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EXCHANGE CLUB TO SPUR NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION WEEK IN CITY

The week of Feb. 14-20 has been proclaimed Crime Prevention Week in Albany by Mayor J. W. (Taxi) Smith.

Observances here will be spearheaded by the Albany Exchange Club, which has scheduled a series of programs in connection with crime prevention week.

Paul Carson, chairman of the Exchange's observance committee, Saturday announced committee appointments for various phases of the observance.

Exchange members to be in charge of the program are Ed Reeves, Co-Chairman; the Rev. B. F. Ogletree, in charge of the "Go to Church Sunday" project; Dick Walker, school day observances; Harry Logan, "Know your Policemen Day"; Charles Soloman, "Youth Activities Day"; Garrett Lawhorne, "Public Forum Day"; Dr. J. H. Sharman, "Exchange Club Day"; Cecil Gibbs, "County and Farm Day"; and Milt George and Jack Mayer, radio.

The purpose of National Crime Prevention Week is to arouse the public to the threat of lawlessness and corruption and to encourage more effective, year-round efforts to prevent crime.

The observance initiated by the National Exchange Club, is sponsored in communities throughout the United States by local Exchange Clubs, Mr. Carson pointed out.

In stressing the educational necessity for National Crime Prevention Week, Mr. Carson noted that an estimated 2.1 million major crimes occurred in the nation last year.

The proclamation, signed by Mayor Smith, reads as follows:

WHEREAS, the greatest crime is the tolerance of crime and citizens must be aroused to the dangers of the rising crime wave in order to combat the problem effectively; and

WHEREAS, The National Exchange Club has initiated National Crime Prevention Week, the seventh annual observance of which is being held this year, for the purpose of renewing the fight against crime and keeping the public alert to this ever present danger; and

WHEREAS, the local observance of National Crime Prevention Week is being sponsored by the Exchange Club of Albany, with the co-operation of law enforcement agencies, churches, schools, and other civic groups;

NOW THEREFORE, I J. W. Smith, Mayor of the City of Albany, do hereby proclaim the observance of National Crime Prevention Week, Feb. 14 through 20, 1954 and do urge all citizens of this city to do their utmost to interest themselves in this educational program and to support all agencies and efforts to put down crime and the breeding of crime in the community.

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CIVIC, MUNICIPAL CHIEFS HEAR TALK BY FBI AGENT

In a special program climaxing "Crime Prevention Week" in Albany, the Exchange Club yesterday had as its featured speaker, Billy Lee, an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation here, who discussed the citizen's obligations toward the prevention of crime.

Attending the special luncheon program, held at Hotel Gordon, were Presidents of the various civic clubs in Albany, court officials and officials of the Albany Police Department.

Speaking without a prepared text, Mr. Lee told the group, crime in the juvenile age group between 10 and 17 years old has increased 29 per cent during the last few years while the population in that age group has increased only six per cent. Paul Carson, chairman of the "Crime Week" committee and former president of the Exchange Club, introduced the speaker. The FBI man said that too often the public would not co-operate in the apprehension of criminals. A typical sentiment of citizen asked to aid in capturing a criminal is, "I can't tell you anything, I might have to go to court as a witness," Mr. Lee commented. Many persons are afraid of being called a "stoolie" or a "pimp" should they give information to police officers. "Actually when a person aids police in the capture of a criminal, that person is doing that law violator a great favor," the speaker said. "Because usually if a person gets away with a minor crime, he will commit a more serious crime," he pointed out.

"The prevention of crime is just as much the responsibility of the public as it is the law enforcement officers," Mr. Lee declared.

Mr. Lee asked, "How can citizens discharge their obligations in the prevention of crime?" He answered by saying that a citizen can set a proper example by living his own life in a Christian-like manner. Also, Mr. Lee said, a citizen can see that the character-building institutions such as the schools, the churches and the homes are conducted in a God-like manner.

"Crime is as old as mankind and we probably will have a crime problem until the end of time," the Federal investigator noted, "Our problem is the degree of crime with which we will be faced."

Mr. Lee continued, "The rules of Democracy are the rules of the majority." He said in effect that although there are some rules with which we disagree, we must abide by those rules because we must respect the rights of others, as we ourselves want our rights respected.

"Every day should be crime prevention day," Mr. Lee told the Exchange Club members and guests. "Every day we should exert some good influence."

The speaker served as a "pinch-hitter" for an officer of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, who was scheduled to address the club.

Mr. Lee received a standing ovation from Exchangites and their guests at the conclusion of his talk.

The program yesterday ended a series of programs sponsored by the Exchange Club this week, high-lighting "Crime Prevention Week" here. "Crime Week" is a national observance sponsored by the National Exchange Club.

Special guests at the meeting yesterday were Mayor J. W. (Taxi) Smith; City Detective Capt. Gordon Stokes, City Detective Leslie Summerford, Billy Hunter, U.S. Deputy Marshal; Carey Burnett, City Manager; Hudson Malone, Judge Juvenile Court; Judge George Sabados, City Recorder's Court; Judge Clayton Jones, City Court; Jimmy Palmer, County Police Chief; Rudolph Greer, Postal Inspector; and Jim South, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Also present were Mrs. W. K. Bogar, President of the Albany Women's Club; Mrs. F. I. Perrett, President of the PTA Council; Mrs. John Paul Jones, President of the Pilot Club; Bill Broome, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce; B. Frank Cook, President of the Rotary Club; Edmund Landau, President of the Kiwanis Club; J. M. Meadors, President of the Civitan Club; Jimmy Irvin, President of the Junior Chamber of Commerce; R. E. McTigue, President of the Business Men's Club; G. L. Markey, President of the Optimist Club; J. C. McCorkle Jr., Master of Dougherty Lodge 591; Joe H. Hughes, Master of Albany Lodge 24; Max Shepard, Commander

*of the American Legion; H. T. Burnett, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Floyd Perrett, President of the Albany Underwriters Association.
Presiding at the meeting was J. D. Reeves, Exchange Club President.*

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EXCHANGE CLUB HAS BIRTHDAY

“Spec” Dozier, Vice-President of the Albany Exchange Club, cut the first slice of an anniversary cake yesterday at Hotel Gordon as the local organization celebrated it’s national founding 43 years ago.

The program consisted of a resume’ of the Exchange Club’s past history and outstanding achievements. Participating in the program was past presidents of the club, including L. E. Cannon, Harry Logan, Hudson Arthur, Bill Buntin, R. S. Hutchinson and Paul Carson. Col. A. E. Dubber of the U.S. Marine Depot of Supplies spoke briefly to the group on plans for Little League Baseball.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-03-1954)

McNABB, CORDELL PRAISE CLUB’S SCHOLARSHIPS

Albany High School Principal Harold E. McNabb and Dougherty County Superintendent of Education, J. J. Cordell, spoke to members of the Albany Exchange Club yesterday at Hotel Gordon on the combined subject of the club’s scholarship fund and progress in the school system’s building program.

Mr. McNabb reported to the club on the previous student recipients of \$500 awards made annually by the Exchangites and spoke briefly of their activities since receiving the scholarships. He praised the club for its “sane approach in awarding the scholarships” and said that the Albany Exchange Club is the leading civic group in this type of work.

The superintendent of education said the new buildings here probably will be ready for occupation on schedule, except for the auditorium, which as been slowed due to a steel shipment delay.

Mr. Cordell stated that when the present structures are in use, the public school system would still need additional space the following year, due to the rapidly increasing enrollment.

Lt. Charles McCollum of Turner Air Force Base, and E. H. Kalmon, President of the Dougherty County Board of Education were special guests.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-17-1954)

EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS BURNETT TALK ON PLANNING

City Manager Carey Burnett, spoke to Albany Exchangites yesterday at Hotel Gordon, highlighting City of Albany “Planning” and a proposed paving program.

He told members of the club that planning for a city could be done without necessarily going to great expense. Simple precautions can be taken, he said, which will guarantee an attractive city

for the future.

Condemning the practice of granting special privileges to certain property owners, he said that these privileges often are "blights" in a city later on.

He cited three specific inspection codes that must be rigidly enforced, if a city is to steer clear of "future slum areas." The three codes particularly mentioned were building, plumbing and electricity.

The City Manager praised Albany's early planners and gave as an example of their farsightedness the wide streets that create an almost unique situation for Albany in comparison to many cities comparable in size.

In mentioning the paving program that was recently set up, hinging on the outcome of a May 17 bond issue, Mr. Burnett said the city has averaged paving only about three miles of streets during the last eight years. As for last year, there were still 63 dirt streets in Albany, he stated.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 04-25-1954)

MEN'S CHORUS WILL SING MONDAY NIGHT TO BOOST EXCHANGE PLAN

Albany's popular Men's Chorus will appear tomorrow night at the Municipal Auditorium for its first concert of the year.

After many months of hard practice, under the direction of John Stedman, the talented 30 members will don their best dress and harmonize in the interest of education.

Proceeds from tomorrow's performance will help finance the Exchange Club's well-known and expansive scholarship fund. The club will sponsor the concert.

The Exchangites each year present a \$2,000 scholarship to a deserving student at Albany High School so that the student may attend college.

Recipients of the scholarship do not necessarily have to be the top students on the academic list. A large number of factors enter into the picking of a "deserving student."

Tomorrow's program will get under way at 8 p.m. and tickets will be sold at \$1.60 for adults and 50 cents for students.

The choral group includes the voices of high school students and grandfathers and nearly as many businesses and professions as there are numbers represented.

A unique feature of the concert will be Rudyard Kipling's "Boots", set to music by the choral group.

Also among the great variety of selections will be the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," which will be presented because of popular demand.

Mr. Stedman, who also is well known in local music circles as an organist, is directing the group for the first time. Dr. John Paul Jones headed the group last year.

The late Bill Gore was the organizational director.

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MEN'S CHORUS CONCERT BRINGS PRAISE HERE

A small but well-pleased audience last night attended the Albany Men's Chorus first concert of the year at the Municipal Auditorium.

Cleverly arranged musical presentations such as "The Bells of St. Mary's," "My Lord, What a Morning," "Kentucky Babe," "I Love You Truly," and numerous others drew enthusiastic applause throughout the evening.

One feature well received by the audience was a novelty-whistling act by Mrs. Wanda Stone. She was accompanied by Mrs. E. B. Dragoo.

Accompanist for the 30-man choral group was John Stedman, Chorus Director. Mr. Stedman, a well-known organist, has been rehearsing the group for several months.

Last night's performance was sponsored by the Albany Exchange Club. Proceeds of the concert will be added to the club's scholarship fund.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-08-1954)

TURNER PILOT TELLS ROLES OF SAC UNITS

Exchangites heard Capt. J. E. Pitts of the 31st Strategic Fighter Wing, Turner Air Force Base; speak yesterday at Hotel Gordon on the importance of the Strategic Air Command.

The Exchange Club program was held in conjunction with the forth-coming Armed Forces Day May 15.

Capt. Pitts told the members that the primary job of SAC is the ability to retaliate immediately, if an aggressor nation should attack the United States.

He mentioned briefly that the F-84 is equipped to carry so-called "small nuclear weapons." The weapon is relatively small but of tremendous power.

The fighter pilot, avoiding classified information, stated that a major consideration in the use of the F-84's is the fact that they cannot travel extensive distances without refueling. For this reason the second important aspect of SAC is "in-flight refueling."

He explained the manner in which the fighter planes connect with the tankers, saying that it takes less than three minutes to transfer "enormous quantities of fuel."

Paul Carson, program chairman, introduced the captain to the group.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-16-1954)

D. S. HAUTMAN ELECTED TO HEAD EXCHANGE CLUB

D. S. Hautman has been elected President of the Albany Exchange Club. He will succeed J. D. Reeves at the top Exchange post in installation ceremonies in June.

Mr. Hautman, owner of the East Albany Lumber Company has been with the civic organization for about seven years. He is superintendent of Sunday School at Byne Memorial Baptist Church. Other newly elected officers to serve with Mr. Hautman are R. E. Riley, Vice-President; Ed Reeves, Secretary; and Dick Walker, Treasurer.

The new six-man Board of Control will include Charles W. Samford, S. W. Crisler, Charles Soloman, Gene Newell, Harry Logan and W. C. Layton.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-22-1954)

ALCOHOLICS INTELLIGENT BUT MISGUIDED—PASTOR

The Rev. Charles C. Duncan, pastor of the Camilla First Baptist Church and member of the Georgia Commission on Alcoholism, addressed the Albany Exchange Club yesterday at Hotel Gordon on the topic "Spotlight on Alcoholism."

Praising various organizations for the work being done with persons afflicted by the "sickness" he said that there are now approximately 50,000 persons who suffer from Alcoholism in the state.

By-passing the "moral aspect of alcohol," the South Georgia minister penetrated the deep-rooted problem of what is being done for alcoholics and what must be done in the future.

He told members that the average alcoholic is an intelligent, deep-thinking person who has not been able to invest his intelligence in large enough channels.

The minister went briefly into the background of the Georgia Commission on Alcoholism, saying that it was the first supposedly controversial bill that passed both legislative houses by unanimous approval. He stated, however, that certain setbacks held up the program temporarily, and it was only last September that the program began accepting outpatients.

Last month the Georgia Clinic in Atlanta began taking in patients. He mentioned the clinic in Augusta that is doing similar work, and expressed the hope that the commission would some day be able to build a rehabilitation farm for extreme cases.

"The alcoholic is sick physically, mentally and morally," the speaker stated, and he pointed out several symptoms of the potential alcoholic, such as the need for a "regular drink."

The more acute cases have advanced symptoms, he told the group. The symptoms are seen in a person who gradually becomes a "chronic liar, the who gulps his drinks, and must fortify himself before going out. The advanced signs of alcoholism may also be seen in the person who devotes a regular time each day for a drink and in the person who begins to enjoy drinking by himself." The alcoholic must be treated not as a criminal and not as a mentally sick person, the minister stated. Instead, he must be treated for what he is—a sick person with the need for active, intelligent help.

Paul Carson, program chairman introduced the speaker.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-05-1954)

Members of the Albany Exchange Club are making plans to attend the 1954 convention of the Georgia State Exchange Clubs, to be held June 17-19 at Savannah.

J. D. Reeves, President, said he and Charles Samford would be official delegates. Others to attend include President-Elect D. S. Hautman, Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Arthur, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carson and Franklin Coleman.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-10-1954)

Members of the Albany Exchange Club will hold an annual Ladies' Night Banquet and installation of officers tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in the Georgian Room of Hotel Gordon. Highlighting the evening's activity will be the installation exercises, with R. S. Hutchinson, District Governor of the National Organization, officiating. Paul Carson, Program Chairman, said a smorgasbord dinner would be served.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-12-1954)

EXCHANGE CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS HERE

Members of the Albany Exchange Club installed officers yesterday at Hotel Gordon at 8 p.m. following an annual banquet and ladies' night celebration.

Past President R. S. Hutchinson, National District Governor, presided. D. S. Hautman is the new President for the 1954-55 year. Mr. Hutchinson also received an award for being an outstanding member of the club. He also is a past secretary and charter member.

New Vice-President is R. E. Riley. Ed Reeves is Secretary and Franklin Coleman Jr. now holds the post of Treasurer.

The officer installation and presentation of awards came following a smorgasbord dinner.

One of the featured awards given during the evening was that of "Mr. Exchange" for 1953-54.

The bronze plaque went to a past president of the group, Hudson R. Arthur.

Board of Control members also were installed. The Board includes Charles Samford, Chris Crisler, W. C. Layton, Gene Newell, Charles Soloman and Harry S. Logan.

Program Chairman Paul Carson was in charge of arrangements.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-18-1954)

EXCHANGE CLUBMEN ATTEND MEETING

Seven members of the Albany Exchange Club will leave Albany this afternoon for the state Exchange Club Convention in Savannah.

The three-day convention will get under way tonight and continue through Saturday.

Headquarters will be at Savannah's General Oglethorpe Hotel.

Albanians attending are Mr. And Mrs. Paul Carson, President and Mrs. J. D. Reeves, Mr. And Mrs. Charles Samford, Mr. And Mrs. Hudson Arthur, President Elect D. S. Hautman and Frank Coleman.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-19-1954)

WATSON CRITICIZES COUNTY FEE SYSTEM

Dougherty County Rep. G. Stuart Watson yesterday sharply criticized the practice of paying public officials under the fee system.

Pointing out that Dougherty County is the largest county in the state that is still using the fee system to pay its officers. He stated, that the system would be abolished under a proposed consolidation of the governments of the City of Albany and Dougherty County.

Speaking at a luncheon meeting of the Albany Exchange Club, the representative emphasized that the consolidation move "is not political. It is aimed at no individual or group of individuals." Rep. Watson stated that this is the first time in 20 years that the public has had a chance to voice its opinion in what he termed "one of the most important single issues ever faced by the public."

Earlier in the week, Rep. Watson had told the Junior Chamber of Commerce that the consolidation would save taxpayers \$250,000, according to an unnamed county official. He illustrated this by showing that the solicitor of the City Court (who is one of the few public

officers on a salary) now receives \$4,200 as an annual salary, whereas if he were on the fee system, as others in the local government, he would be receiving more than \$20,000 each year.” Under consolidation, Rep. Watson said, the government would be “designed to give better services by elimination of duplication and overlapping in the various branches of the government.” He also mentioned that the consolidation is an administrative factor, a rural dweller is still not going to pay taxes for something that he doesn’t get. When asked later concerning the charge that the merged government could become “like a dictatorship,” Rep. Watson stated that the consolidation bill is so written “a majority of the commissioners would be answerable to the voters at frequent intervals.” The representative said there is no greater danger from “dictatorship” under this form of government than from any other form. He informed members of the Exchange Club that thousands of other governments throughout the nation have already switched over to consolidation, with a great saving to the taxpayer, and with a more efficient government. He also mentioned during the luncheon address that if the citizens of Albany and Dougherty County vote in favor on consolidation, there will be a period of three years in which the community can study the new system, since the bill provides that consolidation will not begin until 1957 if approved by the people of Dougherty County. Spec Loosier introduced Rep. Watson to the Exchangites.

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EXCHANGE CLUB DELEGATES BACK

Delegates from the Albany Exchange Club have returned to the city with their families following the final session of the annual state convention, which was held in Savannah. Those from the local club attending the convention included R. S. Hutchinson, recently reappointed District Governor. Paul Carson, Program Chairman. Hudson Arthur, J. D. Reeves, retiring President and Charles Samford, Secretary. Next year the convention is scheduled to be held in Rome. Exchangites have planned a regular business session for Friday at the Hotel Gordon.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-03-1954)

FRANK HULSE TELLS CLUB OF AIRLINE

Members of the Albany Exchange Club heard Frank Hulse, President of Southern Airways, Inc. speak yesterday on the subject the city’s progress with air service. The young executive stated that every business leader that he had spoken to in Albany has expressed the opinion that “transportation has a definite bearing on decisions to locate businesses in this city.” Describing the advantages Southern Airways has provided for 28 cities in the Southeast, Mr. Hulse said the airline has carried more than 25,000 passengers in and out of Albany. A report of the airline’s operations also was made available. The report stated “Southern Airways established a new all-time record for the month of June, with preliminary figures revealing that Southern boarded 11,650 passengers, compared with 10,042 passengers in June

of 1953." The increase showed a percentage gain of 16.5.

The report, which was made available by C. M. Britt, Southern Airways' Vice-President of sales, also stated that Southern ships "flew an estimated 1,950,000 passenger miles" compared to the same month last year of 1,727,000 miles, representing an increase of 13.8 per cent.

Mr. Hulse continued by explaining that Southern Airways always has worked with the needs of the small communities of the South.

As speed has increased, the factors used for safety also have increased. Mr. Hulse told the Exchangites "to date Southern Airways has not suffered a single casualty."

He went into the question of flying rates, explaining that since World War II rates have increased only 1.7 per cent. The President expressed the opinion that he does not believe airlines always will be subsidized by the government, saying that despite the fact that "we are now subsidized (as all new modes of transportation have been) the day is approaching when airlines will be able to operate without government subsidy."

Mr. Hulse was introduced to members of Exchange by Herman Sancken, Plant Manager of the Borden Company of Albany.

(Taken from *The Albany Herald*, dated, 07-10-1954)

PRESBYTERIAN OFFICIAL TALKS AT CIVIC CLUB

The Rev. L. B. Colquitt, Executive Secretary of the Southwest Georgia Presbytery, spoke to the Albany Exchange Club at its luncheon meeting Friday at Hotel Gordon on the duties of his work. The Rev. B. F. Ogletree Jr. an Exchangite introduced him.

The Rev. Mr. Colquitt said that the office of Executive Secretary is relatively new and replaces the old Superintendent of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church. He said his territory includes 41 Presbyterian Churches and six Presbyterian Chapels.

D. S. Hautman, President, announced standing committees and their chairman as appointed by the Board of Control, consisting of Charles Samford, S. M. Crisler, Gene Newell, Harry Logan, C. Layton and Charlie Solomon. Chairmen of the committees for the new fiscal year are as follows:

Chuck Samford, Membership; B. F. Ogletree Jr., Programs; Franklin Coleman, Finance; Bill Whigham, Education; Charles Lumpkin, Attendance; W. C. Layton, Fellowship; H. H. Logan, Club Aims; Harold Glass, Public Affairs; Robert Ham, Publicity; Charlie Solomon, Youth; J. L. Sharman, House; J. D. Reeves, Audit; S. M. Crisler, American Citizenship; Ralph Lastinger, Aviation; and Bill Buntin, Entertainment.

George S. Reynolds, of the Dougherty Building and Finance Co. was introduced as a visitor. The President announced that a Ladies Night would be held Friday July 30.

(Taken from *The Albany Herald*, dated, 10-02-1954)

EXCHANGE HEARS CHEST OFFICIALS

Members of Albany's Exchange Club were urged by Dougherty Public Solicitations officials yesterday afternoon to give its complete support in making this year's chest campaign the most successful one to date.

Speaking before Exchange members at their weekly meeting at the Hotel Gordon, guest speaker and chest steering committeeman, B. H. Dickinson, said, "it was through the fine co-operation of civic clubs that the chest was able to surpass its goal last year."

"We have received many letters from persons in outlying communities asking us just how we were able to get the 100 per cent participation that we did." Mr. Dickinson said. "I attributed 67 per cent of last year's campaign contributions to civic groups such as your own and the payroll deduction plan."

Also present was Joe Champion, chairman of this year's drive, who explained the payroll deduction method of soliciting funds.

Guest speaker for next week's Exchange Club meeting will be A. J. Petrecca, group supervisor of the auditing branch of the U. S. Internal Revenue Service, who will speak on new tax laws.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-09-1954)

U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE OFFICIAL TALKS IN CITY

Local group supervisor of the auditing branch of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, A. J. Petrecca, explained the administrative setup of the service in the Exchange Club's weekly luncheon meeting at Hotel Gordon yesterday.

These administrative divisions include the Commissioner of Internal Revenue who has three assistant commissioners and whose duty is to interpret tax laws and rulings and appeals before Congress in forming new regulations, he said.

Others include assistant commissioners of inspectors who inspect the wrongdoings of Internal Revenue Service employees; the regional commissioner who is a direct representative of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue; administrative division, collective divisions, and auditing division, Mr. Petrecca related.

Albany, the speaker explained serves as the chief audit division for 28 counties and has branch offices in Thomasville, Valdosta, Waycross and Fitzgerald.

"The audit division's primary responsibility is to give taxpayers assistance," he pointed out. "If an Internal Revenue Service agent requests a taxpayers retained income tax return form, it just may as well be handed over because the original can be pulled from the file.

Rep. Stuart Watson, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, gave a brief resume' of revenue anticipation certificates to finance natural gas in Albany. The certificates will be amortized in the 30-year period from 1954-1984, he said. He presented economical reasons why voters should favor the issue in the special election on Monday.

"This election is not a political issue. It is an Albany issue," he said. Saying that Albany is a key city in bringing natural gas to Southwest Georgia and bordering Florida areas, he stated that favored industrial sites are Albany, Macon and Columbus. "If the required 51 per cent of registered voters fail to turn out Monday, the issue will be lost not only in Albany but the other smaller municipalities," he told the club.

Guests yesterday were Eddie Whaley, Ray Ragsdale and C. T. Pope, Albany. President D. S. Hautman presided.

Bernie Reid, Albany High School athletic coach, will speak at next week's meeting.

Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-16-1954)

Bernie Reid, head football coach at Albany High School, spoke to the Exchange Club yesterday at its luncheon meeting at Hotel Gordon. He told about players of the varsity football squad; gave a resume' of games played and pointed to future games. John Tillitski, assistant coach, also attended the meeting.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-23-1954)

Ed Reeves, Secretary, inducted Ray Ragsdale and George Reynolds as members of the Exchange Club yesterday. It was announced that the attendance contest has ended and that the losing side, with M. G. Robertson as captain, will entertain the winning team of which Paul Griggs was captain, at a steak supper Oct. 30.

President D. S. Hautman presided. Next week's meeting will feature C. P. Whiting, City Civil Defense Director, as the speaker.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-07-1954)

BETTER PUBLIC WORKS NEEDED, BARKER SAYS

Mayor Pro Tem Candidate Frank Barker declared in an Exchange Club speech Friday that he does not believe the citizens of Albany will allow "any form of bloc vote of special interests" to elect officials here in the Nov. 23 primary.

The outspoken young candidate, a political newcomer seeking the post now held by Mayor Pro Tem Paul Lipsey, said "there are enough citizens left throughout this city to counteract "any bloc of special interest vote which might be shoved into the polling places on Nov. 23."

Mr. Barker said his most sincere wish was "to get the City Commission back on a stable basis, get it working properly and eliminate the wrangling over strictly political matters and stick to business."

He said, when he casts a ballot, if elected, it would be in the interest of citizens-not himself.

The Bataan Death March veteran, not mentioning his military record, struck heavily at the record of Mr. Lipsey as chairman of the City's Public Works Committee, cited the lack of public services here for citizens.

Program Chairman was former Exchange President Paul Carson. A new member, Harold Sharpe, was introduced to the club.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-20-1954)

JUVENILE JUDGE HITS HARD AT RACE 'MIXERS'

Juvenile Court Judge Hudson Malone yesterday told Exchange Club members and guests that "the most important problem of the day" is not the atomic bomb and war-but segregation.

Judge Malone apologized to ministers in his audience, but blasted what he termed "the tearing down of segregation" by certain religious groups. He said non-segregation would lead to a "mongrel race."

Reading various portions from the Bible, the local Juvenile Judge attempted to show that the scriptures support segregation. Man is the only animal to violate the laws of God, he maintained.

He told Exchange members that the religious groups working to tear down the traditions of the South have done more to do away with segregation "than Truman or Roosevelt did in 24 years. The Republican Administration was criticized for its stand on the problem. "Mr. Eisenhower is so badly wrong," Mr. Malone lamented. "His group is going to push non-segregation on this race."

Hitting time after time at the "mongrel" race, which he said would result from the absence of segregation, the judge told how he recently walked the New York City streets and "never saw so many mongrels in my entire life."

Describing the "horror" he had said would happen if the racial barrier were torn down, the speaker said, "Life is a contract between the living, dead and unborn."

According to his statements "there are 12 million Europeans who would trade places with American Negroes," suggesting that perhaps "Moscow is back of" the non-segregation idea.

Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-21-1954)

CARPET PLANT CHIEF SPEAKS AT EXCHANGE

George Paules, plant manager, explained the background and present operations of the A & M Karagheusian Carpet Company here to Albany Exchange Club members yesterday at their regular luncheon meeting.

"Near the turn of the century two Armenian Brothers in Constantinople left the city to come to America because Christians were being persecuted by the Sultan," Mr. Paules said.

"When they arrived here they began importing oriental rugs. As the business grew lucrative they decided to begin manufacturing machine rugs here," Mr. Paules continued. "To do this they brought weavers and looms, some of which are still being used, to Freehold, NJ, where they set up their factory."

"All wool used in Karagheusian rugs was imported from about 15 countries because the wool of American sheep is too soft. Wool has become more difficult to secure," Mr. Paules explained, "as the Iron Curtain closed around certain countries and the wool was used for Russian Army uniforms. Also Communists have started competing for wool on the open market.

Unable to compete in prices for this wool, the company turned to cotton, which the Albany Plant uses. Advantages of cotton rugs include their ability to be dyed into bright colors, their wearing quality, which equals that of wool carpets, and the decreased expense which makes them available to more people.

An important part of the plant is its employee relations, Mr. Paules said. The plant has a pension plan, a free life insurance plan, hospital insurance for the employees and their families.

Karagheusian has made it a policy to hire only local workers, to buy as much material as possible locally, and have all its construction work done by local contractors.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-04-1954)

RETARDED TOTS TOPIC OF FILM AT CIVIC CLUB

A gripping and dramatic film, portraying life in a home for retarded children, was shown yesterday to Exchange Club members at their regular weekly meeting at Hotel Gordon. Called "Happy House", the film was shown in conjunction with a talk given by Mrs. T. G. Slappey Jr., President of the Albany chapter of the Georgia Association for Helping Retarded Children.

The controversial film (some persons objected to its showing before general audiences) Mrs. Slappey said, displayed the grim reality of life for those "who have been relegated to the back room of society."

"We don't want you to look at these children with pity...but with love and understanding," Mrs. Slappey emphasized, adding it is society's job to "help these retarded children play a normal role in life" rather than turn its back on them.

"They deserve the same treatment as other children," she asserted. "The way our youngsters today accept retarded children will greatly influence their reaction toward retarded children later in life...particularly if that retarded child is their own, and, make no mistake about it," the speaker cautioned, "but for the grace of God it might have been one of us."

Mrs. Slappey opined that facilities for caring for retarded children are almost non-existent, "We have one institution in the state where these children can be admitted. However, they are understaffed to the point where only one teacher is available for every 300 children. Legislative action is needed to correct this situation."

She warned, however, that not all children would be sent to state institutions. "The decision to send these children away from home should be based on four factors: (1) Severity of the child's condition; (2) family condition; (3) re-action of other children in the family to the retarded child, and (4) the facilities the state has for treating the child.

Exchange Club President D. S. Hautman announced earlier in the meeting that members would conduct a door-to-door candy sale in an effort to raise funds to support the local chapter for Helping Retarded Children. The candy sale will be held Friday Dec. 17.

The club president also announced the Exchange Club will stage its Christmas Party on Thursday Dec. 16.

(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-11-1954)

The Exchange Club held its weekly meeting at Hotel Gordon yesterday and had as its guest the Albany Women's Chorus, which sang several Christmas Carols. The club also assigned teams to participate in the club sponsored candy sale, the benefits to go to the local Retarded Children program. The door-to-door candy sale will be next Friday, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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EXCHANGE'S CANDY SALE SET TONIGHT

Last-minute preparations for the Exchange Club's Candy Sale tonight, were discussed at Hotel Gordon last night at the civic organization's annual holiday meeting.

Their President D. S. Hautman told members, that 1,000 packets of candy must be sold throughout the city tonight in an all but door-to-door campaign. The proceeds, he said, will be given to the local Retarded Children program.

Exchange members were instructed to pick up their packets at Ed Martin's Filling Station at 6 p.m. They will be given their assigned districts at that time.

Mr. Hautman also said the Empty Stocking Fund will be given several Christmas packages, which members brought with them last night.

He further stated no further meetings of the Exchange Club would be held this year and that the next meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 4.