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ALBANY EXCHANGE CLUB ELECTS 1947 OFFICERS

F. E. Joiner was named President of the Albany Exchange Club at a meeting Friday in Hotel Gordon when election and installation of Officers was held. Joiner succeeds E. G. Francke as head of the club.

Other Officers include Bill Buntin, Vice-President. R. S. Hutchinson, Secretary and R. Wilson Smith, Treasurer. On the board of control are H. T. McCall, John Duke, G. W. Chapman, W. S. Newsome, Rat Riley and Billy Vinson.

Outgoing Officers, in addition to Mr. Francke, include Mr. Joiner, Vice-President and Mr. Chapman, Secretary-Treasurer.

On the nominating committee were Bobo Cannon, Billy Vinson and G. W. Chapman.

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EXCHANGE CLUB SPEAKER WARNS AGAINST REDS

"Why the Communist Party Should Be outlawed" was the topic of the guest speaker, Spencer Walden, Jr. at the Friday meeting of the Albany Exchange Club. R. E. Hutchinson, in charge of the program, presented Mr. Walden.

Mr. Walden quoted and commented on a Herald editorial stating, "instead of being run underground, the communist party should be kept in the open so that we can recognize our enemies."

"In my opinion the communist party is taking orders from Moscow" and should be buried so far underground that it will never come up," stated Mr. Walden.

"They hide behind the Constitution while waiting for a chance to destroy it since they are trying to destroy the Constitution. They should have no rights or protection under it."

"Here in the agrarian south, the problem seems insignificant and remote," he continued. "But in the north and east it is something real and concrete to fight against every day. Communist Party members and their fellow-travelers have wormed their way into key positions in state and federal governments and labor unions to such a point that, in case of war with Russia, they would be a serious menace in tying up our industry."

"Even if we fought and won a war with Russia we would still lose because of the gigantic task of policing Russia and the rest of the present occupied nations. Since they have no navy we have no fear of an attempted invasion of this country at present, but we should take definite action to prevent this boring from within."

Vice-President W. H. Buntin presided at the meeting and luncheon.

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RAWLS ADDRESSES EXCHANGE CLUB ON CITIZENSHIP

"The responsibilities of Citizenship," was the subject of the talk given Friday before a meeting of the Albany Exchange Club by the guest speaker, Grady Rawls. R. S. Hutchinson who was in

charge of the program introduced Mr. Rawls.

Jury duty was the most heavily stressed of the civic duties discussed by Mr. Rawls. He pointed out that should "professional jurors" take over, justice in our courts would become a mockery. Yet even knowing this, he said, far too many Albanians of influence and intelligence would go to the courthouse with some excuse trying to avoid service on a jury.

Another point he emphasized was the importance of voting. "We cannot expect good government without electing the right public officials", said Mr. Rawls, "the right to vote is both a privilege and duty of good citizenship."

Mr. Rawls expressed approval of the veto given the recent "White Primary Bill" because the measure would have removed all legal restraint on the democratic primary. A far better solution, Mr. Rawls said, would be to set up a rigid set of requirements for the franchise and see to it that these laws are strictly enforced. Few Negroes would be able to pass a strict test, he contended. Vice-President Bill Buntin presided at the meeting.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-12-1947)

EXCHANGE CLUB SEES MOVIE ON NEW WEED-KILLER

A movie on the development of a new chemical weed-killer was featured at the weekly meeting of the Albany Exchange Club Friday, presided over by President F. E. Joiner in the Georgian Room at Hotel Gordon. Tentative plans were discussed for arranging an Albany concert for Rubinoff and his violin.

Two new members, T. E. Story and Dr. Roy E. Shultz, were taken into the club.

As Monday night will be Charter night for the new Tifton club, President Joiner appointed Wilson Smith, Billy Vinson, and Bobo Cannon as a committee of delegates to attend their festivities.

The Georgia State Convention of The Exchange Club will be held in Columbus May 22, 23 and 24, Mr. Joiner announced. As an Albany delegation he appointed Wilson Smith, Tom Slappey and Bobo Cannon to attend the convention.

Exchangite E. G. Francke announced his intention of moving to Thomasville to live because of an attractive business offer there. He secured a letter of transfer to the Thomasville Club.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-17-1947)

MUSICAL PROGRAM HELD AT MEETING OF EXCHANGE CLUB

Miss Pat Hammond, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. E. E. Hammond, and Billy Martin, son of Mr. And Mrs. F. L. Martin, featured a musical program at the Friday meeting of the Albany Exchange Club at the Gordon Hotel.

Formal announcement was made by President "Bubber" Joiner that Rubinoff and his violin will be in Albany January 21, 1948. Rubinoff will give a free morning concert to Albany High School students and a matinee as well as evening performance in the Municipal Auditorium.

With Miss Hammond at the piano and Mr. Martin singing, the program drew hearty applause from the assembled Exchangites yesterday. Included on the program was "Desert Song" by

Sigmund Romberg. "Guilty," by Kahn, Askt and Whiting and "Anniversary Song", by Jolson, Saul and Chaplin.

A motion was made and carried that Exchangites go in a body, with their wives, to the Byne Memorial Baptist Church Sunday morning, May 25. They will hear a sermon delivered by another Exchangite, the Rev. G. A. Cooper.

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EXCHANGE CLUB GETS NEW MEMBER

President F. E. Joiner, of the Albany Exchange Club, presided at a weekly meeting of the organization Friday in the Gordon Hotel when one new member, S. I. Morris was taken into the club.

The Rev. G. A. Cooper, pastor of the Byne Memorial Baptist Church, gave a brief explanation of the Community Concert Association and his work in promoting memberships.

Mr. Joiner announced the Kiwanis donkey baseball game to be played Thursday at 8:15 pm and urged Exchangites to attend. "The game will be played by members of the Albany Kiwanis Club opposed by a team from Albany High School", Mr. Joiner stated. "The proceeds to go to the Kiwanis Clinic".

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EXCHANGE CLUBS END CONVENTION WITH ELECTION

COLUMBUS, MAY 24 (AP). More than 100 delegates attending the Georgia State Exchange Clubs Twenty-Second Convention here concluded today three days of business sessions with election of Millard A. Beckum of Augusta as State President.

Other Officers are Henry A. Stewart of Cedartown, Vice-President and O. O. McGahee of Augusta, Secretary. Joe E. Pruett of Macon, R. J. Ragsdale of Lithonia, Pierre Howard of Decatur, N. E. Fry of Valdosta, E. N. Supshaw of Savannah, Julian T. Pool of LaGrange, and A. D. Littlejohn, retiring President, were elected to the State Board of Control.

William B. Spear of Hartford, Conn., President of the National Exchange Club, today appealed to the Georgia members to "take precautions against those who would change our American way of life."

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-31-1947)

GOVERNOR DROPS INTO EXCHANGE CLUB MEETING

The Albany Exchange Club, holding its regular weekly meeting in the Radium Springs Casino yesterday, received a surprise visitor when Governor M. E. Thompson, fresh from the Radium Golf Course, dropped into the meeting to pay his regards.

Introduced to the group by Horace Caldwell, the Governor left shortly after saying a few words of greetings.

Most of the meeting was given over to the main speaker, J. W. Kieve, local attorney, who gave a

talk on the value of public interest in protecting civil liberties.

“The original Constitution of the United States had few, if any, of the provisions for what we today term the “freedoms”, and it was only through the insistence of the public that the first 10 constitutional amendments, the Bill of Rights, were adopted,” Mr. Kieve related.

“It is the public’s responsibility to see that this Bill of Rights always remains effective as it was intended. The first amendment of the Bill is the biggest protection against dictatorship we ever had-the provisions for freedom of religion, press, speech, and assembly,” he emphasized.

Following Mr. Kieve, Dick Hutchinson, Club Secretary, told members of the recent State Exchange Club Convention which he attended in Columbus.

Next week’s meeting of the Exchange Club will be held in its usual place, the Hotel Gordon, President F. E. Joiner told the group.

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CLUBS, MERCHANTS TO SPONSOR BEAUTY PAGEANT ENTRANTS

Jumping into the Jaycee-sponsored South Georgia Beauty Pageant with unbridled enthusiasm, 14 Albany Merchants and civic clubs have expressed intentions to sponsor girls for the coming “Miss America 1947” eliminations at Radium Springs June 25, according to Pete Lilliston, Pageant chairman.

Valdosta Jaycees are going to send a beautiful contestant to the pageant and Pelham interests already have picked Miss Betty Kelly as their representative. Colquitt’s Lions Club has agreed to send their beauty and a contest staged by a Dawson group will select their representative Friday night. Other cities have yet to select their girls, Mr. Lilliston said.

Slated to be held on the island in the center of Radium Springs beautiful swimming spring, the girls will cross a walkway to the bandstand, where the Radium Orchestra, the Albany Men’s Chorus, and Judges will be stationed. After the pageant, a dance will be held in the Casino. Anxious to have the Men’s Chorus perform with several of their best numbers, the Jaycees are going to have Director W. H. Gore flown to Albany the morning of the 25th from Augusta, where he will have been attending a convention of musical teachers.

So far, the list of sponsors exceeds the list of beauties on hand and the Jaycees are pressing their search for “Miss America” material with an invitation extended any girl to apply for the contest at the Chamber of Commerce Headquarters in the Hotel Gordon.

Those organizations selected as sponsors include the following:

Kiwanis Club; Lions Club; Exchange Club; VFW Club; McLaughlin Motors, Inc.; Nu-Way Cleaners, Mayfair Jewelry Company; Aultman Motor Company; Yello-Dot Cab Company; Sans Souci Distributing Company; 38 Tire Company; Benton-Hughes Service Station; and Colonial Dairies.

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EXCHANGE CLUB NAMES McCALL, BUNTIN TO OFFICES

The Albany Exchange Club yesterday elected two new officers for the coming year, Bill Buntin, President, and H. T. McCall, Vice-President. The club also passed a motion extending the terms

of officers from six months to a year by modifying the club by-laws.

Secretary R. S. Hutchinson and Treasurer Wilson Smith both were re-elected to their positions. Elections were completed without opposition to names suggested by the nominating committee. J. D. Davis, Dougherty County Agent addressed the club, speaking on all-around phases of county agriculture.

"70,000 acres under cultivation of Dougherty's 208,000 acres yield more than two million dollars worth of agricultural products," he said, covering the pecan, cotton, oat, peanut and corn crops, pulpwood products and livestock in the county.

Crop yields in this area are running far above normal, with corn growing 40 bushels per acre in many places and peanuts rooting 800 pounds per acre, the agent said.

Mr. Davis was presented by Roy Dial, program chairman for the meeting. The sale of tickets for the Rubinoff Concert was discussed.

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REV. G.A. COOPER ADDRESSES LOCAL EXCHANGE CLUB

God speaks to the hearts and minds of men who are called into the ministry and gives them visions of the needs of the world, said the Rev. G. A. Cooper, pastor of the Byne Memorial Baptist Church, as he addressed the Albany Exchange Club at its weekly meeting yesterday at Hotel Gordon.

"Some people think that religion is for women, children, and old people about to die, but it is for the strong as well as the weak", the Rev. Mr. Cooper continued. "Religion is not an appendage put on people by the ministers, but something put in us by our creator," he said.

Each week the Exchange Club invites different speakers to address the club on their life's work. Next week a photographer, L. E. Cannon, will be the speaker. All members present were asked to bring a prospective new member with them to the next meeting, which will be held Friday at 1 p.m. in the Gordon Hotel.

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EXCHANGITES HIT INDECENT SHOWS HERE

The Albany Exchange Club, at its weekly meeting yesterday at Hotel Gordon, struck at "illegal and indecent" carnivals in a resolution putting the group on record as opposed to allowing such organizations to operate in Albany.

Exchangites, after hearing an address by Sam Morris flaying such "shady" midway shows, advocated that steps be taken to organize a county fair for next year with recognized local groups contributing concessions and exhibits.

A committee composed of Mr. Morris, "Bobo" Cannon and John Duke was appointed by President Bill Buntin to contact city officials in regard to outlawing undesirable carnivals. They will bring the matter of a county fair to the attention of other interested civic groups.

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EXCHANGE CLUB PLANS FOR APPEARANCE OF RUBINOFF VIOLIN

The Albany Exchange Club met yesterday afternoon and completed plans for a concert featuring Rubinoff and his violin which will be held at the Municipal Auditorium Wednesday, January 21. A Large crowd is expected to attend the concert and persons are urged to purchase tickets early, in order that desired seats may be obtained, President Bill Buntin said.

Each member of the club has tickets to sell. Some of the downtown businesses where tickets are available are Buntin's Cleaners, the Singer Sewing Machine Company, and McCollum's Studio. Admission for the evening performance, beginning at 8:30 p.m. is: Orchestra, \$3.60; First Balcony, \$1.80; Second Balcony, \$2.40; and students, \$1.20. A special matinee will be presented for the benefit of school students with tickets selling for \$.75.