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RUBINOFF SLATES THREE ALBANY PERFORMANCES

Dave Rubinoff, better known to the world as “Rubinoff and His Magic Violin”, not only will play for the Albany public when he appears here January 21, but will visit the Albany High School auditorium to give a small size free rendition of the music which has made him know everywhere, W. H. Buntin, President of the Exchange Club, has announced.

Altogether the Maestro and his \$100,000 Stradivarius instrument will make three appearances in Albany on the same day, under the sponsorship of the Exchange Club, if high school authorities give their permission for the extemporariness appearance before the pupils, Mr. Buntin said. The Exchange official announced Rubinoff’s schedule yesterday after the club held a regular meeting in Hotel Gordon to outline plans for the event.

Mr. Buntin also appointed John Durham and Lawrence Newsome to be in charge of ticket sales, Billy Vinson, publicity, H. T. McCall, auditorium arrangements, Sam Morris, reception and program arrangements; Delmar Posey, school liaison and Dr. Roy E. Shultz, finances.

The famed artist will perform in the Municipal Auditorium at a special matinee at 4 p.m. January 21 for young persons, tickets to be sold at 75 cents each, Mr. Buntin said. Regular admission for the adult performance, beginning at 8:30 p.m. will be \$3.40, main floor; \$2.40, first balcony and \$1.80, second balcony.

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RUBINOFF TO PLAY HERE

Dave Rubinoff, famed violinist arrived in Albany this morning for an appearance at 8:30 p.m. at the city auditorium. A large crowd was expected to be on hand for the concert, President Bill Buntin of the Exchange Club, sponsors, declared today.

Mr. Rubinoff’s concert marks the second appearance in Albany of a famed artist during the current concert season, and initiates a series of appearances by celebrities during the next four months. Miss Helen Jepson, Metropolitan Soprano, was brought to Albany as the first artist on the program of the Albany Concert Association.

The exuberant musician with his leather-cased violin strode into the lobby of the New Albany Hotel this morning with the poise of a concert musician and the aggressive air of a top-flight general.

Mayor James W. “Taxi” Smith, Sam Morris and Bill Buntin of the Exchange Club met the violinist at the door of the elevator. After greeting the Albanians, Mr. Rubinoff began a discussion of cameras and their qualities with Jack Holland, Herald Photographer. At the same time he removed his violin valued at \$100,000 from the case.

Placing the Stradivarius Violin on the shoulder of Mayor Smith, he remarked: “Rubinoff’s violin never played a sour note,” Mayor Smith only gripped and grinned.

A “regular guy”, the Russian born violinist immediately conferred with Bill Buntin and Sam Morris of the Exchange Club, sponsor of the concert in the city auditorium today at 8 p.m. and agreed to a complete re-arrangement of his schedule of appearances today. He also made arrangements to appear on the two Albany radio stations, all in a matter of minutes.

Mr. Rubinoff is on a tour of the Southeastern part of the nation and will return to California when the tour is over. His wife is expected to join him tonight.

Red-headed and from Texas, Mrs. Rubinoff met her husband while she was serving as an usher at a concert which he played in Wichita Falls, Texas, several years ago. When the violinist is on tour he says that he phones his wife every night.

His three year old son, Rubin Rubinoff, already is studying the violin, said his famous pop. Having the reputation of being a huge eater, the violinist will readily

give anyone the hamburger recipe he used to prepare for President Roosevelt when he was a guest at the White House.

During the next two months appearances are scheduled at the city auditorium for Roy Acuff. January 23; Pianist, Walter Hautzig, January 29; the Don Cossack Chorus, January 30; Charles Kullman, Metropolitan Tenor, third artist in the concert series; Emory Glee Club, February 15 and the Barry String Ensemble, February 25.

Dr. Grace Sloan Overton, noted counselor on youth relations and marriage will speak in the auditorium on February 2 under the sponsorship of the Albany Community Council. On February 16 the county and city PTA Council will present a Marionette Show.

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EXCHANGE CLUB TO JOIN U.S. CRIME PREVENTION INFORMATION DRIVE

Bill Buntin, President of the Albany Exchange Club, said today that the club here will join with Exchange Clubs throughout the nation February 15-22 in a campaign to acquaint the public with the need for greatly increased year-around crime prevention activities.

"This will be an annual observance during the first full calendar week starting Sunday after Lincoln's Birthday anniversary." He added, "and it is expected to become an event as widely known for example as National Fire Prevention Week."

Samuel Morris, said President Buntin, has been appointed general chairman of the Albany program. "Crime is increasing at such an alarming rate in the nation that it has become our most threatening internal problem," said Mr. Morris. The National Exchange Club has made sponsorship of National Crime Prevention Week a major project, and outstanding law enforcement officials are agreed that such a nation-wide observance will do much to alert the public to the dangers of the situation

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EXCHANGE DISCUSSES COMMUNITY FAIR

A community fair to be sponsored jointly by the Albany Exchange Club and the Community Council was discussed last night at an Exchange meeting. Bill Buntin, President asked for suggestions and a discussion of the proposed project. Provisions were made by President Buntin to contact other service organizations in Southwest Georgia, which successfully has sponsored similar undertakings. The President said that he would meet with the Community Council at the

next meeting so more actions can be planned. During the business session of the meeting, President Buntin read a letter to the club from the county welfare office which told of how funds furnished by the club are aiding two children who were in direct need of financial assistance.

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SPEAKER PRAISES ALBANY'S CLUBS AT EXCHANGE MEET

Albany and this whole section of the state show unusual activity in service clubs and progressive enterprises, Ralph G. Adams, assistant to the National President of the Exchange Clubs, said yesterday in an interview following his speech before Albany Exchange Club.

This is in great contrast to many nearby states, said the National Exchange Representative who is making a speaking tour of this section of the nation. The people down here seem to have the necessary will to accomplish much in the future, Mr. Adams said.

The official told members of the Albany chapter that one of the main projects of the National Club is promotion of Americanism and the best way to do this is by assisting students and the younger generation.

Attorney General Tom Clark recently said that the communists now are trying to infiltrate the nation with their ideas by approaching the youth in and out of the schools, Mr. Adams said.

Many of the teachers in the nation are teaching the doctrine of communism without knowing it, The National Exchange man declared.

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STEWART NAMED NEW EXCHANGE CLUB PRESIDENT

Augusta. May 26- Henry A. Stewart of Cedartown is the new President of the Georgia State Exchange Club. He was elected at the annual convention yesterday to succeed Millard A. Beckum of Augusta.

Joseph F. Pruett of Macon was named Vice-President and E. A. Willis of Cedartown was chosen secretary and Treasurer. New members of the State Board of Control are Edward Hennessey of Columbus, Pierre Howard of Decatur, Shack Wimbish of Rome, N.E. Frye of Valdosta, James Cleveland of Elberton, and Kirby Starr of Griffin.

New Georgia Port Facilities and a program of national preparedness were recommended in resolutions adopted by the more than 300 delegates.

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EXCHANGE CLUB WILL MAKE AWARD TO TOP '48 CITIZEN

Albany Exchange Club President R. S. Hutchinson said today that for the first time since the club was organized here, the city's Number One Citizen of 1948 would be awarded a Golden Deed Certificate.

Mr. Hutchinson said the award will be made for outstanding contributions to the community by the man, woman, or child who is chosen. He said a committee would be appointed to make the

selection from nominations made by members of the club.

At yesterday's meeting the Exchangites saw moving pictures of the World Series, and Mrs. L. G. Wiggins played piano selections. Wilson Smith was program chairman.

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EXCHANGE CLUB PRESIDENT NAMES COMMITTEES, ZONING INVESTIGATORS

Albany Exchange Club President R. S. Hutchinson yesterday appointed the club's standing committees and named a five-man group to study the zoning proposal for the city.

The zoning committee, which will study the proposal now before the city commission will report to the club in regard to supporting the project and what action the club should take relative to a request by the Albany Community Council to endorse the measure.

Little Jamie King, 13-year-old Atlanta girl, drew ringing applause after two song renditions, "Now is the Hour" and "My Happiness." She also gave two delightful skits. Mrs. James Lee Wallace, whose husband was welcomed as a new Exchange member at the meeting, accompanied the talented singer at the piano.

Names to the zoning committee were Noel Whittemore, Hudson Arthur, Bruce Jennings, Dr. Alvin C. Tisdale and Sam Morris.

The Exchange committees and members appointed to them were:

Noel Whittemore, Youth.

W. C. Layton, American Citizenship.

M. A. Mansum, Audit.

R. E. Riley, Inter-Club.

Sam Morris, Finance.

Hudson Arthur, Public Affairs.

The club voted to study proposed plans for a project suggested for the Southwest Georgia Fair.

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EXCHANGE CLUB INVITED TO JOIN IN CELEBRATION FOR AIR FORCE DAY

Members of the Albany Exchange Club had an invitation today to join in the Turner Air Base Air Force Day celebration September 19.

Lt. L. T. Johnson, public information representative from the Air Base, was among guests of the club at its weekly luncheon yesterday, and he extended the personal invitation of Col. Eugene Snavely, base commanding officer.

The officer pointed out that the new F-84 jet plane would be demonstrated, Turner Air Base, it has been pointed out, is one of only four jet bases in the nation, having formerly been a P-51 base.

Entertainment yesterday included a war film, "Thunderbolt," R. S. Hutchinson, President presided.

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EXCHANGE CLUB GIVES DINNER DANCE

Exchangites and their wives were entertained at a gala fete at Radium Springs last night. Wives of the members were presented with corsages as they entered the casino, and the dinner tables were decorated with roses. Mrs. L. G. Wiggins entertained at the piano and solovox.

R. S. Hutchinson, president, was presented a sapphire pen for his work in obtaining the most exchange members in the recent drive.

The Sue Woodall School of Dancing participated in the entertainment, presenting several students in various roles. Joe Nichols and his Five Pennies, featuring Cutliff Merriwether, Tenor, provided orchestra music for the dance.

John Duke and Delma Posey performed a novelty dance exhibition. The committee in charge of the program was composed of H. T. McCall, Sam Morris, Paul Carson and Woody Lee. Mr. Morris was master of ceremonies.

Sixty-one persons attended the dinner dance.

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EXCHANGITES LAY PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Exchangites are laying plans for a Christmas Party and for a performance here by the nationally famous Spike Jones and his Band of zany but ultra-proficient musicians.

President R. S. Hutchinson also has named a committee to select the Exchange Club's "good deed" man or woman of the year. Paul Carson will head the committee of five, assisted by Dr. Roy Shultz, Hudson Arthur, M. G. Mangum, and Bill Buntin.

Recognition will be given the man or woman in Dougherty County "who unselfishly has done the most for the community" during the year. A certificate setting forth the individual's service will be awarded, President Hutchinson said.

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EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS BENZINGER SPEAK ON PLANT

Jake Benzinger, construction superintendent of Georgia Power Company at Plant Mitchell, spoke yesterday at a meeting of the Exchange Club.

In his address, Mr. Benzinger outlined the operation of the company's huge generating plant south of Albany on the Radium Springs Road, which went into operation on November 2. He explained that operations of the plant would be expanded next spring with the addition of another generating unit.

D. S. Hautman, program chairman, introduced the speaker. Presiding at the meeting was R. S. Hutchinson, club president.

Plans have been completed for the Exchange Club's annual Christmas Party which will be held at Radium Springs December 23. The committee to select the club's "Golden Rule Citizen of the Year" is still considering recommendations, it was reported. The award is an annual presentation of the club.

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EXCHANGITES CITE DR. W. S. COOK AS NO. 1 'GOLDEN DEED MAN' FOR CHARITABLE EFFORTS

Albany Exchangites paid their greatest tribute last night to Dr. W. S. Cook, honoring him for community service as the club's 'Golden Deed Man of the Year.'

Neely Peacock, Jr., presented Dr. Cook, a Kiwanian, with a certificate recognizing his charity work as best exemplifying the Exchange Code of "love for fellowman." Dr. Cook was deemed the person who had done the most for his community "without regard for personal gain or recognition."

Especially mentioned were his services to the Kiwanis Clinic for underprivileged children and his clinical work as a Mason. Dr. Cook has been practicing in Albany since 1909.

Nearly 70 Exchangites and their ladies and guests attended the annual Christmas Party held at Radium Springs. Toastmaster for the occasion was Sam Morris.

Dancing pupils of Miss Peggy Forehand and the Council Brothers' Quartet furnished additional entertainment. Dancing followed the dinner.