New Albany Hotel. The visit of the national secretary, one of the two living founders of the National Exchange Club, was announced today by Douglas Brady, President of the local club, who stated that Secretary Harter's visit here, would be one of the few visitations he could make before Exchange Clubs in Georgia during 1940.

Mr. Harter is in charge of the administrative work of the National Exchange Club and has, since the inception of National Exchange in 1917, directed the growth of the Exchange movement from its small beginning to its present size. Today Exchange Clubs are located in principal communities and cities throughout the United States.

According to President Brady, Secretary Harter is a speaker of considerable note, with a wide range of information and acquaintanceship with national affairs and leaders. In the past few years he has covered thousands of miles visiting Exchange club meetings, conventions and district conclaves.

Under his leadership, stated the local president, The National Exchange Club program of objectives has been developed and has earned for Exchange nation-wide recognition as a powerful force for community betterment and for civic helpfulness.

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HEROLD HARTER ADDRESSES ALBANY EXCHANGE CLUB Importance Of National Preparedness Is Stressed By Speaker

Visiting the Albany Exchange Club and addressing its members and a number of guests at the New Albany Hotel Wednesday evening, National Secretary Herold M. Harter told them that the land is full of opportunities for Exchange and other service clubs to more than justify their existence.

Douglas Brady, President of the Albany Club presided and guests included members of the other Albany Service Clubs.

Accompanying the national secretary to Albany was William H. Beck, Jr., of Griffin, one of the past Presidents of National Exchange. He introduced Mr. Harter, calling attention to the fact that he is one of the national organization's founders, and its first and only secretary. He is widely known and a most interesting speaker.

What the national officer did Wednesday evening was to deliver what was in the nature of an informal talk about things, which now are happening in the world, their possible effect on us in this country, and the great importance of national preparedness. Exchange Clubs have complained vigorously for preparedness for years, and have the satisfaction of knowing that their contribution to the cause is generally recognized and appreciated.

Now Exchange Clubs are sponsoring model plane aviation meets...encouraging boys to build and fly small planes that frequently prove capable of remaining in the air a surprisingly long time. Thus does American youth begin laying foundations for careers, which beckon alluringly, and nowhere more than in the United States. The program was strongly recommended to the Albany Club.

Past President Beck called attention to the early state convention of Exchange Clubs in Savannah, and urged a large delegation to go from Albany.

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EXCHANGITE TELLS OF RECENTLY BEGUN GARDENING PROJECT

To Announce Annual Citizenship Award Soon

President Douglas Brady called for action on the decision of the committee appointed to designate the recipient of the Exchange Club's Outstanding Citizenship Award For 1939 at the weekly luncheon meeting of the civic organization yesterday.

A report on the progress made by the committee was given by Spencer Walden, who stated that there was a possibility that an announcement would be made by the next club meeting concerning the designated citizen. He added the award, will be given shortly after the recipient is decided on.

The highlight of yesterday's meeting was the "quiz contest," with the members dividing into two teams. Various and sundry questions were asked, with the resulting display of knowledge on extensive subjects.

Exchangite Harry Lutz reported on the recently begun garden project situated on Eighth Avenue. He stated that a half-acre of land had been divided into 10 lots, each 30x40 foot, and assigned to 10 boys between the ages of 9 to 13 years. The boys were supplied with a variety of seed, implements and instructions by the Exchange Club and have worked the gardening plots into advance stages of progress.

Exchangite Lutz said the gardens were planted too late to be hit by the recent cold snap; therefore none of the plants were damaged.

He stated that the boys were enthusiastic over the project and were determinedly working their plots. Each boy will be given the produce he raises on his lot and the club has offered prizes for the best lot.

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EXCHANGE CLUB ENJOYS PICNIC AT CORDRAY'S

Dispensing with their weekly luncheon meeting, members of the Albany Exchange Club, with their wives and dates, enjoyed an afternoon and early evening picnic at Cordray's Mill, in Calhoun County.

Exchangites and their guests participated in various activities and entertainments and the occasion was highlighted by a dinner served at the inn late yesterday afternoon.

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DOCTOR TYE TALKS TO EXCHANGE CLUB ON SULFANILAMIDE

Albany Exchange Club members Thursday heard an interesting talk on "sulfanilamide," by Dr. J. P. Tye at their regular meeting in the New Albany Hotel.

Dr. Tye discussed every phase of this new and marvelous medicine, and members of the club declared his address one of the most interesting and instructive they have heard.

President Doug Brady presided at the meeting, which was given over to Dr. Tye's talk, no business being transacted.

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TALMADGE SPEAKS AT JOINT CIVIC CLUB MEETING
Lions, Civitan, Exchange Meet With Kiwanians

Eugene Talmadge, incoming Georgia Governor, was the guest of honor today at a joint meeting of the Kiwanis, Civitan, Lions, and Exchange Clubs.

These civic club members met with the Kiwanis Club to hear an address by Governor-Elect Talmadge. Some members of the Rotary Club also met with the Kiwanians.

The luncheon meeting was held in Hotel Gordon and started at 1 o'clock. Mr. Talmadge arrived here shortly before time for the luncheon.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-20-1940)

PROCTOR JOHNSTON TO HEAD EXCHANGE CLUB NEXT YEAR
Civic Body Will Sponsor Party For Underprivileged Children Tonight

Proctor Johnston will head the Albany Exchange Club for the coming year, following the organization's annual election of officers at its regular luncheon meeting in the New Albany Hotel yesterday.

Other officers elected were: Paul Lipsey, Vice-President; Bill Norris, Secretary; and Monroe Latham, Treasurer.

Mr. Johnston is one of the most popular young businessmen in the city, and the civic club, under his guidance, expects to carry out a program of progress during 1941.

Members were reminded yesterday of the annual Christmas Party for underprivileged children of Albany, which will be held tonight at 6 o'clock at the American Legion Clubhouse.

After the party, the youngsters will be treated to a motion picture show at a local theatre.