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NEW PASTOR IS SPEAKER AT EXCHANGE

The Rev. B. F. Ogletree, one of the city's new ministers, yesterday gave the Albany Exchange Club a stirring New Year's message. The Presbyterian pastor challenged the Exchangites to have faith in God and in themselves, and to say, "I'll try" instead of "I can't".

The Rev. Mr. Ogletree cited present day fear, confusion, befuddlement and uncertainty about the future, and gave as his antidote faith such as David had when he fought Goliath. "Remember that Jesus said, "O ye of little faith," the minister said. "What Jesus meant then, and what we should have now, is faith to permeate our very beings."

The speaker reminded that God is present in the depths and heights of human emotion, and recalled that Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the earth."

Exchange President Paul Carson introduced the Rev. Mr. Ogletree. Charles Foster welcomed a club guest Pat Cronin and Clarence C. Smith was welcomed back to the club after a short absence. It was announced that Dick Hutchinson has been appointed a District Governor of the Georgia Exchange Club.

President Carson revealed that the Exchange Club would sponsor a January 23 appearance of the Bill Bailey Minstrel Show at the Municipal Auditorium.

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EXCHANGE CLUB HONORS PAST PRESIDENTS

The Exchange Club yesterday honored the organizations past Presidents and laid final plans to sponsor the Bill Bailey Minstrel Show at the Municipal Auditorium on January 22.

The club's former Presidents recognized at the meeting included C. A. Smith III, Dick Hutchinson, Bill Buntin and Hudson Arthur. Another past President. H. L. Cannon, was not present.

Two shows will be presented by the Minstrel Group, matinee and evening, and the Exchange Club's percentage of the proceeds will be added to a scholarship fund. Advance tickets may be obtained from club members.

In other business the group held a question and answer session on the by-laws of the organization. President Paul Carson announced also that a "Ladies Night" would be held January 30.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 01-24-1953)

CHAMBER CHIEF TELLS EXCHANGE PROJECT PLANS

Chamber of Commerce manager, William Broome, yesterday listed for the Albany Exchange Club some of the projects to be carried out by the chamber in 1953.

Included in the program are an intensified advertising campaign on Albany's merits, an improved annual Fat Cattle Show, participation in a Rural Community Improvement contest, the continuation of service to Albany by Eastern Air Lines, and a new chamber of commerce

building.

Also, Mr. Broome said, there will be renewed stress on health, recreation, highway and street improvements, parking facilities and transportation. The chamber will continue to lend its active support to the military installations located here, Mr. Broome said.

Other chamber activities will include the publication of a monthly chamber of commerce bulletin and a streamlined membership committee, the manager said.

He listed as post-war achievements of the chamber: the location in Albany of Clark Thread Company, Plant Mitchell, Albany Marine Supply Depot, Merck & Company Chemical Manufacturers; National Linen Supply Company and Karagheusian Rug Company.

The enthusiasm of the people of Albany is one large factor in Albany's success story, Mr. Broome said. He added, "When you land one of the big ones, from two to a dozen smaller industries inevitably follow." He listed a number of these.

J. D. Reeves, program chairman, introduced Mr. Broome. Sergeant-at-arms Charles Foster welcomed guests Jack Holland, Ralph Ellerbee, and Lt. Jennings Richards of Turner Air Force Base. Paul Briggs, an Exchangite from Columbus, was welcomed as a new member of the Albany Club by President Paul Carson.

Hudson Arthur reported on the Bill Bailey All Star Minstrel Show sponsored here by the club Wednesday night, and thanked the members who worked with him in making the show a success.

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EXCHANGE'S TOP OFFICIAL WILL VISIT IN ALBANY

W. Harry Jack of Dallas, Texas, National President of the Exchange Club, will address a meeting of Exchange Clubs in the Albany area here on February 19. The area dinner meeting will be held at Radium Springs.

Exchange Clubs of Thomasville, Tifton, Valdosta, and Albany will be present at the Radium meeting.

The National Exchange President will stress the importance of National Crime Prevention Week, now being observed under the sponsorship of Exchange Clubs throughout the nation.

Other speaking dates, announced by Herold M. Harter, National Exchange Secretary include: a dinner meeting at Emory University, Atlanta, February 17; a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Richmond, Augusta, February 18; a dinner meeting at the Hotel DeSoto, Savannah, February 18; a luncheon meeting at Ragan's Park, Macon, February 19, and the Radium Springs meeting.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-19-1953)

ALBANY EXCHANGE MEN WILL HEAR PRESIDENT

Albany Exchangites and their guests will don their best "bibs and gowns" tonight as they entertain the National Exchange Club President W. Harry Jack of Dallas, Texas at a Radium Springs banquet. This is the first visit made to Albany by a National Exchange President. Wilson Smith, chairman of the banquet, said that President Jack would speak on "Crime Prevention" in conjunction with the Crime Prevention Week being sponsored now by the Exchange Clubs of America.

Mr. Jack is touring the state, visiting Exchange Clubs, and speaking on this topic. Tonight Lon Gammage of Columbus, President of the Georgia Exchange, will introduce him. The banquet is set for 8 p.m.

Exchangettes from Thomasville, Tifton and Valdosta will be guests at tonight's fete. Tomorrow is another crime prevention program, local Exchangettes will hear Kline Weatherford, special agent-in-charge of the Atlanta FBI office speak on a subject appropriate to Crime Prevention Week.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-20-1953)

EXCHANGE'S TOP MAN TELLS OF U.S. CRIME

W. Harry Jack of Dallas, Texas, National Exchange Club President, said that crime is glamorized too much on television and warned that ordinary citizens as well as lawmen need to join together to combat crime in all of America. Speaking at Radium Springs to Exchangites from Thomasville, Tifton, Valdosta and Albany, the Dallas Attorney urged a revitalization of church and school programs and of family worship, and said that the individual must help decrease crime by supporting such organizations as the YMCA, aid delinquents, guide youth in it's problems, enlarge school and church facilities and teach a dynamic brand of citizenship. Lon Gammage of Columbus, President of Georgia Exchangites, introduced the Exchange President. Joe Pruitt, current Georgia Exchange Secretary, introduced out of town delegations. Mayor E. E. Wetherbee Jr., welcomed President Jack to the city.

J. Neely Peacock was toastmaster and the Rev. B. F. Ogletree gave the invocation. Wilson Smith was banquet chairman, which was held at Radium Springs last night.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-22-1953)

EXCHANGE CLUB BACKS KIWANIS CLUB MOVE FOR ROTC OUTFIT

The Exchange Club has endorsed a resolution initiated by the Kiwanis Club recommending the establishment of a Reserve Officer Training Course at Albany High School.

The endorsement was signed by W. Paul Carson, Exchange Club President, and J. D. Reeves, Vice-President.

A Kiwanis Club committee, working on the project, adopted the resolution and reported "possibilities are favorable."

"It is the opinion of the undersigned Board of Directors that the disciplinary training of an ROTC unit would be a valuable supplement to the present educational program, and would make the students better prepared to serve in the armed forces of this country when and if called upon," the resolution reads.

The recommendation requests that the governing bodies of the City and County, along with the Board of Education, take the necessary steps to initiate such a program.

A copy of the resolution was sent to the City Commission, the County Commission, the Board of Education and to T. C. Lackland, Chairman of the Boys and Girls Committee of the Kiwanis Club.

Original copies were signed by Tom Malone, Kiwanis Club President, and Edmund A. Landau Jr., Secretary.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-31-1953)

MEN'S CHORUS TICKETS STILL ON SALE HERE

Six organizations in Albany currently are selling tickets for the June 5 concert of the Men's Chorus at Municipal Auditorium.

The groups are the Exchange Club, Avalon Methodist Church, Presbyterian Men's Fellowship Class, Albany Lion's Club, Junior Women's Club, and the Civitan Club.

Chorus officials pointed out that the organizations will retain 50 per cent of the selling price and will apply these funds to their own civic projects.

It was disclosed that tickets for this purpose still are available. Organizations interested in securing them should contact Frank T. Coleman, of Coleman Opticians.

(Taken from The Albany herald, dated, 06-28-1953)

EXCHANGE CLUB CHIEFS INSTALLED AT CEREMONY HERE

Dick Hutchinson of Albany, a District Governor of the Georgia Exchange Club, this weekend installed the Albany Exchange Club's 1953-1954 officers at ceremonies held at the Elks Home. Wives of the Exchangites and guests, who were presented with gifts, witnessed the installation. Following a banquet, John Stedman played a program of organ music.

District Governor Hutchinson installed J. D. Reeves, President; O. L. (Spec) Loosier, Vice-President; Charles Samford, Secretary; R. Earl Riley, Treasurer; M. G. Robertson, Sergeant-at-arms, and W. C. Layton, Chaplain. Installed as Board of Control members were L. E. Cannon, Mr. Hutchinson, Hudson Arthur, Bill Buntin, Franklin Coleman, and Paul Briggs.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-04-1953)

CITY MANAGER ASKS GOVERNMENT MERGER

The continued progress of Albany might necessitate a raise in taxes in the not too distant future, City Manager, W. S. (Bill) Sharman said at a luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club yesterday. The City Government, for the last few years, has been faced with a tremendous problem of keeping up with the physical growth of Albany, the City Manager declared.

Mr. Sharman offered as a solution to the problem the consolidation of County and City governments.

"Since the majority of the people living in Dougherty County live inside the City Limits of Albany and 80 per cent of all county taxes are paid by the City residents, a consolidation would be beneficial to all citizens," Mr. Sharman said.

The City Manager added that this plan probably would draw fire from a number of officials since it would mean the elimination of a number of jobs. He continued that the plan would provide a more efficient and economical form of government without overlapping taxes and jobs.

Introduced by the Exchange Club's immediate past President, Paul Carson, Mr. Sharman outlined the progress of Albany since 1946.

Until 1946, the City Manager pointed out, Albany had only 20 miles of paved streets. Since 1946, 21 miles of streets have been paved, he said. The current paving program in many instances is being held up for the installation of storm sewers, he added.

Also, the City Manager presented a breakdown of the City's expenses and told of future plans for the expansion of recreational facilities at Tift Park.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-11-1953)

MANGET TELLS CLUB SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Victor Manget, local Social Security Director, gave Albany Exchange Club members new Social Security information yesterday.

Mr. Manget concentrated on a new program which went into effect January 1, 1951, under which a wage-earner's widow with children under 18 years old may receive as much as \$20,000 Social Security compensation.

This new program involves a lump sum in some cases, Mr. Manget said, but usually is distributed in monthly payments. A widow with two children might get \$150 a month, he stated, if she files a claim for the compensation within six months after the wage-earner's death. He stressed that there are few complications in being granted the payments.

"Social Security has less red tape than any other government agency," he assured the civic group, adding that such papers as marriage licenses, birth certificates and service discharge papers are the proof most usually needed.

About filing claims for old age pensions, Mr. Manget said that family bibles and almost any family records are admissible as evidence for collecting.

Paul Carson introduced Mr. Manget. J. D. Reeves, Exchange President, was in charge. He welcomed club guests introduced by Charles Foster.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-08-1953)

By Lynn Lilliston, Herald Staff Writer

MOCK SEES NO MERGER NEED HERE

County Commissioner George Mock, although stressing that he is "non-committal" on City Manager W. S. Sharman's recent proposal to merge the County and City governments, told Albany Exchange Club members yesterday that "I frankly do not see the need of a merger; and if a merger was effected, I do not see how it would work."

Mr. Mock, who said he was "pinch-hitting" for County Commissioner Chairman M. W. Tift, cited Albany Airport, the school system and the welfare and health departments as examples of jurisdiction already shared by the City and County and asked; "what is there left to combine? What is the necessity of combination?"

A number of County Courthouse officers are "constitutional officers," Mr. Mock said, explaining that their jobs were described and planned for in the Constitution of 1777 and cannot be abolished. He described methods under which fees support these officers and in rebuttal to Mr. Sharman's suggestion that a merger would save Albany-Dougherty County taxpayers

money, he said, "as taxpayers we contribute nothing to the support of Constitutional County officers."

These officers all have special duties, he said, and there is no overlap of authority in County government. Merger of departments not already combined would have to be done with a Constitutional amendment and approved by the voters, Commissioner Mock said.

He said in effect that all the consolidation that can be done without breaking the law already has been done, and cited as an example of non-merge able properties the City street department and the County road department.

The commissioner outlined the working set-up and functions of the following departments: Public Schools, which were merged in 1951; Board of Education, members of which are appointed by City and County Commissioners and the Grand Jury; Health and Sanitation departments, which are supported by state, county and city funds; Public Welfare department, which is supported by 75 per cent Federal funds, 21 per cent Georgia and four per cent Dougherty County funds; the Hospital Authority; roads department; County Police; County Home Demonstration Agents and Fire protection for county forest lands.

The County Commission pays the salaries of registrars, tax assessors, jurors, jury advisers, juvenile court judge and probation officers, he said, stating that most of these departments are autonomous.

About the 1953 Dougherty County tax millage rate, Commissioner Mock said the commission plans to set the rate within a few days, adding that the commission believes that the rate can stay the same as last year and still balance the county budget. Money of the county will be spent approximately, he said, 10 mills for general purposes, one quarter for the state and three quarters for mill bonds. Dougherty County owes nothing but its bonded indebtedness of \$360,000, Commissioner Mock said, and the county has \$200,000 in the bank. A county expense last year not anticipated was \$90,000 for the Flint River Bridge "rights of way," he stated. Paul Carson introduced Mr. Mock. J.D. Reeves, President named committees for the Fall Merchants Day, to be sponsored August 20 by the Exchange Club. Paul Carson and Hudson Arthur were named co-chairmen of the project.

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MISS AMERICA, ALBANY DAY PLANNED BY CLUB

Neva Jane Langley, the nation's charming first lady of pulchritude, will arrive here at 11 a.m. on August 20 to participate in a series of events planned by the Albany Exchange Club, sponsors of "Miss America and Albany Day."

Plans Chairman Paul Carson said that the program would include a luncheon parade, dance and appearances by Miss America at downtown department stores. More than 50,000 Albanians and Sowegians are expected to attend various phases of the fete.

A luncheon at the New Albany Hotel at 1 p.m. will honor Miss America. The Exchange Club and The Albany Optimist Clubs will be joint hosts of the affair, at which Mayor E. E. Wetherbee Jr., will extend Miss Langley this city's formal welcome.

At 6 p.m. there will be a parade through the downtown section and a dance is planned at Radium Springs from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The mellotones will play and the public is invited. Tickets are \$3. Attendance at the New Albany Hotel Luncheon is by invitation only, Mr. Carson said, adding

that about 400 people will be invited.

Miss Langley will make only one additional appearance, in Moultrie, before taking a rest prior to acting as hostess at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, NJ early in September.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-15-1953)

SOUTHERN BELL CHIEF SPEAKS

Albany Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company Manager Harry Hudson yesterday addressed the Albany Exchange Club and gave members an interesting synopsis of what Civil Defense plans his company is making.

As the program progresses, he told Exchangites, Southern Bell will install underground telephone lines to police and fire departments and other necessary installations as precautions against surface lines being destroyed in an attack.

This was the first talk made by Mr. Hudson since he came here to succeed Julian Crook.

Following his speech, he showed a film entitled "Communication for Civil Defense," Exchange Club President J. D. Reeves presided.

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ALBANIANS PREPARE WELCOME FOR 'MISS AMERICA' IN EVENT

Final plans for "Miss America and Albany Day" Thursday are being completed by members of the Albany Exchange Club, sponsors of the day long program which will include personal appearances by Miss Neva Jane Langley, "Miss America" a parade, luncheon and a dance. Paul Carson, Chairman of the event, said that Miss Langley would be driven to Albany Thursday morning and at 11 a.m. will be escorted from the Slappey Drive-Palmyra Road intersection into the city.

At 1 p.m. Miss America will be honored at a luncheon for 400 people at the New Albany Hotel and will be officially welcomed here by Mayor E. E. Wetherbee Jr. Hudson Malone will be toastmaster and civic officials and club representatives are among those who have been invited to attend.

Miss America will make a personal appearance at the J. C. Penney Company at 3 p.m. and at 6 p.m. along with other beauties from Albany and surrounding cities, will lead a parade through the downtown section. The parade will be composed of convertible autos and representatives of a number of cities, Mr. Carson said.

Tickets now are on sale at Lonsberg's Book and Music House and Johnston and Glass for the dance at 9 p.m. at Radium Springs, which will honor Miss America and her court. Tickets are \$3 per couple. The Mello-tones will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR ALBANY DURING VISIT OF MISS AMERICA

Miss Neva Jane Langley, who won the talent division of last year's "Miss America" contest with her piano playing and later won the full title, will be invited to play for the 400 Albanians who are to attend a luncheon in her honor tomorrow at a "Miss America and Albany Day" celebration.

Herald Station WALB will broadcast the New Albany Hotel luncheon program from 1:30 to 2 p.m. and Miss America will display her talents as a pianist unless the terms of her contract forbid such a performance. Hosts at the luncheon will be the Exchange Club and Optimist Clubs. The Macon beauty will arrive in Albany at 11 a.m. and will be met at the Slappey Drive-Palmyra Road intersection by members of the Exchange Club, who are sponsoring "Miss America and Albany Day."

City officials and civic representatives have been invited to attend the luncheon in her honor and at 6 p.m. a parade is scheduled to start at the Federal Building at the Broad Avenue-Jefferson Street intersection.

Miss Clementine Wiggins of the Saddle and Stirrup Club will be Parade Marshal. Members of the Albany Police Department will lead the parade, followed by members of the Albany Riding Club and the Saddle and Stirrup Club, after which convertibles entered by the Exchange, Lions, Civitan, Dougherty Kiwanis and Optimist Civic Clubs will follow. Other entries include the ROTC Band of Turner Air Force Base, the American Legion's 40&8 boxcar and the Dougherty County Home Demonstration Club.

Albany girls will ride in these vehicles and swelling the parade will be convertibles bearing out-of-town beauties.

A private dinner at Radium Springs will fete Miss America at 7 p.m. after which a public dance will be held at the Radium Casino from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$3 a couple.

Miss America will make only one other public appearance, in Moultrie, before taking a short rest prior to serving as hostess at the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, NJ early in September, at which time her successor will be selected.

Neva Jane plans to return to Wesleyan College, Macon, in September to complete her education. She will be a member of the Senior Class.

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CITY WELCOMES 'MISS AMERICA'

Beautiful Miss Neva Jane Langley, who arrived here this morning to preside over "Miss America and Albany Day" festivities, is preparing to turn in her crown for a college girl's skirt and sweater.

Miss Langley will make one more public appearance as "Miss America" spend a week at home in Lakeland, FL, and then go to Atlantic City, NJ to reign over the Miss America pageant Sept. 7-12. Sometime after Sept. 18 she will return to Wesleyan College, Macon, and enter her junior year studies. She is working toward a music degree from the Wesleyan Conservatory and will graduate in June 1955.

America's first lady of feminine beauty arrived here at 11 a.m., driven from Macon by Joe Pruitt, Georgia Exchange Club Secretary. She was met by members of the Albany Exchange Club, sponsors of Miss America and Albany Day and was given a police escort to the New Albany Hotel. Scores of Albany admirers met the brunette beauty as she arrived at the Slappey Drive-

Palmyra Road intersection and more formed a motorcade, which followed her car into town. At 1 p.m. she was to preside at a New Albany Hotel luncheon for 400 jointly sponsored by the Exchange Club and the Optimist Club and at 3 p.m. she was scheduled to make a public appearance at J.C. Penney Company. At 6 p.m. she and Albany and South Georgia beauties will form a convertible parade that will start at the Federal Building and circle the downtown business section.

A private dinner at Radium Springs will honor Miss Langley at 7 p.m. and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Albanians will do her honor at a dance at Radium Springs. The Mello-tones will play for dancing and tickets are \$3 a couple.

The beauty queen wore a sleeveless blue linen dress, high-heeled bare sandals, silver jewelry and her Alpha Delta Pi sorority pin when she arrived in the city. For the dance tonight she will don one of the strapless formals in which she has been so widely photographed.

After her successor has taken over, Neva plans to have her auburn hair cut in the fashionable "Italian Boy" style, which should take well to her naturally curly hair. However, she doesn't plan to try the huge "hoop" earrings that are currently popular with the "Italian" haircut. Asked what she thought of Christiana Dior's edict that skirts be knee length for a "shocking" look, Miss Langley replied that she doesn't plan to try the shorter skirts.

"I think the present length, midcalf, is most flattering," she said. "I wouldn't be the first to try a short skirt, but I guess if everybody wore them I would too." She added that she thinks Dior's skirts will take quite a while to catch on, if they do at all.

What qualities would be useful to the next Miss America? Miss Langley, who added that the ability to relax in the short times allotted to a celebrity is a valuable help, listed patience.

"People have been very nice to me as a whole," she said, "but children are better mannered than adults. They ask May I have your autograph, please?" instead of just shoving the paper under your nose like some of the older people have done."

Miss Langley, besides serving as hostess at the Miss America pageant, will perform with the pageant orchestra. She is practicing Liszt's Hungarian Fantasy for Piano and Orchestra. She won last year's talent division of the Miss America contest with her piano playing.

Miss Langley said she has no future plans other than finishing college.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-21-1953)

MISS AMERICA GETS BIG WELCOME HERE

"Miss America and Albany Day," sponsored by the Exchange Club, was climaxed with a parade and a "Miss America" dance at Radium Springs. Despite a full program, Neva Jane Langley, Miss America of 1953, found time to visit an injured youngster at Phoebe Putney Hospital and to play a few piano numbers for ROTC students at the Turner Air Force Base Officers Club.

Parade Marshal Miss Clementine Wiggins of the Saddle and Stirrup Club and members of the Albany Police Department led the parade, which began at the Federal Building and circled the downtown business section.

Albany and South Georgia beauties who rode in the parade and formed Miss America's court were Misses Jean Malone, Nan Mercer, Ilona Hull, Peggy Neil, Leah Prisant, Barbara Lipsey, Betty Dickinson, Evelyn Chambers, Barbara Kerr, Mary Alice Barrett, Mary Elizabeth Martin,

Kathy Burnett, Chloe Perry, Elise Rich, all of Albany.

Hundreds of Albanians flocked to the sidewalks to see America's first beauty. Civic Clubs and other groups entered cars in the procession. The ROTC Band played for the parade.

Miss Langley was entertained at a dinner by Officers of the Exchange Club prior to a dance at Radium Springs at which a good attendance was noted. The Mello-tones played for dancing.

John Stedman played the piano and Bill Bowick, Master of Ceremonies, performed two pantomimes.

State Exchange Club Secretary Joe Pruitt of Macon escorted Miss Langley. She and members of her court sat at a special table. Miss Langley, for the parade and dance wore a strapless white evening gown studded with rhinestone sequins.

During the afternoon, she was taken to Phoebe Putney Hospital to visit 14-year-old Gail Lollis of Gaffney, SC who was injured in an automobile crash near Newton two weeks ago in which her 4-year-old brother was killed.

"Gail was beside herself when Miss Langley came into her room," a nurse said. "Gail said her friends in South Carolina will never believe that Miss America made a trip to the hospital just to see her."

Miss Langley also dropped in to see Gail's Mother, Mrs. Emar Lollis, who has been in critical condition with a broken neck and other injuries but who now is on the "improved" list. Both mother and daughter "were thrilled to death" with Miss America's visit, nurses reported.

Other appearances made by Miss Langley included a stop at the J.C. Penney Company, where she signed autographs, and at the Capitol Drive-In Theater.

She spent the night here and this morning left to be a special guest at the Moultrie Tobacco Festival. Miss Langley explained that she chose Moultrie as the site for her final appearance before the Miss America pageant because her parents, who now live in Lakeland, FL, are former Moultrie residents.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-19-1953)

PORTERFIELD TALKS TO LOCAL EXCHANGE CLUB

The Rev. Ralph Porterfield Friday blasted "the worship of athletes" and said America, caught in a worldly tide of evil, is heading down the same road to destruction, as did ancient Rome.

He criticized sports events that take place on the Sabbath, in particular a forthcoming sports car race at Turner Air Force Base, which he said he and other Albany Ministers did everything in their power to prevent.

The First Methodist Church pastor told members of the Albany Exchange Club "we are living in a pagan world...there is an evil force abroad in Albany today...if the worldly tide of evil isn't turned back, we will be living in a country worse than Russia."

The minister told his Hotel Gordon audience of three types of people: good, bad and indifferent. The indifferent, he said, are parasites living off the good of Albany, characterized by spiritual blindness.

He cited as an example of evil the fact that taxes from the sale of liquor are used to educate the country's children.

"Is a nation going forward when the government has no more judgment than that?" he asked. A "remnant" of good people, such as may be found in Albany and America, must turn back the

tide of evil, he said, or the country will be lost.

Exchange program chairman Paul Carson introduced the Rev. Mr. Porterfield. Henry T. McIntosh, appearing on behalf of Dougherty Public Solicitations, described the program under which the Community Chest plans to raise its \$83,000 goal for worthy organizations. There are normally seven drives for charity funds, he said, but the DPS plans to raise the money in "one drive for all."

Organizations, which benefit under the DPS drive, are the USO, Georgia Heart Society, Child Welfare, Girl and Boy Scouts, YMCA, Salvation Army, American Cancer Society and the Red Cross.

Exchange President J.D. Reeves presided.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-03-1953)

CHEST CHIEFS OUTLINE WORK FOR EXCHANGE

Jimmy Mays, Business Manager and Paul Keenan Jr., General Chairman of the Albany-Dougherty County Community Chest campaign, yesterday outlined this year's drive at a luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club at Hotel Gordon.

Mr. Mays explained that Dougherty Public Solicitations, Inc., is a co-operate body made of 15 men and women elected to their positions.

The nine agencies listed for the 1953 drive serve approximately 95 per cent of the people of Albany.

He compared Albany's goal of \$83,000 to a goal of \$300,000 in Columbus. The population of Albany is approximately 40,000. While the population of Columbus is about 90,000, Mr. Mays pointed out.

Through the new plan solicitations will be made through seven civic clubs, each member being responsible for his own business, the DPD official said.

Mr. Mays said that a canvass also would be made of the residential area, probably on the night of Oct. 19.

Mr. Keenan explained that a trophy would be awarded to the civic club with the greatest percentage of participation.

The General Chairman continued that payroll deductions would be emphasized at businesses and industries throughout this year's drive. He enumerated several industries in Albany, which already have adopted the payroll deduction method of solicitation.

"We are not after pressure or intimidation of employees," Mr. Keenan said. "We believe that in the past many employees have not been given adequate opportunity to participate in the drive."

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-17-1953)

By Glenn Vaughn, Herald Staff Writer.

SMITH ASKS AVERAGE CITIZEN TO SELECT NEXT MAYOR IN CITY

J. W. (Taxi) Smith launched his campaign for Mayor yesterday in a warmly received speech at the luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club at Hotel Gordon. "The time has come for the little

man to have a voice in the city government," the candidate and former Mayor declared, adding, "the little people might as well concede unless they rise up this time and express their wishes through the ballot box."

The candidate told the group, with the surprise visit of the Exchangettes, wives of Exchange members that he was running cause many of his supporters appealed to him to seek the city's top office.

"I'm going to run, I'm going to the people and discuss the issues with them," Smith said. "I'm not seeking this for financial gain. I am not as rich as my opponents but could get along without the monthly salary of Mayor. Until this race is over, I will be doing everything humanly possible including sacrificing for those not able to run," he declared.

"There are only a few days left in which to register, and whether you vote for me or for my opponent, the important thing is to register and vote," Mr. Smith stated.

He told of coming to Albany 26 years ago as a stranger who knew only three people. "Now I know as many people in Albany as any other man in the city," the candidate said.

"Most of you are like me," Mr. Smith, stated, "you live here because it is the finest city in the world.

"Albany is continuing to grow," he continued, "and whether we like it or not, we've got to make room and expand to keep in step." He repeatedly emphasized that everyone must take part in the government and express themselves with their vote.

Paul Carson introduced the speaker.

Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-14-1953)

LIPSEY DEFENDS RECORD IN SPEECH

In the first speech of his campaign for re-election, Mayor Pro-Tem Paul Lipsey yesterday defended his record as Public Works Chairman of the City Commission, against false accusations, stating that a sewer mistake of the city was not as costly as an opponent had claimed and denied another charge that he was the "tool of a special interest group."

Mr. Lipsey also said he didn't request the street that was paved at his home, and outlined how four streets in that section received paving because the sewers already had been installed.

The Mayor Pro Tem, whose record has been under fire recently by one of his opponents, political newcomer Frank Barker, addressed the Exchange Club at Hotel Gordon.

Mr. Lipsey outlined his city commission duties to the club, and said "my first assignment was to investigate and select a proper insurance plan for hospitalization and medical insurance, a job left uncompleted by retiring commissioner Crouch. This project was carried to completion and has been satisfactory for the last four years."

Citing accomplishments during his service as Public Works Chairman, Mr. Lipsey said he approved plans and let contracts for the installation of the Eighth Avenue outfall sewer, the largest sewer installation ever undertaken by the city, the total cost being more than \$800,000 providing service for homes and industries in the extreme western part of the city.

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MALONE TELLS OF HOME FOR ALCOHOLICS

Hudson Malone yesterday discussed The Anchorage Inc., a non-profit corporation sponsored by a group of “concerned Albanians for the regeneration of alcoholics” at a luncheon meeting of the Exchange Club at the Hotel Gordon.

Mr. Malone told the Exchangites that The Anchorage is the only organization of its kind in Georgia and one of six in the nation.

Introduced by Paul Carson, the speaker told of the original idea of The Anchorage and how members of the Business Men’s Sunday School Class of the First Methodist Church initiated it. Interest in the project began to spread and soon it was endorsed by the Albany Ministerial Association and received the complete sanction and support of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Located in a \$100,000 building adjoining Darr Homes, The Anchorage is equipped to handle 50 men at one time.

A director has been named for the rehabilitation home and was introduced at the Exchange meeting yesterday. He is Stauffer Moses, a man long experienced in this type of work. He will live at the home.

The Anchorage will not be a sanitarium or a sobering up place, but a place for rehabilitation for the men who have a sincere desire to help themselves, the speaker stated. The length of stay at the rehabilitation home will be two months and there will be no charge, Mr. Malone said.

The Anchorage is non-denominational. Already the organization has started operations and currently officials are seeking regular subscribers. “We aren’t looking for especially large subscriptions,” Mr. Malone said. If 250 to 300 people would contribute \$1 per week, then The Anchorage could operate successfully, he added.

Presiding at the meeting was Exchange President J. D. Reeves. O. F. (Spec) Loosier announced that the date for the club’s annual Christmas Party had been set for Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Radium Springs. Mr. Loosier is chairman of the Exchange’s entertainment committee. Other members are Jack Mayer and Milt George. A highlight of the event will be the presentation of the club’s Golden Deeds Award.

Following the meeting the club’s board of directors voted to contribute \$25 to the current Empty Stocking Fund. A new member, Dr. Harold Sharman was initiated into the organization.