

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-19-1950)

EXCHANGE SPONSORS EVENTS IN 'CRIME PREVENTION WEEK'

The Albany Exchange Club is doing its part in regard to President Truman's statement that there is too much crime in America.

The occasion is "Crime Prevention Week", Feb. 19-25, which will be observed by the local club and National Exchange. A series of events will be sponsored in the city.

Judge Hudson Malone of the Albany Juvenile Court will speak at the Junior High School and Dr. C. R. Pittard, Pastor of the Byne Memorial Baptist Church, will speak at the Albany High School on crime prevention.

Radio Station WGPC will use spot announcements daily within the week to call attention to the program and a transcribed record of the speech to be made this week in Atlanta by the National Exchange Club President will be broadcast locally.

Both white and Negro pastors of Albany will deal with crime prevention in their pulpits on Sunday Feb. 19, or Feb. 26, D. S. Hautman, Chairman of the Albany Exchange Club's crime prevention committee, said Saturday.

Exchgites will appear before the civic clubs of Albany to impress upon their members the importance of the week.

A highlight of the week will be the appearance Friday of a Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent at the weekly luncheon of the local club. The agent will address the club on the importance of crime prevention work, Chairman Hautman said.

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EXCHANGE WILL BRING CIRCUS FOR SCOUT AID

Rogers Brothers, a four ring animal and aerial act circus will be brought to Albany March 25 by the Exchange Club to raise funds to send Boy Scouts to the Scouts' National Jamboree at Valley Forge, PA.

Boy Scouts of the Dougherty-Lee District of Chehaw Council will be eligible to go to the National Jamboree under the sponsorship of the Albany Club.

Dan L. Gibson, Albany Postmaster, was guest speaker and reviewed the growth of the Albany Post Office in the 17 years he has been postmaster.

With a quarter-million dollar yearly payroll for approximately 80 persons employed, Mr. Gibson said, "the local post office is one of the more important businesses in the city."

Last year, 7 million letters were cancelled at the post office and ten million dollars in money was sent through the office in registered mail.

J. Neely Peacock, Jr., presided in the absence of President C. A. Smith. Jim Stimpson was a guest.

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FBI AGENT LAUDS GEORGIA'S LAWMEN

One of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's top men, John C. Bills, in charge of the Atlanta Office, praised the Georgia law machine here Friday, stating in one respect it was ahead of the rest of the nation, and called for widespread support of police departments by citizens.

"We're not seeking headlines or advocating a police state," he said, "but merely pointing out a moral responsibility on the part of everyone in dealing with the large criminal army now loose in the nation."

Mr. Bills spoke before the Albany Exchange Club during its observance and sponsorship of "crime prevention week."

He told of how alertness, proper training and co-operation of American citizens aided the FBI before and during the war in rounding up and classifying dangerous enemy aliens. With the aid of citizens, he stated, 18,000 of these enemies were rounded up immediately after the Pearl Harbor disaster, and with a national force of only 5,000 FBI men.

The official said one-way citizens of Georgia could aid their communities and law enforcement is to urge better salaries for lawman and to take an active interest in the work and problems of the police departments.

Mr. Bills said Georgia, with 140 training schools conducted by the FBI and local lawmen leads the nation in preparatory steps. He highly praised the Georgia State Highway Patrol and said high qualifications, both from a standpoint of education and training, are now demanded of its personnel.

"One of the FBI's main functions," he said, "is to get a pulse of the various types of law violations from local lawmen." So-called "security violations," the agent related, actually can apply to most all violations, which directly threaten the security of the home and the nation. The agent outlined the enormous fingerprinting system of the FBI, which also files Federal employee cards and fingerprints taken by police departments throughout the nation, and said 878,000 known criminals were on file in 1949.

Mr. Bills said 27 per cent of all arrests for serious crimes in the United States were among young people less than 21 years of age.

The speaker was introduced by W. S. Lee, Albany FBI agent. J. Neely Peacock, club vice-president and program chairman, introduced Mr. Lee. President C. A. Smith, a former FBI member, presided.

Lawmen of Albany and Dougherty County, as well as Georgia State Highway Patrolmen, former FBI agents, and representatives of other clubs and civic groups were present and introduced. President Smith complimented the Crime Prevention committee of the club for its work this week, and said numerous radio addresses, school speeches and other activities successfully had been carried out.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-25-1950)

C. A. Smith, President of the Albany Exchange Club, presented awards to Boy Scouts at a camporee-campfire of Dougherty-Lee Scouts at Camp Osborn last night. The club will sponsor a circus here soon to raise funds to send eight scouts of various troops to the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, PA. This summer. The club Friday presented Scout Executive W. E. Nexsen with a check to secure reservations.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-08-1950)

HEY, KIDS! EXCHANGE CLUB IS BRINGING CIRCUS TO ALBANY

Perk up, kiddies, a circus is coming to town! Under sponsorship of the Albany Exchange Club, in an effort by the club to obtain funds to send Scouts to the National Jamboree this year, Rogers Brothers' Four-Ring Circus will put up for two performances at the old fairgrounds March 25. The matinee will be at 3 p.m. and the night performance at 8 p.m. All members of the Exchange Club have tickets and citizens can purchase the ducats from the members. The club receives 50 per cent of advance sales.

This year the Rogers Brothers' Circus is a bigger and better circus than ever, being the only four-ring motorized circus on tour, carrying 65 motorized units, a personnel of 250 and about 200 animals; and the only motorized circus carrying a free menagerie in which may be seen elephants, tigers, lions, panthers, pumas, bears, monkeys, baboons, and other wild life from the four corners of the globe.

Twenty-seven feature displays of outstanding circus acts will be seen in the new big five pole top, including:

Captain Eddie Kuhn, in a big steel arena battling panthers, lions and tigers, bitter jungle enemies.

Frankie Lou Woods, world famous queen of the aerialists (who played a command performance before the King of England) thrilling you with her breath-taking "Hang of Death."

Shirley Temple, world's largest performing elephant, assisted by her sister Suzie Q and the baby pachyderms, Mary and June (recent arrivals from India), 20,000 ponderous pounds of pachydermic pulchritude in a thrilling and spectacular display, "Ballet of the Elephants."

The Hollywood Aerial Ballet featuring the "Doll Sisters" world's youngest stars of the air, eight beautiful feminine forms soaring high in the air in rhythmic beauty.

The bounding Floridians, expert artists on the trampoline.

Mono and Mike Gutierrez, poetry in motion on the slack and tight wires.

Miss Helene, presenting the almost human, world-famous "Chimpanzees of the Jungle," monkeys, ponies and dogs.

Hope Esperanza, displaying the world's greatest, sensational death-defying "Foot Revolve."

The Acronuts, five equilibrists on the teeterboard.

Jimmie O'Donnell, internationally famous clown, and his contingent of mirth-provoking joeys.

Wayne G. Newman and Company, presenting the three educated white stallions, Chief, Eagle and Buddy.

This and many other outstanding acts are on the list.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-11-1950)

SCOUT OFFICIAL CLUB SPEAKER

Four ways in which Scouting helps a boy grow were told members of the Exchange Club at their weekly meeting Friday as Scout Executive W. E. Nexsen spoke before the men who will send eight Boy Scouts to the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, PA. in June.

The four ways include growth individually, as a member of a gang, in personal action and as a man.

Injecting the thought as to "what a boy is," the Scout Executive gave a series of descriptions

which all add up to make the boy into a man when he matures.

“Since 10 centuries before the birth of Christ, youth has been said to be throwing civilization backward,” Mr. Nexsen said. He added that these same boys have grown up to be religious, political and scientific leaders.

Club members continue making plans for the sponsorship of Rogers Brothers’ Four-Ring Circus, which will present two performances in Albany March 25. Money derived from the advance ticket sales by the Exchange Club will be used to send the eight scouts to the National Jamboree.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-19-1950)

BUSINESS MEN SELLING DUCATS FOR BIG CIRCUS COMING HERE

Hey, Skinny! The circus is coming to town! Yes, Sir, kids (and that means all you youngsters from 6 to 60, the big Rogers Brothers’ Four-Ring Circus will come to Albany March 25 for two performances.

The big top will be set up at the old fairgrounds and performances will be at 3 and 8 p.m. with the doors opening at 2 and 7 p.m. to show the big free menagerie.

Rogers Brothers’ Circus is being brought to Albany under the sponsorship of Exchange Club and proceeds are for the benefit of Boy Scouts. All members of the club have tickets for sale and Paul Carson chairman of the committee urges all to get their tickets now, as Exchange receives 50 per cent of the advance sales.

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Two hours of good, clean entertainment will be presented by the Rogers Brothers’ Circus, a circus that does not carry any gambling devices or games of any kind.

The circus band, (including a Calliope) peanuts, popcorn, crackerjacks, cotton candy and ice cones will go to make it a real circus day in Albany.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-25-1950)

ALBANY CLUB BACKS CIRCUS HERE TODAY

Rogers Brothers four-ring circus will open in Albany today at the old fair grounds, 8 p.m. sponsored by the Albany Exchange Club to raise funds to send Boy Scouts to the National Boy Scout Jamboree.

The first performance was to be presented today at 3 p.m., and the night performance at 8 p.m. At Friday's meeting of the Exchange Club, members heard J. Neely Peacock, Jr. deliver a paper from the National Exchange Club entitled "Our Mid-Century Crisis," a paper dealing with citizenship, Exchange Club support of national preparedness and communism.

The occasion was the observance of the 39th anniversary of the founding of the club. Mr. Peacock pointed out that the Exchange Club as one of its purposes has adopted "good American citizenship".

President C. A. Smith cut the first slice of a huge birthday cake baked for the occasion, and Exchangite John Duke served the cake to members.

Jim Stimpson was welcomed into the club as a new member by Bill Buntin. President Smith announced that Joe Pruett of Macon, State Exchange Club President, and Hank Powell of Atlanta, former state President and National Exchange Club Vice-President, will be in Albany next Thursday for a board of control meeting of the Albany Club, at which time plans for the state convention, to be held in Albany this summer, will be made.

W. E. Nexsen and Jim Smithwick, Chehaw Council Boy Scout Executives, will attend the board of control meeting at Gordon Hotel at 7 p.m. to make final plans for sending Boy Scouts to the Jamboree.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-30-1950)

EXCHANGE PREPARES FOR MEET...MEN OF STATE COMING HERE

National Vice-President D. Russell Bontrager of Elkhart, IN., will lead an estimated 500 Georgia Exchangites to Albany June 15-17 for the 25th Anniversary Convention of Georgia Exchange Clubs.

Joe Pruett of Macon, state President of Exchange will head the delegations, which will come to Albany and Radium Springs. Leaders of the Albany Exchange Club have promised one of the biggest Exchange Club Conventions ever held in Georgia.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-20-1950)

EXCHANGE MEN HEAR OFFICER ON 'DEFENSE'

"Teamed for Defense" was the theme of an Armed Forces Day message in which Lt. Col. James Fleming, base personnel officer at Turner Air Force Base, brought members of the Exchange Club Friday.

The Air Force officer said "We of the United States pride ourselves on never having started a war and in turn, never having lost one." He expressed the belief that these two items can if really and truly believed in and enlarged upon, make or break this country as a nation.

Colonel Fleming said America must be prepared morally by strengthening home ties, churches and insuring all an equal opportunity in schools, universities, and in the economy by judicious use of our precious national resources, and in the military by maintaining an alert and progressive air, sea and ground force.

Col. Eugene Snavely, Turner Air Force Base Commanding Officer, was a guest at the luncheon and was presented by program chairman Wilson Smith.

Members of the club elected R. S. Hutchinson as a delegate to the state Exchange Convention to be held in Albany June 15-17. A second delegate will be the member of the club who is selected as "Mr. Exchange."

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-27-1950)

STATE PARLEY PLANS MAPPED BY EXCHANGE

Members of the Exchangettes auxiliary of the Exchange Club met with the Exchange Club Friday at luncheon in Hotel Gordon to further plans for the State Convention here June 15-17. Convention Chairman Arthur Lee outlined plans to welcome Georgia and National Club leaders to Albany.

The vanguard of the convention will arrive June 15 when leaders will map the business sessions of the convention to be held at Radium Springs and Hotel Gordon.

Among the outstanding speakers on the program will be Attorney General Eugene Cook of Atlanta.

C. A. Smith, President of the local club, presided at yesterday's session and welcomed Hilmar Ernst, Jr., as a new member.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-10-1950)

NEXT THURSDAY...500 EXCHANGITES COMING TO ALBANY

"The biggest Georgia Exchange Club convention in history will begin in Albany Thursday when more than 500 Exchangites and their ladies gather for the Silver Anniversary Jubilee," Joe F. Pruett of Macon, President of the Georgia Exchange Clubs, told local Exchangites Friday.

Each of the 36 Exchange Clubs of the state will be represented at the three-day meet. Never before have more than 20 clubs been represented at a convention, President Pruett said.

Georgia Attorney General Eugene Cook will speak to the convention at 10 a.m. Saturday on "The Impact of Current Litigation and Legislation on State Sovereignty."

Hamilton Holt of Macon, past president of Kiwanis International will speak on "Citizenship Responsibility," and D. Russell Bontrager of Elkhart, IN., Vice-President of the National Exchange Club, will be principal speaker at the convention.

The convention will get under way Thursday night with a "president's reception" at which Mr. Holt will speak.

While the Exchange Club met at Hotel Gordon Friday to complete plans for the convention, members of the Exchangette Club, composed of wives of Exchangites, met at the home of President C. A. Smith for a covered dish luncheon plan for the entertainment of ladies attending the convention.

Arthur Lee is general chairman and D. S. Hautman, Jr., co-chairman for the convention. Participating on Friday's membership introduction program were L. E. (Bobo) Cannon, Ray Wilson Smith, James Pierce, Paul Carson, Spec Loosier and C. A. Smith. President Smith set June 23 as the date for election officers for the Albany Exchange Club.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-14-1950)

500 EXCHANGITES POUR IN FOR LOCAL MEETING

The vanguard of more than 500 members of the Georgia Exchange Clubs begin arriving tomorrow for what has been described by Georgia Exchange Club President Joe F. Pruett of Macon as the biggest Georgia Exchange convention in history opening in Albany.

Outstanding Georgians including Attorney General Eugene Cook of Atlanta and Hamilton Holt of Macon, past president of Kiwanis International, will speak at the convention, as will D. Russell Bontrager of Elkhart, IN., Vice-President of the National Exchange Club.

Each of the 36 Georgia Exchange clubs will be represented at the three-day meet which gets into full swing Friday after the leaders meet here Thursday night to complete plans for the convention.

Mr. Holt will speak at the Thursday night meeting, which will be a "President's Reception."

This will be the Silver Anniversary Jubilee for Exchange and President Pruett last week pointed out the importance of the convention.

Arthur Lee is general chairman and D. S. Hautman, Jr., is co-chairman for the convention.

Preparation for the entertainment of the ladies attending the convention is in the hands of Mrs. C. A. Smith. President C. A. Smith of the Albany Exchange Club will preside at the "model luncheon" scheduled at the convention.

Mr. Cook will speak at 10 a.m. Saturday on "The Impact of Current Litigation and Legislation on State Sovereignty." Mr. Holt will speak on "Citizenship Responsibility." Mr. Bontrager will be principal speaker at the convention.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-15-1950)

MOTORCADE TO OPEN GEORGIA EXCHANGE CONVENTION HERE

National and State Exchange Club leaders coming to Albany to the state convention opening here today will be met at the intersection of Palmyra Road and Slappey Drive at 5:30 p.m. today by members of the Albany Exchange Club to form a motorcade which will travel through downtown Albany.

Registration of delegates got under way in the lobby of the Hotel Gordon at 3 p.m. An informal president's reception will be staged at Radium Springs at 7:30 p.m. and will serve as a get acquainted hour for the more than 500 visitors expected for the meet.

At 9 p.m. the nominating committee will meet to open the business of the convention. The state Board of Control will breakfast at 8 a.m. tomorrow with continued registration of delegates getting under way at 8:30 a.m. The first general business session will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the Georgiana Room of Hotel Gordon. L. M. George of the Albany Exchange Club will preside at the session and John Steadman of Albany will lead a song service. Dr. Jack Hand, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will give the invocation.

President C. A. Smith of the host club will deliver an address of welcome at 9:30 a.m. Gaines Brewster, President of the Lithonia Exchange Club, will respond. State President Joe F. Pruett of Macon and state Secretary-Treasurer William Allen Sanders of Macon will report at the meeting.

Millard A. Beckum of Augusta, member of the national board of control, will lead a discussion of club reports. Appointment of committees will follow.

The Radium Casino will be the site of the "model luncheon" to be conducted by President Smith of the host club at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

In the afternoon, guests will swim, golf, shop and make sightseeing tours of the city. At 8 p.m. a smorgasbord will be served.

Saturday's session of the convention will begin with a business meeting at the Hotel Gordon and at 9:45 a.m. Lamar Baxter of Rome will give a demonstration on how to properly induct new members. Henry M. (Hank) Powell of Atlanta, past National Regional Vice-President, will lead a general discussion and exchange of ideas program.

At 11 a.m. Saturday, committee reports, resolutions and credentials will be presented, followed by nominations and election of officers and an address by the incoming president.

A barbecue will be served at Chehaw State Park at 1 p.m. Saturday with the afternoon devoted to entertainment.

The convention will conclude Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with the president's banquet in the ballroom at Radium Springs with President Pruett of Macon presiding. Henry A. Steward of Cedartown, immediate past president of the Georgia Exchange Clubs, will introduce the speaker, D. Russell Bontrager of Elkhart, IN., Vice-President of the National Exchange Club.

Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook of Atlanta will speak at 10 a.m. Saturday on "The Impact of Current Litigation and Legislation on State Sovereignty."

Hamilton Holt of Macon, past president of Kiwanis International, will speak at the "President's Reception" tonight.

This will be the Silver Anniversary Jubilee for Exchange. Mrs. C. A. Smith of Albany is in charge of the entertainment planning for women attending the convention and has arranged bridge, canasta and swimming parties at Radium.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-16-1950)

500 EXCHANGITES OPEN CONVENTION

More than 100 Exchange Club leaders and their wives and guests registered Thursday night at Radium Springs for the three-day state convention which brings more than 500 national, state and local Exchange leaders to Albany.

National Exchange Club Vice-President D. Russell Bontrager of Elkhart, IN. represented the National Organization at the President's reception at Radium Springs last night. State President

Joe Pruett of Macon led Georgia delegates.

An evening of fellowship was enjoyed by the visitors who dug into the business of the convention at meetings today.

The State Board of Control met this morning at Hotel Gordon. L. M. George of the Albany Exchange Club presided. Dr. Jack Hand, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation and Exchangite John Steadman of Albany led singing.

President C. A. Smith of the host club delivered an address of welcome and Gaines Brewster, President of the Lithonia Exchange Club responded. Reports were heard from State President Pruitt and State Secretary-Treasurer William Allen Sanders of Macon. A model luncheon was held at the Radium Casino at 1 p.m. today.

This afternoon guests swam, golfed and toured the city. A smorgasbord will be served at 8 p.m. today. Saturday's session will begin with a business meeting at Hotel Gordon at 9:45 a.m.

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Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook of Atlanta will speak at 10 a.m. Saturday on "The Impact of Current Litigation and Legislation on State Sovereignty."

Ladies attending the convention will enjoy games of bridge, canasta and swimming parties planned by the Albany Exchangettes; Mrs. C. A. Smith is in charge of the ladies' program for the convention.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF ALBANY HISTORY:

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-17-1950)

FOR UNITY SAKE...FORGET PREJUDICES EXCHANGITES TOLD

Hamilton Hold of Macon, past president of Kiwanis International, speaking at a Friday dinner of the state Exchange Club Convention at Radium Springs, called on more than a million civic club members in America to forget their prejudices and work together for what is right.

"We in Georgia are doing a lot of "fool ideal things today that we have been doing for years," the speaker said in calling for a breaking of the habit of doing things just because our grandfathers did them the same way.

Mr. Holt told his audience that "thinking is the hardest thing for us to do today," but he added, "If we are to survive, we must start thinking today."

The speaker said Americans have been talking to each other about corrections needed but they go on and do not practice what is needed to make those corrections. "We have spent years promoting private enterprise and yet we never do anything about it," he said.

To the Exchangites he said, "One day we will wake up to realize we can't have a meeting like this because the man in charge doesn't like it."

Mr. Holt hit what he labeled as "bankrupt spending". He put the blame for strife between capital and labor in the lap of the public and said today's conditions of labor-management trouble will continue until the public demands that they improve.

Mr. Holt labeled the Taft-Hartley Law the "greatest on the books today" and said the demand by civic clubs made the law possible.

The WPA of the early Roosevelt Administration days was given credit by Mr. Holt for being the father of the "something for nothing attitude of Americans." He said if a man gets something for nothing, his children would grow up expecting the same thing.

Praising the progress of mechanical devices such as radio, the atom bomb and machines, Mr. Holt said man nevertheless has lost none of his individual standing in the sight of God.

"Things that happen in a community today are nobody's fault but the citizens of that community," Mr. Holt said. Workman's unemployment compensation, Red Cross and WPA were things unheard of in "grandfather's day," he added. "Our grandfathers did things for themselves and they did not know their profits were going to be passed out by a paternalistic government," the speaker stressed.

Mr. Holt recalled that the 1950 Federal Budget is greater than the amount of gold discovered in the world since Columbus discovered America, greater than the entire United States food bill.

"When the tax burden gets beyond the earning capacity of a nation what will we do?" he questioned.

Co-operation of members of civic clubs will be needed to right the ills of today, he concluded.

Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook of Atlanta spoke to the convention at 10 a.m. today on "The Impact of Current Litigation and Legislation on State Sovereignty," Afterwards new officers were expected to be elected.

A barbecue was held at Chehaw State Park at 1 p.m. The convention will conclude at 7:30 p.m. with the President's Banquet in the ballroom at Radium Springs with President Joe Pruett of Macon presiding. D. Russell Bontrager of Elkhart, IN., Vice-President of the National Exchange Club will be principal speaker at the meeting.

A dance at Radium will conclude the program of the three-day convention tonight.

Members of the Exchange Club named Paul Carson Friday Mr. Albany Exchange for 1950.

Mrs. Robbie Wiggins, Exchange Club accompanist, entertained at the dinner Friday by playing organ music and Mrs. F. T. Coleman, Jr., sang "Always".

Past Presidents of the state Exchange Club and Presidents of the Clubs of the state were recognized at the meeting.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF ALBANY HISTORY:

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-18-1950)

SPEAKER SEES DIXIE BULWARK AGAINST REDS

Southerners were called upon Saturday night to guard their constitutional guarantees of states' rights as the only way to stop centralization of power in Washington.

The speaker was D. Russell Bontrager of Elkhart, IN., Vice-President of the National Exchange

Club and a member of the Indiana Legislature, in Albany for the state convention of Georgia Exchange Clubs, which ended last night.

Mr. Bontrager said America's last line of defense against creeping Socialism and Communism is in the Southland. "If people here fail as miserably in the discharge of responsibility as we "Yankees" up north have failed in ours, there is no hope for America; I am convinced that if it is not to be stopped down here, it will not be stopped in America," Mr. Bontrager concluded.

R. S. Pendleton of Atlanta was installed as President at the final dinner meeting of the convention at Radium Springs last night. Mr. Pendleton succeeds Joe F. Pruett of Macon who was elected Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year.

Other Officers elected included Milton B. Ellis of Savannah, Vice-President, and Board of Control members J. B. Fuqua of Augusta, Shack Wimbish of Rome, O. L. Olson Sr., of East Atlanta, Ray Pope of Waycross, Ed Tucker of Lithonia and C. A. Smith, II, of Albany.

Atlanta was selected as the 1951 convention site. At the concluding business session, the convention adopted resolutions commending Gov. Herman Talmadge, the General Assembly and the Ports Authority for the development of Ports at Savannah and Brunswick. The resolution called for development of inland ports of Augusta, Columbus and other cities of Georgia.

Resolutions were passed at the convention offering the Georgia Forestry Association assistance in the conservation of timberland.

Thirty-five of the 36 Exchange Clubs in Georgia were represented at the convention at which 312 persons registered.

A barbecue was enjoyed at Chehaw State Park Saturday Afternoon and was followed by parties for swimming, golfing, sightseeing, and shopping. A dance at Radium Spring followed the President's Banquet at which Mr. Bontrager was principal speaker Saturday night. Speaking on "Exchange's Answer to communism" Mr. Bontrager said the covenant of service by which Exchange Clubs are directed is expressed in individualism.

Drawing a circle showing the development of Americans from bondage to faith, courage, liberty, abundance, selfishness, complacency, apathy, dependency and back to bondage, the speaker said he was leaving in the conclusion of his audience the opinion as to "where we are in the circle today."

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"Since 1939 the eyes of the world have been on Americans as world leaders and they have dominated the scene just as Rome did in ancient times. France and Holland did in their day and as England did through her domination of the seas in later day," the speaker said. "We must recognize and assume that leadership," he added.

Mr. Bontrager said the attitude of organized labor leaders who consider personal welfare with no regard of the demands of society as a whole and the attitude of the politicians willing to exploit minority groups, holding out promises of things they know will not come about, mean that "we have passed through the stage of abundance in the circle leading to bondage.

Mr. Bontrager hit both major political parties when he said "the willingness of political leaders in both major parties to play upon prejudices is one of the indications of the strong winds which show we have gone into this stage of selfishness in the life circle."

The speaker who said all good things flows from faith called for a return to spiritual faith.

Mr. Bontrager labeled as communism or stalism all the things, which are leading back to bondage.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF ALBANY HISTORY:

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-24-1950)

HUDSON ARTHUR GETS EXCHANGE CLUB TOP POST

Hudson Arthur was nominated and unanimously elected President of the Albany Exchange Club for the coming year at the meeting of the club Friday at Hotel Gordon.

L. E. Cannon was named Vice-President, Paul Carson, Secretary and James Pierce, Treasurer. Named to the Board of Control were outgoing President C. A. Smith, J. Neely Peacock, M. G. Robertson, Arthur Lee, Spec Loosier, and D.S. Hautman.

C. A. Smith and Arthur Lee were named delegates to the National Exchange Convention to be held in August and L. E. Cannon and Wilson Smith were named as alternates.

Six boy scouts who will leave for the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, PA. today, sponsored by the Exchange Club, were guests at Friday's meeting. The scouts included Roger Dickinson, Troop 5, Charles Anderson, Troop 1. Adair Mellichamp, Troop 7, Sammy Vining, Troop 15, Zack Pate Jr., Troop 16 and Raymond Carson, Troop 13. Scoutmaster Richard Bullock who also will make the trip to Pennsylvania was present with the scouts.

Arthur Lee, Chairman of the recent state convention conducted in Albany, reported on the convention and President C.A. Smith read letters from past state Exchange Club President Joe Pruett of Macon and from Russell Bontrager, National Exchange Club Officer, praising the work of the Albany Club in sponsoring the convention.

A yearly report by outgoing President C. A. Smith showed gain of four members in the last year, revision of the club's by-laws and constitution and incorporation of the club as a non-profit organization for civic improvement.

P. M. Gaines was inducted into the club as a new member by R. S. Hutchinson who also served as chairman of the nominating committee, which had as members, Bill Buntin and Harold Glass.

EXCHANGE CLUB OF ALBANY HISTORY:

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-08-1950)

EXCHANGITES SEE GENE'S GALLUSES

Hank Powell of Atlanta, prominent in Georgia Exchange Club work, yesterday answered a major political riddle as he produced the red suspenders the late Gov. Gene Talmadge wore during his last campaign.

Mr. Powell was illustrating to Albany Exchangites his theory of "if you want something bad enough you can get it".

He said he made up his mind to get "Old Gene's" trouser supports when the Sage of Sugar Creek was last campaigning. "I asked for them and got them," he said.

Also pulling object after object from his briefcase, Mr. Powell showed how his personal

determination had netted him a lot of hard to get items, including an autographed photograph from Franklin D. Roosevelt, a major league baseball, the treasurer's fountain pen of an insurance company with which he was associated, and radio commentator Cedric Foster's necktie.

He said it took him 30 years to get the baseball but finally one came close enough to him in the grandstand for him to catch it.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-08-1950)

EXCHANGE CLUB CHIEFS TAKE OFFICE

Joe F. Pruett of Macon, immediate past president of Georgia Exchange and the new state secretary-treasurer, yesterday installed new officers of the Albany Club at Hotel Gordon. He commended local Exchangites and other Albanians for the outstanding state convention held here recently.

Taking over the president's gavel from C. A. Smith, II was Hudson Arthur. L. E. Cannon is the new Vice-President, Paul Carson the new Secretary and James Pierce the new Treasurer. Members of the board of control are J. N. Peacock, M. G. Robertson, C. A. Smith, Spec Loosier, D. S. Hautman and Arthur Lee.

Mr. Smith was congratulated on his election to the state board of control.

Club members were given mimeographed reports of the Albany convention.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-19-1950)

EXCHANGE TO SPONSOR MODEL AVIATION; AIR MEET SLATED CITY PLANNING AIR TROPHY AS BOOST FOR RECREATION

Model aircraft enthusiasts and craftsmen of Albany today were making final plans for a contest in August following announcement by the Albany Exchange Club that the civic organization would sponsor the air meet and undertake to boost model aviation in the city as a full-scale project.

The Albany Aero Club spear-heading the model aviation plans in the city, today named a committee to confer with Albany Airport Manager Bill Hall concerning proposed use of the airfield in August for the contest.

The City-County Airport Committee has pledged its co-operation with the model craftsmen. Chairman W. C. Holman, Sr. said.

At the same time, as a further boost to model aviation as a sport hobby and recreation here, city recreation director Rod Blaylock said the city tentatively plans to put up an aviation trophy for future model air meets. The trophy would be permanent, awarded to contest winners annually, but any one winning it three times in succession would gain it permanently.

Jack Connell and H. W. Judy of the Albany Aero Club were named as a committee to work with Exchange in setting up a list of prizes for the free-flight contest in August.

Exchange Aviation Committee Chairman "Bobo" Cannon said today that his group last night voted to endorse model aviation as a project of the Albany Club. Exchange, nationally, was the first civic club to sponsor model aeronautics on a large scale.

Exchange President Hudson Arthur, at the club's last meeting recommended that model aviation be undertaken as a project. The membership will hear a full report at Friday's meeting at Hotel Gordon.

The August contest to which the public is invited free of charge, will feature the flying of various types of "free-flight" gas motor powered model airplanes. The planes will be judged on their flying ability. Academy of Model Aeronautics rules will be used.

The contest will be both for youngsters and adults. Juniors will compete in one division and seniors in another. Airplane motors and construction kits will be among the prizes. Two Albany businesses, the Southeastern Hobby Depot and Gunnels' Sporting Goods, each have offered a motor as a prize. Exchange will furnish the bulk of the awards.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-25-1950)

PRIZES LISTED FOR EXCHANGE MODEL CONTEST

The Albany Exchange Club sponsoring a model airplane free flight contest at Albany Airport August 6 will offer miniature gasoline motors and model airplane supplies as prizes in the event, Exchange Aviation committee chairman Bobo Cannon said today.

The Albany Aero Club also will donate motors and supplies as prizes. The events will include the flying of planes with the smallest of gasoline engines to those of a heartily or more powerful construction.

The Southeastern Hobby Depot and Gunnels Sporting Goods Store donated a motor each as prizes.

Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-29-1950)

EXCHANGE SET TO PRACTICE FOR AIR MEET

Model aviation flying experts will meet Sunday at the old Philema airfield in Lee County for a model plane contest to be held at Albany Airport on August 6.

Members of the Exchange Club and, sponsors, will be on hand Sunday to supervise the practice flying.

The auxiliary airfield is just east of Leesburg and can be reached by the Stocks Dairy Road or by going through Leesburg.

Purpose of the air show is to build interest among the youth and older craftsmen of this section in model aviation.

Prizes are ready for the August 6 contest and among the outstanding sights to be viewed will be a model plane in radio-controlled flight.

Exchangites will meet at 810 Society Avenue to make the trip to the flying field this Sunday and anyone not having transportation should meet at that address.

President Arthur, in inviting the public to the practice show Sunday, said yesterday "experienced and licensed flyers are participating in the show and most of them really have perfected flying models to work with, promising a good show."

At the meeting of the Exchange Club Friday, plans for a square dance for September 30 were made with invitations going to members of other clubs in this area.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-03-1950)

EXCHANGE AIRPLANE CONTEST PLANS SET FOR SUNDAY EVENT

Dozens of model airplanes will buzz skyward in thrilling flight exhibitions at Albany Airport Sunday as the Albany Exchange Club opens its first model plane contest here. The event will get under way at 10 a.m. and will last until around 5 p.m.

Both adult and younger craftsmen of the city will fly the free-flight planes, some with wingspans of more than six feet. Several original designs will be on the flight line and possibly a couple of large radio-controlled aircraft.

President Hudson Arthur of the Exchange Club, and "Bobo" Cannon, the club's Aviation Committee Chairman, said today that a loudspeaker would be operated to announce the events. Exchange members will aid in the timing of the flights and in policing the flight line to avoid damage to the planes.

The City-County Airport Committee and Airport Manager Bill Hall are co-operating with Exchange and the Albany Aero Club in arrangements for the contest. The contest will be held on a section of the airport, which will permit no interference with regular air traffic.

Sunday's contest will be divided into two divisions, junior and senior. Craftsmen up to 16 years of age will compete in the junior division and those more than 16 in the senior. The planes will be judged on the length of time they remain in the air on a 20-second motor run, from takeoff, or a 15-second motor run if hand launched.

Another event will be a flying scale model contest. Planes in this category will be judged on their appearance, scale characteristics and flying ability.

The contest will be open to any model plane builder in Albany and the vicinity. There is no age limit. Officials said the event is one of several planned to boost the highly interesting hobby and sport in Albany.

No admission will be charged to witness Sunday's event. Exchangites and officials of the Albany Aero Club will give contest winners awards at the airport.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-06-1950)

MODEL PLANE EVENT OPENS HERE TODAY

Prizes were being readied and officials selected here Saturday for the Exchange Club's free-flight model airplane contest today at Albany Airport. The contest will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 5 p.m.

The contest, being held to promote model airplane sports flying in the Albany area, is open to youngsters and adults of this area. Young men will fly in the junior division and adults in a senior division, Exchange officials said.

The Exchange members and the Albany Aero Club will set up a flight line and spectators will be invited to view the planes and flights from the flight line.

Winners will be declared on the basis of which planes remain aloft the longest on a 20-second motor run. A flying scale event also will be held.

Officials said Saturday 25 or 30 craftsmen are expected to fly planes, some with large wingspans and requiring much skill and patience to build, in the competition.

Albany Aero Club officials said Saturday if the contest is a success, a large southeastern states flying meet will be planned for Albany sometime this fall. This meet would draw hundreds of model airmen from the various states, some of them nationally known experts. There will be no admission charge for Sunday's event.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-07-1950)

THESE PLANES JUST WOULDN'T STICK AROUND

Jack Connell, ex-Paratrooper and model airplane craftsman of Albany probably established some kind of new cross-country foot racing record Sunday.

Jack's airplane took off from Albany Airport in the Exchange Club contest yesterday, and was about 1,000 feet high 17 seconds later when the motor cut off. But the plane wouldn't come down. It soared around on rising hot air currents for about 10 minutes before it disappeared from sight in the blue.

The plane's builder struck out afoot in a westerly direction. He ran for a couple of hours through woods, fields and residential sections, trying to keep the plane in sight. Finally, after emerging from a low cloud area, the plane settled a mile or two from where Connell then was standing. Jack, on his run, had engaged two motorists to aid him and had several families alerting neighbors to watch for the plane. He found his plane about seven hours later, dangling from a tree practically undamaged. It had traveled more than five miles from the airport.

Howard Perrin of Albany also lost a plane on an official flight, the trim craft disappearing high in the sky as Perrin chased it by auto.

Several other contestants' planes soared away on air currents, including those of Oscar Bullard and H. W. Judy of Albany.

Anyone finding the plane is urged to contact the Albany Aero Club, the Herald, or the builders whose addresses are listed on the planes.

Marvin Pierce was the Exchange Club Chairman for this event. He and Exchange President Hudson Arthur presented awards to winners Jack Connell, Charles Johnson, Jr. and others.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-19-1950)

EXCHANGITES HEAR ALBANY GIRLS SING

A program of classical and popular songs was sung yesterday by two young Albany girls at the luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club at Hotel Gordon.

Miss Laura Reitz, soprano, sang several solos and sang two duets with Miss Lois Brazier who sang alto. John Stedman accompanied them on the piano. Bob Kimbrell arranged the program.

Miss Reitz sang "Solveig's Song" by Grieg; "My Buddy," by Walter Donaldson; and "One Kiss" from "The Desert Song." The duets were "An Old Fashioned Garden" by Cole Porter and "Rose Marie" from the show of the same name.

Miss Reitz will be a regular singer on the Sunday "Albany Sings" series, which will begin September 3 at 1:30 p.m. on Station WALB. Mr. Stedman will direct the programs.

Two delegates to the National Exchange Club Convention in Washington, D.C. August 31, were

named at yesterday's meeting. They are Bobo Cannon and Clarence Smith. A new member, Joe Nichols, was welcomed.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-07-1950)

HAND TALKS TO EXCHANGE CLUB HERE

Dr. Jack G. Hand, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church offered a three-point recipe for happiness at the Exchange Club meeting yesterday at Hotel Gordon.

Exchange President Hudson Arthur announced that the club has ordered a Freedom Shrine Exhibit consisting of copies of 28 historic documents. He said it is planned to place the exhibit, which will cost about \$250.00, in Albany High School on United Nations Day, October 24.

Dr. Hand told the Exchangites that to achieve happiness people should be less serious-minded and more should have faith in God, their fellowmen and the American way of life and should learn to forget themselves and live for others.

Capt. A. V. Smith of Turner Air Force Base and six Herald newspaper carriers were guests at the meeting. The carriers honored in connection with National Newspaper Boy Day, which will be observed today were: David Littleton, James Faircloth, Jimmy Holly, Jimmy Bridges, Taylor Harrison and Ray Lloyd.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-14-1950)

EXCHANGE'S FREEDOM EXHIBIT HERE

The Freedom Shrine Exhibit containing copies of 28 historical documents, purchased for \$250.00 by the Exchange Club, arrived in Albany Friday and will be placed at some downtown location for public showing. Hudson Arthur, President of the club, announced yesterday at the club's weekly meeting at Hotel Gordon.

The exhibit will be placed in the Library of Albany High School on United Nations Day, October 24.

Harold D. Padgett, local manager of Eastern Air Lines, presented a film, "Air Power is Peace Power", featuring Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, President of Eastern Air Lines, at the meeting.

Ray Puckett and Ed White of Albany and Ross Chambliss of Americus were guests at the meeting.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-24-1950)

EXCHANGE GIFT...HIGH SCHOOL GETS FREEDOM EXHIBIT

The Exchange Club presented the Freedom Shrine exhibit, containing photo static copies of 28 historical documents from the founding of the United States through the signing of the United Nations Charter, at chapel exercises today to the Albany High School.

Milton George, a member of the board of control of the club, made the presentation. Principal Harold McNabb accepted the gift on behalf of the students and faculty. Hudson Arthur, President of the club, introduced Mr. George.

In his presentation speech, Mr. George pointed out that the tendency of Americans is to think of constitutions and documents as something in the past but that they are guides to our present-day laws and rights.

The presentation was made today because this is the fifth anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-02-1950)

EXCHANGE CLUB PLANS 'MAN OF YEAR' AWARD

James Warren, manager of the Southern Bell Telephone Exchange here, showed a film, "The Telephone Hour", at the weekly luncheon meeting Friday of the Exchange Club at Hotel Gordon.

Plans were completed at the meeting to hold a Christmas Party December 19 at Hotel Gordon at 7:30 p.m. at which time the club will present its annual Golden Deed Award to the man selected as Albany's "Man of The Year".

E. F. Sapp, a new member was welcomed into the club at the meeting. Guests included Capt. Robert G. White of Turner Air Force Base and Master Sgt. E. L. Hightower, local Army and Air Force Recruiters.