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ALBANY EXCHANGE CLUB TAKES IN TWO NEW MEMBERS

Two new members were installed when the Albany Exchange Club met yesterday at Hotel Gordon. They were Norman Pritchett and Charles Foster, and were inducted by C. A. Smith. Paul Carson, club member, brought his miniature Hammond Organ to the meeting, and gave the club a demonstration of how the instrument is operated. He played several songs. Club President L. E. Cannon announced that the Exchange Board of Control would meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS McNABB ON SCHOLARSHIP

Principal H. E. McNabb, of Albany High School, told some 25 members of the Exchange Club attending the Friday luncheon meeting in the Hotel Gordon, that he would be glad to help make the selection of the recipient for a scholarship loan fund. The club is considering setting up a fund.

Mr. McNabb was the principal speaker at the noon meeting yesterday, and devoted the time to an informal discussion of types of scholarship and scholarship loan funds now in general use. He told the club members that the club must decide for itself the type of fund, which it wishes to establish, and the qualifications, which it wishes to require of candidates for the fund. He said that scholarship loans have not worked out in the past nearly as well as outright grants in aid.

The Exchange Club has made no definite move so far in the direction of establishing a fund, but had asked Mr. McNabb to discuss with them the various types of scholarships in existence so that the members might become better acquainted with scholarship programs.

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RECREATION TALK MADE TO EXCHANGE

M.M. Wiggins, chairman of the City Commission's Recreation Committee, outlined a proposed \$700,000 program for City recreation facilities in a speech before the Exchange Club on the weekend.

Commissioner Wiggins said that Albany is "25 years behind time in recreation" and added that Albany will attract more industries and businesses after the additions are made.

The recreation move calls for three swimming pools to be located at Tift, Shackelford, and Carver Parks. Full recreation facilities would accompany the pools, he stated.

Mr. Wiggins said that pool 75x185 feet would be built in the northeast corner of Tift Park, along with a gymnasium 110 by 130 feet. The gymnasium building would house two basketball courts, club and game rooms, dressing and storage space. It would also contain a six-lane bowling alley.

The pools to be located at Shackelford Park, in East Albany, and at Carver Park, for Negroes,

would measure 30x105 feet. Recreation equipment similar to that proposed for Tift Park would be installed and both parks would have gymnasiums. Other developments would take place on land bought by the city recently for parks on Eleventh Avenue and on Pine Avenue, along the Flint River.

Mr. Wiggins said that the cost of part of the program could be met by tax money already in the city coffers, and by the money from stadium property bought by the Board of Education, if the board exercises its option. A bond issue could raise the remainder of funds, he said and added that he believes the city will want the reaction of the people, through a bond vote, before any decision is made.

The commissioner, in praising Rod Blaylock, Director of City Recreation said that Mr. Blaylock's tabulations show that last year a total of 392,760 Albanians visited city parks. The breakdown, he said, was: Summer, 204,060 visits; Fall, 55,200 visits; Winter, 67,600 visits and the Spring 65,000 visits.

Last month, Mr. Wiggins said, 44,658 visits were made to Tift Park; 4,200 to Shackelford and 8,607 to Carver. He pointed out that in 1951 the city spent only \$38,000 for recreation.

"It is time," Mr. Wiggins declared, "that Albany made some real progress in recreation when new people, and new industries consider moving here, the things they ask about first are education, churches and recreation."

J. D. Reeves, Exchange program chairman, introduced Mr. Wiggins. Paul Carson, President, welcomed the club guests and said that the Exchange Board of Control will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Hotel Gordon.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE CLUB ANNOUNCES MODEL CONTEST

Jack Chambers, of the Albany Exchange Club's aviation committee, Saturday announced to model airplane enthusiasts in the Albany area that the Exchange Club of Key West, FL would sponsor the Key West state model meet on August 17.

Mr. Chambers said that prizes and trophies amounting to nearly \$500 would be awarded during the one-day competition. The contest will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 6 p.m.

Those desiring entry blanks can obtain them by writing to the Exchange Club of Key West, FL or to Charles Faraldo contest director, P. O. Box 423, Key West.

The events will include hand-launched glider, rubber powered free flight, U-control scale, U-control speed in classes A, B, C, and D, U-control stunt and radio control free flight.

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ALBANY CIVIC CLUBS WILL HEAR RADIO-RELAY TALKS THIS WEEK

Frank A. Woods of the staff of the Georgia Manager of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company will demonstrate some of the miracles of radio-relay transmission to Albany Civic Clubs this week.

The demonstration will be made at the Lions Club Tuesday, the Kiwanis Club Wednesday and

the Rotary Club Thursday.

The program also will be presented to the Optimist Club, Exchange Club and the Civitan Club in a joint meeting at 8 p.m. Friday.

The feature is to acquaint the public with a new development in transmitting long-distance telephone conversations and inter-city television network programs over the country.

Radio-relay transmission is similar to regular radio transmission, in that high frequency radio waves are used instead of wires and cables. The waves are transmitted from tower to tower, placed approximately 25 miles apart or from horizon to horizon in relays across the country.

The new radio-relay skyway system developed by the Bell Telephone laboratories now spans the continent coast to coast, and the link of towers are now serving the South, extending from Atlanta to Charlotte and on to Washington D. C. where it connects with the transcontinental radio-relay and coaxial cable systems.

Mr. Woods will bring an interesting set of demonstration equipment with him from Atlanta, which will illustrate the process of transmitting long-distance telephone calls, radio and television programs through the air. He will also demonstrate some of the peculiar qualities of high-frequency microwaves. In addition to the development of radio-relay, Mr. Woods will discuss several other important developments of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, which are the result of the company's continuing research program to further improve telephone service.

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By Glenn Vaughn, Herald Staff Writer

SMITH BLASTS OPPONENTS OF COUNTY UNIT AMENDMENT

J. W. (Taxi) Smith, state official, local attorney and former Mayor, lashed out at opponents of the county unit amendment and amendment number two, to be voted on in the Nov. 4 general election, in a speech to the Albany Exchange Club yesterday.

Many people have mistaken ideas about the county unit system, Mr. Smith said, adding that it is the greatest thing we have in the state today.

"For 35 years the people of Georgia have voted under the county unit rule," the lawyer declared. The amendment simply means that in the event of a two party system in Georgia, the other party would be required to use the unit rule in its primary, he stated.

Speaking without a prepared text, Mr. Smith said, "I can't visualize how any Georgian outside the larger cities of Atlanta, Augusta, Savannah, Macon, or Columbus could be opposed to the unit amendment. These cities have a potential vote to out-vote every county in Georgia. Fulton County alone can out vote every county south of Macon except Columbus and Savannah."

Mr. Smith reminded Exchange Club members that in the U.S. Senate, the unit rule prevails.

Opponents to the system twice have carried their opposition to the Supreme Court, and lost, he said. "They know that if the amendment is put into the constitution it would require a two-thirds vote of the people to take it out again," he said. "It is their last chance."

The lawyer charged unit opposition money was being donated by the CIO, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and other Atlanta "so called liberals."

Of amendment two (an amendment to use gasoline tax money exclusively for roads) Mr. Smith said for the last 25 years politicians have been elected on promises of (1) a school teacher raise and (2) new school buildings.

Highway Department money has been used for school purposes leaving Georgia roads in bad condition, he said. Mr. Smith declared that of the \$95 million collected through sales taxes last year, \$60 million has been allotted to schools.

Mr. Smith charged, "It is the school leaders who are fighting amendment number two. And you can put that in the paper," he added.

Georgia has 11,000 miles of roads, Mr. Smith pointed out, stating, "If there's anything the state needs, it is better roads."

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EXCHANGITES HEAR SONGS BY VOCALIST

The Albany Exchange Club yesterday heard a vocalist, Mrs. Amy Thompson, sing several selections in French and English. John Stedman accompanied her at the organ.

Mrs. Thompson, wife of D. F. Thompson of Albany, is a native of Belgium. She was introduced by Charles Foster.

J. Neely Peacock inducted a new member, Charles (Chuck) Samford, into the club. Exchange President Paul Carson welcomed guests, including Capt. L. O. (Doc) Savage, Turner Air Force Base public information officer.

A club discussion led by Hudson Arthur, concerned ways in which the DPS drive could be made a success.

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EXCHANGE MEN HEAR SINGING OF STUDENTS

A group of charming Sumner and Sylvester High School students entertained the Albany Exchange Club yesterday with ensemble music. Mrs. Ruth Melton Hall, their pianist and instructor accompanied the girl singers.

The pleasant-voiced youngsters sang a program that included "Look for the Silver Lining," "Somebody Loves Me," "Rise and Shine," a selection from "Girls! Girls! Girls!," and one from Romberg's "Desert Song." Among the songs with solo parts were "Without a Song", "Blue Moon", "Jerusalem", and a Kentucky mountain ballad.

Exchange President Paul Carson welcomed as guests, John Etheridge, Sumner School Superintendent, Mrs. Paul Carson, and Mrs. Franklin Coleman. Special guests as part of the club's participation in USO "Pal Week" were Airman Second Class Robert Whitney, Airman Third Class Tarmo Karhus and Airman First Class Albert Hopkins of Turner Air Force Base and Albany Marine Supply Depot, Staff Sgt. Charles Self.

Charles Foster was program chairman. He introduced Mrs. Hall, who in turn presented the singers.

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J.J. CORDELL GIVEN 'GOLDEN DEED' AWARD

The Albany Exchange Club Saturday night awarded Albany Superintendent of Education J. J. Cordell its "Golden Deed" man-of-the-year award for Mr. Cordell's contributions locally in the field of education.

Paul Carson, President of the Exchange Club, made the trophy presentation. The club designates a local citizen each year for the award. Previous recipients included Bill Rorer, Hudson Malone, Dr. W. W. Cook, Fred Mills and Walter Brown.

Club members also engaged in a Christmas Party. Born in Hartwell, Mr. Cordell attended Mercer University and the University of South Carolina. He has worked in the field of education since 1928. Mr. Cordell first came to Albany as Principal of Albany High School. He later served, as assistant superintendent of the school system, as superintendent and more recently was designated superintendent of education under the new consolidated school setup.

Besides being prominent in the local and state education picture, Mr. Cordell is a First Baptist Church Deacon, a leader in the Keystone Bible Class, is active in Scouting, a member of the Lions Club, is a Community Council Director and a YMCA Director.

He is a member of the Safety Council, the Georgia School Accrediting Commission and the Georgia School Administrators Association. He is married and has two children.