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#### **EXCHANGE CLUB DISCUSSES PLANS FOR NEW HOSPITAL**

*Also Considers Advisability of Extending City Limits*

*Plans for obtaining a new hospital for Albany were discussed by members of a special committee at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday in the New Albany Hotel. Extension of the city limits also was a subject of discussion.*

*A committee composed of Spencer Walden, Fred Darby, and President Proctor Johnston is cooperating with the Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club in plans to secure ample hospital facilities for the city, and reported that they had attended several meetings. It was the unanimous expression of the club that it would back this movement to the fullest extent.*

*Several members spoke on the question of extending the city limits, the opinion being advanced that unless this were done it would be necessary to increase the bonded indebtedness of the city. A program committee for the next two months was appointed.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 01-31-1941)*

#### **EXCHANGE CLUB HAS DELIGHTFUL STAG SUPPER**

*Members of the Albany Exchange Club enjoyed a delightful stag supper meeting last night at Monroe Latham's clubhouse on the Kinchafoonee Creek, in place of the usual dinner meeting at the New Albany Hotel.*

*Similar affairs are held by the club three or four times a year. A regular business session was held, but the principal "business" of the gathering was eating and good fellowship.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-28-1941)*

#### **CAPTAIN H.C. GEE IS SPEAKER AT EXCHANGE CLUB**

*Tells Interesting Facts Regarding New Flying School*

*Although the airport at the new Advance Flying School to be located here, under present plans, is to be ready for use by June 7. That does not mean it is to be completed by that date, Capt. H. C. Gee, Army Engineer in charge of construction, told members of the Albany Exchange Club at their regular luncheon meeting in the New Albany Hotel yesterday.*

*When one runway and one hangar are completed, the Captain said, the airport would be ready for use. However, he said later in the course of his talk, "there is no use taking over three months to build this thing."*

*Captain Gee began by saying that the people of Albany had been very kind to him in the brief time he has been here. He explained that on Tuesday of last week a superior asked him if he could move to Georgia from his home in Milwaukee. On Thursday he received his orders. He wound up his personal and Army business in Milwaukee, and departed Sunday. He arrived here Monday, and went to work on a "7 a.m. to midnight plus" schedule, and that is typical, he said, of the way the Corps Of Engineers has been doing things lately under the defense program. There are a few matters remaining to be attended to before construction can be commenced, the*

*speaker said. In the first place, the project is a negotiated contract job straight through, that is, it is done on a cost-plus, fixed-fee basis, the government paying the cost of materials and labor, and a fixed-fee to the contractors, who must employ labor and have supervisory talent on the job to see that it is done according to contract.*

*Thus, the first thing to be done is to compile a list of eligible contractors, those who have not already bid on so many projects that they might not be able to do the job should they receive the award. Contracts will be awarded to architectural contractors and to building contractors. Each of these agencies will immediately set up large offices here, and these must be of such construction that they may be incorporated in the project when the contractors are through with them. But anyone who tries to tell the "order" in which the work on the school will be done doesn't know what he is talking about, Captain Gee said, because the contract has not even been awarded yet, and no one but the contractor will know in what order he will proceed.*

*As to Albany's part in the defense project, Captain Gee said, it will take much thought, much time, much planning, and much patience on the part of the people.*

*The city will be flooded, he warned, with people looking for work and for places to live. Part of this flood of people will inevitably be undesirable, he added. Anyone who has a room or rooms for rent at this time, he said, is requested to notify the Army Housing Authority, which will be located here.*

*In response to a question, Captain Gee said that it is true that the soil in the Albany section is especially suited to landing fields, as it is porous enough to drain well and has enough clay in it to compact well.*

*He answered another question by saying that it would be an all-arca field, and that it is likely, although not certain, that the runways will be paved with concrete, as the Army favors that type of runway above others. Big multiple-motor planes, he explained, would make a "shambles" of any other type surface.*

*Captain Gee's remarks were most interesting and enlightening, and members of the Exchange Club gave him close attention.*

*Captain W. P. Rhyne of Albany also was a guest of the club. Jack Dean was in charge of the program and President Proctor Johnston presided.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-14-1941)*

#### **REGISTER TELLS EXCHANGITES ABOUT Y.M.C.A.**

*E. C. Register, Secretary of the Albany Y.M.C.A. was the speaker at the regular luncheon meeting of the Albany Exchange Club yesterday. He outlined the history of the institution and explained in detail the activities at the local "Y".*

*Mr. Register stressed the value of the Y.M.C.A. to the boys of the city, and illustrated how it helps to build boys into healthy right-thinking men, furnishing them with a wholesome environment, which in many cases keeps them away from subversive influences.*

*President Proctor Johnston presided at the meeting, which was unusually well attended.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-28-1941)*

## *EXCHANGITES HEAR WETHERBEE REPORT ON LEGISLATURE*

### *Five Questions When Controversial Labor Bills Are Discussed*

*Ernest Wetherbee, Jr. Dougherty County Representative, gave the Albany Exchange Club yesterday an account of the Georgia Legislature's recent session.*

*Speaking before the weekly luncheon meeting, Mr. Wetherbee touched off sparks when he began reporting on labor legislation passed by the Assembly.*

*Questions flew fast from the floor, and at the end of the time allotted for the luncheon.*

*Exchangites asked that the talk be continued at the next meeting.*

*Mr. Wetherbee stressed the high caliber of men who represent Georgia counties in the legislature and said he thought newspaper reports of irregularities among the legislators had presented an unfair picture.*

*"Everyone I encountered up there was genuinely interested in doing all possible for his constituents," Mr. Wetherbee said. "It's interesting to note that we did not pass a single tax increase, and in some cases actually reduced taxes somewhat."*

*"We might have been able to effect further tax reductions had not the state been saddled under a debt of approximately Thirty-Two Million dollars."*

*Mr. Wetherbee defended the action of the legislature in not passing a general appropriations bill, saying that it seemed to be the only thing to do in view of the financial crisis. He pointed out that Congress has given the President wider authority through the lend-lease bill than the legislature gave to Governor Talmadge.*

*The representative said the two most controversial actions faced by the legislature were the pipeline bill and prohibition.*

*"Fortunately," Mr. Wetherbee said, "the prohibition bill did not reach the floor. Had it gotten to the floor, I am convinced Georgia would have gone dry."*

*He devoted a good part of his time to discussion of constitutional amendments, which propose a four-year term for Governor, and annual sessions of the legislature.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-02-1941)*

## *EXCHANGITES PLAN ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT*

*Exchange Club members will hold their annual "Ladies Night" program in the McIntosh Room of the New Albany Hotel at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night.*

*H. T. McIntosh will be principal speaker. Honor guests include, W. H. Haley, C. Q. Wright, M. W. Tift, Taxi Smith, and honorary members of the Exchange Club.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-11-1941)*

## *EXCHANGE CLUB HOLDS QUIZ*

*Exchange Clubbers yesterday played "Professor Quiz", with program chairman John Ventulett in the title role.*

*Mr. Ventulett divided the club into two groups and fired questions at them. Questions dealt with Exchange Club matters. Each correct answer scored one point for its team.*

*The Prize answer came from Joe Thrash who was asked the name of the first president. "George Washington", Joe quipped.*

*The quiz program came at the regular weekly luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-18-1941)*

#### **EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS WIGGINS**

*Motie Wiggins, President of the Albany Baseball Club, addressed the Exchange Club at its regular luncheon meeting yesterday.*

*Mr. Wiggins explained the set-up of organized baseball and told of the ST. Louis Cardinals' relation to the Albany Club.*

*First President of the Georgia-Florida League, Mr. Wiggins said he had been a baseball fan as far back as he could remember.*

*"Back in Brunswick," he reminisced, "when I was just a kid, the players training there used to ride me to the ball park, and let me watch practice."*

*Mr. Wiggins sketched the history of the local baseball club and emphasized the advantage to Albany of having the club here and of being the site of the annual spring camps for the Cardinals' Class D Clubs.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-25-1941)*

#### **COBB ADDRESSES EXCHANGE CLUB**

*America is already at war with Germany, Judge Howell Cobb told Exchange Club members at their weekly luncheon meeting yesterday.*

*Mr. Cobb presented a thorough analysis of the international picture, and developed historical background for the present state of world affairs.*

*"Our politicians kicked away the World War victory as soon as we had won it," he asserted, "and embarked this nation on a policy of isolation and trade barriers."*

*Mr. Cobb said he believed these high tariff walls were largely responsible for the failure of the world to adjust itself to peace and were responsible for much of the present world chaos.*

*The speaker touched on the present defense labor situation. He rapped labor unions for communistic leadership, but said he felt sure the bulk of American labor was patriotic.*

*He also attacked capital, saying he thought some industrialists would rather see labor defeated than to see Nazi Germany defeated.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-16-1941)*

#### **EXCHANGITES HEAR SCOUTING PRAISED**

*Ed Faber made a spirited plea for support of local Boy Scout work before the weekly luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday.*

*Sketching the history of the Boy Scout movement in Albany, Mr. Faber pointed to the values of Scouting from a community standpoint.*

*“With America taking an increasingly important stand in world affairs, it is certainly true that we need more alert citizenship now than ever before,” Mr. Faber declared, “and it is equally true that the Scout movement helps to provide such citizenship.”*

*He told Exchangites that the Boy Scouts needed their influence in reaching more Scout-age boys in the city, and asked them to help the Scout organization in forwarding its work.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-13-1941)*

#### **PATRICK ADDRESSES EXCHANGE CLUB**

*Exchange Club members yesterday heard a vivid account from Col. John B. Patrick of the development of Albany’s new advance air school.*

*Addressing the weekly luncheon meeting of the club, the school commander recalled the steps by which the size of the school was increased to its present prospect of approximately 4,000 officers and men.*

*The Colonel outlined construction plans and explained that present plans call for an “overall” landing field, in addition to the runways.*

*“The overall field will make it possible to land bombers in formations, bringing in a group every few seconds,” he pointed out.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-20-1941)*

#### **ALLEN ADDRESSES EXCHANGE CLUB**

*DeLacey Allen offered a spirited plea for patriotism “of which our fathers and their fathers could be proud”, at the weekly luncheon meeting yesterday of the local Exchange Club.*

*Reporting on addresses heard at the recent state convention of the American Legion in Valdosta, Mr. Allen told of the fifth-column movement in this country and declared that an alert citizenry would be the only way to overcome such subversive activities.*

*Mr. Allen gave the gist of Legion Convention speeches by the Rev. Scotty Montgomery of Newnan; Homer Challeaux, Chairman of the Legion committee on Americanism, and Major Sedley E. Peck, foreign correspondent for the New York Herald-Tribune.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-25-1941)*

#### **SMITH SPEAKS TO EXCHANGE CLUB**

*James W. (Taxi) Smith was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday. Mr. Smith gave an account of his work in Atlanta.*

*A new member, Ben Bozeman, was welcomed into the club. Two visitors, Messrs. Hauser and Driggers, were present.*

*The next meeting of the club will be at 7:30 o’clock Thursday night in the form of a stag supper at Monroe Latham’s camp shack.*

*The supper is in honor of Bill Norris, Secretary of the Club, who has been called for military service.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-19-1941)*

#### **EXCHANGE CLUB MEETS AT YACHT CLUB NEXT**

*The Exchange Club held its regular meeting at the New Albany Hotel yesterday. It was announced at the meeting that the members and their dates will meet next Thursday night at the Yacht Club at 7 p.m. instead of having the regular Thursday luncheon meeting.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-24-1941)*

#### **“SERVICE” IS MOTTO OF EXCHANGE CLUB**

*Albany’s youngest civic club is the Exchange Club, which was founded August 21, 1936. It adopted as its motto “Unity For Service” and has continued as a united organization giving help and service in many ways. The club is interested in living things and in helping to solve present-day problems, as well as in making friends and in personal contacts.*

*The charter was received at a banquet at Radium Springs, with the Rev. M. M. Maxwell, Secretary of the Griffin Exchange Club, and a former representative of the national organization making the presentation.*

*First officers of the club were: Spencer Walden Jr., President; Fred Sumter, Vice-President; John Ventulett, Treasurer, and Dorris Holt, Secretary. Ernest Wetherbee Jr., Hoyt Edge, Marvin Turnipseed, Joe Hughes, Bill Godley and Billy Stokes formed the board of control.*

*Proctor Johnston now heads the Exchange Club as President. Other officers are Paul Lipsey, Vice-President; Monroe Latham, Treasurer; and Hugh Horton, Secretary.*

*Each year during the Christmas season, the Exchange Club is host at a dinner to which children, who would not otherwise have a Christmas dinner, are invited. At the same time, each young guest receives a toy from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, which is made bright with lights and holiday decorations. The program, honoring these special little guests, ends at the movies with the Exchange Club serving as hosts.*

*For several years the club has rented a garden plot and on it has planted vegetables, which are given to needy families. Boys in these families who take special pride in the vegetables, which they raise, work the community garden. The club has given individual help on occasions when it was needed.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-25-1941)*

#### **EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS KILGO**

*The manager of the city branch of Cudahy Packing Company, F. A. Kilgo, gave an informative talk on the work of this branch to the Albany Exchange Club at its weekly meeting yesterday in the New Albany Hotel.*

*Although a full-line of products is carried, the main items emphasized will be those of local origin and handled by Cudahy Packing Plant of Albany, according to Mr. Kilgo. The territory covered by this office is all of South Georgia.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-31-1941)*

#### **DEFENSE HOUSING PROJECT MANAGER GIVES ADDRESS**

*The Albany Exchange Club heard an enlightening discussion Thursday at its weekly meeting in the New Albany Hotel by L. S. Miller, United States Housing Authority project manager, on the defense housing project, which is being erected on the southwest edge of Albany.*

*Mr. Miller stated that it is his opinion that the 100 dwelling units now under construction will become a substantial part of Albany when the present emergency is over.*

*“If you expect a greater Albany,” said Mr. Miller, “in keeping with the future greater America, then you will not only need this housing project but several more like it.”*

*These apartments, according to Mr. Miller, have concrete block walls, concrete floors, painted plastered walls, metal sash, and many other late building construction improvements. They are built to withstand a period of sixty years, which is a longer life than that of most residential constructions during the last several decades. They are being provided with all utilities, sidewalks, drives, fire protection, and landscaping.*

*For the duration of the emergency of the war, these small apartments will take care of a large number of army men and non-commissioned officers and a few civilian employees.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-19-1941)*

#### **PAUL LIPSEY HEADS EXCHANGE CLUB FOR 1942**

*Paul Lipsey, well-known Albany Businessman, was elected President of the Albany Exchange Club for 1942 at its annual meeting, held at the New Albany Hotel yesterday.*

*Other officers elected were; Ben Bozeman, Vice-President; Hugh Horton, Secretary; and Monroe Latham, Treasurer.*

*Members of the board of control were re-elected, with the addition of Proctor Johnston, who automatically became a member as retiring President.*