

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 01-08-1955)*

#### **WHITING TELLS EXCHANGE MEN OF CD OUTLOOK**

*C. P. Whiting, local Civil Defense coordinator, spoke at the Albany Exchange Club meeting yesterday at a luncheon meeting at Hotel Gordon.*

*Mr. Whiting discussed the need for Civil Defense in every community and explained to the civic group the importance of each citizen's role in the local program.*

*He said mass evacuation is the most important step in any Civil Defense program and that such an evacuation plan for Albany and the surrounding area has been outlined on paper.*

*"We can clear the city in 20 minutes if we have to," the speaker said and emphasized that the effectiveness of the program depends upon the co-operation of the citizenry.*

*One of the great dangers inherent in an atomic or hydrogen bomb attack he said is panic. "Fear is a normal and healthy emotion," he said, "But to let that fear develop into panic is dangerous." He stated that panic in a heavily populated area is nearly as dangerous as the nuclear weapons themselves.*

*He urged civic clubs to take the lead in formulating groups trained in handling Civil Defense practices in the event Albany is subjected to atomic or hydrogen bombing.*

*"We are neither a primary or secondary target," he said, but cautioned that this city is a lucrative enough city to make it a "target of convenience."*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 01-13-1955)*

*Albany Exchange Club members will hear City Commissioners discuss 1955 plans for Albany at a luncheon tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Hotel Gordon.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 01-22-1955)*

*Richard Hobbs, speaking on behalf of the current March of Dimes, addressed members of the Albany Exchange Club yesterday at Hotel Gordon. A movie also was shown concerning progress and needs of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. A check for \$519.81 was presented to Mrs. T. G. Slappey Jr. earlier in the meeting to be used in work with retarded children.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 01-29-1955)*

*Albany Exchange Club members held a business meeting yesterday at Hotel Gordon with R. E. Riley presiding in the absence of Exchange President D. S. Hautman.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-14-1955)*

#### **EXCHANGITES SPUR CRIME PREVENTION**

*National Crime Prevention Week will be observed in Albany this week, according to D. S. Hautman, President of the Exchange Club of Albany.*

*The local group is co-operating with the National Exchange Club in this eighth annual*

*observance.*

*Quoting recently released statistics, Mr. Hautman said, "I'm sure if all the citizens of this community know that authorities expect over two million crimes to be committed in the United States this year, over half of which will be by persons under 21, they will be more than willing to join with us in our program of crime prevention. We have chosen juvenile delinquency to be the target of our 1955 activities, a theme in which every parent should be interested."*

*"Top level government officials are co-operating with Exchange Clubs all over the nation during National Crime Prevention Week to alert the American people to the increasing menace of crime," he said.*

*At Friday's Exchange meeting at Hotel Gordon. Special agent Dewitt Wingo of Atlanta's Federal Bureau of Investigation office will speak. The club meets at 1 p.m.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 02-19-1955)*

*Crime Prevention and the importance of the public in aiding law enforcement officers in solving crimes was the subject of a talk by Dewitt Wingo, Atlanta FBI agent, as he spoke to the Albany Exchange Club yesterday. Agent Wingo listed vigorous investigation, speedy prosecution and the close co-operation of the public as chief crime deterrents.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-12-1955)*

*Ray Pope of Waycross, immediate past President of the Georgia State Exchange Club, was the guest speaker yesterday at the Albany Exchange Club meeting. Mr. Pope, who spoke on Exchange principals, urged members not to rest on their laurels, but to strive for greater things in the future.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-19-1955)*

*William McCurry, local psychologist was the guest speaker of the Albany Exchange Club yesterday at Hotel Gordon. He said there are 13,000 persons in the State Hospital at Milledgeville and that more people are put in the hospital by mental illness than all the other diseases combined. He said that 99 per cent of his work is of a preventive nature, designed to prevent further consequences to a person's self, his family and others.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-30-1955)*

#### **EXCHANGITES PLAN BANQUET FRIDAY**

*The Albany Exchange Club will celebrate the founding of the nation's first Exchange Club in 1911 with a Ladies Night Banquet here at 8 p.m. Friday.*

*D. S. Hautman, President of the local club, said he and fellow Exchangites would cut the traditional Exchange Club "birthday" cake.*

*Mr. Hautman said the first Exchange Club was founded in Detroit by a group of business and professional men who had been meeting informally to exchange ideas on their work in possible*

*community services. Since that time clubs have been organized in every state in the union and in Puerto Rico.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 03-31-1955)*

#### *PEACOCK SET AS EXCHANGE FETE SPEAKER*

*J. Neely Peacock, member of the Albany Exchange Club, an Albany attorney, will be the banquet speaker at 8 p.m. Friday when the club commemorates the 44th Anniversary of Exchange. Mr. Peacock will have as his subject, "The Price of Liberty" and the need for guarding America from her enemies from within as well as those who threaten armed aggression from without. The meeting will mark the organization of the first Exchange Club in Detroit in 1911.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-07-1955)*

#### *EXCHANGE CLUB HONORS BANK OFFICIALS HERE*

*The Albany Exchange Club yesterday honored the various officials and banks of Albany instrumental in the selling of U. S. Savings Bonds. The program was in co-operation with the National Exchange Club's program.*

*Joe Champion, First Vice-President of the First State Bank, was introduced by Program Chairman B. F. Ogletree as the featured speaker at the weekly luncheon at Hotel Gordon. Mr. Champion paid tribute to the various institutional heads of banking and finance groups and their handling of bonds.*

*President D. S. Hautman announced that on May 17 Georgia Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook will speak at Albany High School on occasion of the honoring of the Exchange Club sponsored Freedom Shrine.*

*The Freedom Shrine includes all the documentary duplicates of famous and important papers such as the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.*

*Guests of the Exchange Club were Ross Gatlin, Home Federal Savings & Loan; Ray Pinkston, First State Bank; Charles Bell, Albany Trust & Banking; Olin Fulmer, Citizens & Southern Bank, and Leo Leader, Albany Federal Savings & Loan.*

*Also honored were members Neil Ham of the First State Bank and George Reynolds of Dougherty Building & Finance.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-15-1955)*

*Exchange Club members at their weekly luncheon at Hotel Gordon yesterday discussed plans for their "Freedom Shrine" dedication next Tuesday at Albany High School. Georgia Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook will be the featured speaker in ceremonies to begin at 10:30 a.m. County and City officials will be present, along with Brig. Gen. Thayer S. Olds of Turner Air Force Base and Brig. Gen. Raymond P. Coffman, of the Marine Supply Center. Principal Harold E. McNabb will receive the "Freedom Shrine" documents from Exchange President D. S. Hautman.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-17-1955)*

## *EXCHANGE CLUB PRESENTS DOCUMENTS TO HIGH SCHOOL*

*The Exchange Club of Albany presented a display of 28 historic American documents, from the Declaration of Independence to the United Nations Charter, to the students of Albany High School today.*

*President D. S. Hautman and other members of the club presented the Freedom Shrine. H. E. McNabb, Principal of the school, and the Dougherty County Board of Education received it for the school.*

*The "Freedom Shrine" incorporates 28 historic American documents. They are:*

*The Declaration of Independence;*

*The Bill of Rights;*

*Jefferson's "Rough Draft" of the Declaration of Independence;*

*Benjamin Franklin's Epitaph;*

*Patrick Henry's Instructions to George Rogers Clark;*

*John Paul Jones letter to Governor Morris;*

*Jackson's letter describing the battle of New Orleans;*

*The log of the U.S. Frigate Constitution;*

*The Monroe Doctrine;*

*The Gettysburg Address;*

*The Emancipation Proclamation;*

*The Thirteenth Amendment;*

*Lee's letter accepting the Presidency of Washington College;*

*Washington's last official letter;*

*Deposition of Deborah Gannett;*

*The Treaty of Paris, 1783;*

*Washington's copy of the Constitution;*

*The Northwest Ordinance;*

*Washington's First Inaugural Address;*

*The Star Spangled Banner;*

*Theodore Roosevelt's letter on Cuba;*

*The Nineteenth Amendment;*

*Agreement for the Invasion of Western Europe;*

*Selection of General Eisenhower as Supreme Commander of "Overlord";*

*McAuliffe's Christmas Message, 1944;*

*The German Instrument of Surrender;*

*World War Two's Instrument of Surrender in the Pacific;*

*And The United Nations Charter;*

*Presented in the hope that it will be not only educational but also inspirational to the students of Albany High School, the Freedom Shrine will stand in the upstairs lobby of the school.*

*The units of the Shrine are authentic reproductions of the famous documents mounted and laminated in a secret process involving great heat and pressure under which the reproduction becomes an actual part of its mounting.*

*"Until now relatively few Americans have been privileged to see these priceless manuscripts, either the originals or accurate reproductions," said President Hautman.*

*“When the Freedom train brought this opportunity to people across the land, millions were disappointed because of the huge crowds and brief stops. Moreover, there is a continuing need for Americans to familiarize themselves with these great documents of freedom and the need will continue through generations to come.”*

*“The ideals and precepts set forth in these documents constitute our most precious legacy: they belong to every citizen- they are our answer to Communism.”*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-21-1955)*

#### **EXCHANGE CLUB HEARS TURNER OFFICER TALK**

*The Exchange Club yesterday heard Capt. T. P. Ingrassis of the 31st Wing, Turner Air Force Base brief members on the “new look” of the Air Force.*

*Capt. Ingrassis, who has spent six of his seven years in service at Turner, one of which was spent in aerial combat in Korea, said he feels he is almost a native Albanian.*

*“The new look of the Air Force,” Capt. Ingrassis said, “is firepower 500 times more powerful than used recently in Korea. We are the nation’s first line of defense. Jets refueling in flight have made distance no longer a problem. The recent flight of jets from Australia to Japan, more than 4,000 miles demonstrated this. We can strike anywhere at any time.”*

*In conclusion Capt. Ingrassis answered questions by members and thanked them for the part they will play in helping Albany observe Armed Forces day today.*

*Exchange President D. S. Hautman thanked Capt. Ingrassis for his talk and also thanked Hudson Arthur and his Freedom Shrine Committee for the program last Tuesday morning at Albany High School, which brought Attorney General of Georgia, Eugene Cook, here to dedicate the shrine on behalf of the Exchange Club.*

*Joe Pruett, State Secretary of Macon, was on hand to inform Exchangites on the 13th Annual Convention of the Exchange Club to be held in Rome, June 23-25.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 05-28-1955)*

#### **HUTCHINSON NEW EXCHANGE CLUB CHIEF**

*The Exchange Club, in election of officers yesterday at Hotel Gordon, voted Dick Hutchinson as its President.*

*The new President will take office July 1, succeeding outgoing President D. S. Hautman.*

*L. M. George was elected Vice-President and the Secretary’s office went to S. M. Crisler. The Treasurer is Charles F. Lumpkin.*

*Elected to serve on the Board of Control, the only office with a two-year term, were Bill Light, Ray Ragsdale, and Phillip Wiggins.*

*The carry over members of the Board of Control is B. F. Ogletree, D. S. Hautman, and W. C. Layton. They have one more year to serve.*

*W. P. Carson and Mr. Hautman were named delegates to attend the Exchange Club’s state convention in Rome, June 23-25. Alternate delegates to the convention is J. G. Lawhorn and R. S. Hutchinson.*

*A committee composed by J. D. Reeves, L. E. Cannon, Bill Buntin, Paul Carson and Hudson*

*Arthur nominated the officers. The slate of officers proposed by the committee were accepted without change and voted on by resolution.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-18-1955)*

*The Exchange Club met in a business session yesterday at Hotel Gordon and discussed plans for installation of officers at a banquet July 1. Scheduled as tentative speaker at a \$1.75 plate dinner is Exchange District Governor, Henry Sutton.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 06-25-1955)*

*R. E. Riley, Vice-President of the Exchange Club of Albany presided over a brief business session of the club yesterday at Hotel Gordon in the absence of D. S. Hautman, President who is attending the Georgia Exchange meeting in Rome. Also attending the state convention are Paul Carson and Garrett Lawhorne. It was announced that installation of new officers would be held at 8 p.m. next Friday.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-03-1955)*

#### **ALBANY EXCHANGE INSTALLS HUTCHINSON AS PRESIDENT**

*R. S. Hutchinson, 915 Sixth Av., has been installed as President of the Albany Exchange Club. He succeeds D. S. Hautman.*

*Other new officers are L. M. George, Vice-President; S. M. Crisler, Secretary, and Charles Lumpkin, Treasurer.*

*Exchange Club citations were awarded C. E. Layton, 601 Lucille St. and Mrs. L. S. Wiggins, 10 William Binns Homes, and The Herald for "outstanding service to the club" during the past year.*

*The outgoing President reminded members that they must continue to have high caliber programs and must keep their eyes on attendance if the club expects to maintain its record. Establishment of a scholarship, large donation to the retarded children of happy House, dedication of a Freedom Shrine, and participation in Fire Prevention Week were among the club's activities during the past year.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-17-1955)*

#### **ROAD PLANS ARE OUTLINED TO EXCHANGE**

*Tillman Oxford, President of Oxford Construction Company, was the guest speaker of the Albany Exchange Club Friday in Hotel Gordon.*

*Mr. Oxford who was introduced by D. S. Hautman, program chairman, pointed out to the club that the cost of building roads in Georgia within the next five years is expected to top the total amount spent by the State Highway Department within the past 37 years.*

*He said the cost of constructing roads was too much for many states soon after the automobiles came into popularity. They were aided soon by the dollar matching by Federal legislation in*

1916.

*He said that the Federal Government allocates a great deal of money to the various inter-state, primary, secondary and urban roads in the state.*

*In 1955-56, he said that \$8 million went to inter-state, \$16 million to primary, \$11 million to secondary and \$3 million to urban roads. He pointed out that a traffic survey made on June 28 showed a total of 19,600 cars crossed the new Oglethorpe Bridge in one month, and 10,000 crossed the old Flint River Bridge.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 07-27-1955)*

*No Exchange Club meeting will be held Friday; instead the club will hold a Ladies night steak supper Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Chehaw State Park, according to Paul Carson, an Exchange spokesperson.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-06-1955)*

*Albany Exchangites saw a traffic film, "The Perfect Crime", at their luncheon meeting yesterday at Hotel Gordon. The picture showed various crimes on the highway, such as speeding, improper passing, taking unnecessary chances, improper parking, wrong hand signals and reckless driving. Charles Dees, employee of the Carlton Construction Company, presented the film.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-14-1955)*

#### **EXCHANGE CLUB PLANS FAIR FOR THIS YEAR**

*Plans to hold a Southwest Georgia Fair here in the fall were announced on the weekend by Albany Exchange Club officials.*

*D. S. Hautman, chairman of the newly named Southwest Georgia Fair Association Inc., said the fair would be held the week of Oct. 17-22. The site will be in front of the Dougherty County Agriculture Building, Lowe Road and Slappey Drive.*

*Chairman Hautman said approximately 20 acres of land, belonging to the county, will be used for fair purposes.*

*Directors assisting Chairman Hautman with the fair include Dick Hutchinson, Paul Carson, Charlie Lumpkin, Phillip Wiggins, George Reynolds, C. T. Pope Jr., Jim Pierce, J. D. Reeves and W. C. Layton.*

*Committee Chairman for the fair include Paul Carson, fairgrounds; J. D. Reeves, merchants sales; W. C. Layton, industrial exhibits; Phillip Wiggins, publicity; R. S. Hutchinson, ticket sales, and Hudson Arthur, premium books.*

*The central office for the fair will be Hotel Gordon, Mr. Hautman said. A contract already has been signed with Gem City Shows, Quincy, IL. For a carnival, Mr. Hautman said.*

*Last year's carnival was handled by the Albany Shrine Club. Fair committee chairman will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at the office of Dick Hutchinson to formulate the fair plans, Mr. Hautman added.*

*The special guest of the club yesterday was Maj. John Rousch of the Albany Marine Supply Center.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-21-1955)*

#### *EXCHANGE HEARS MUSICIANS HERE*

*Albany Exchange members heard a musical program at their weekly luncheon Friday in Hotel Gordon.*

*Fred Sumter and Fred Sumter Jr furnished a program of organ, piano and accordion music. Paul Carson, program chairman, introduced the musicians.*

*Prior to the musical portion, Vice-President Melvin George presented the past president's pen to D. S. Hautman.*

*A new member, Maj. John Rausch, of the Albany Marine Supply Center was introduced to the club.*

*Bill Buntin, Jr. was a guest of the club.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 08-27-1955)*

*Albany Exchangites saw a film on Americanism at their weekly luncheon yesterday at Hotel Gordon.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-01-1955)*

*Members of the Albany Exchange Club and their wives will discuss plans for the Southwest Georgia Fair, scheduled for the week of Oct. 17 at a luncheon meeting tomorrow at 1 p.m. at Hotel Gordon.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-03-1955)*

*A review of plans for holding the Annual Southwest Georgia Fair here this fall highlighted a brief business meeting of the Albany Exchange Club yesterday at Hotel Gordon. Members and their wives heard the discussion by Exchangites Hudson Arthur and Paul Carson.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-14-1955)*

#### *EXCHANGE CLUB OF ALBANY LISTS PLANS FOR 'BIGGER, BETTER' FAIR THIS YEAR*

*The Albany Exchange Club announced plans for the colorful 1955 Southwest Georgia Fair, to be held here Oct. 17-22 today.*

*D. S. Hautman, President of the Sowega Fair Association, said the plans not only call for a bigger and better fair next month but a much more convenient setup for the exhibits, displays and other attractions.*

*The Gem City Shows will furnish entertainment, rides, games and shows for the frolickers, Mr. Hautman said. The midway, with more than 100 attractions should prove to be one of finest ever seen in this area, Mr. Hautman added.*

*Entries from the following exhibits are invited: 4-H and FFA Clubs (boys), hog class, beef cattle class, poultry class, agricultural, grain crops and miscellaneous agricultural products.*



*4-H and FHA Clubs (girls), Junior Exhibits (girls 10-14, canned products, clothing and handicrafts. Senior exhibits (girls over 14), canned products, clothing and handicrafts. Farmer's livestock, beef cattle, Herefords, Aberdeen angus, shorthorns and others. Adult poultry and women's work, canned products, domestic and applied arts and special handicrafts or art. Mr. Hautman said that premium books, giving complete details of requirements, premiums, classes are in process of distribution and are available from the local county agent or home demonstration agent or through the school, vocational, agriculture and home economics department.*

*He urged that all entries should be made as soon as possible since space is limited and entries cannot be accepted after allotted space is filled.*

*The fair will be housed in tents located one half mile south of the Cardinal Ball Park between Newton Road and Slappey Drive, Mr. Hautman declared.*

*The Sowega Fair Association is composed of the following Exchangites; D. S. Hautman, President; Hudson Arthur, Vice-President; J. L. Pierce, Secretary and Treasurer. The directors include C. T. Pope, George Reynolds, R. S. Hutchinson, Club President, Paul Carson, W. C. Layton, Phillip Wiggins and J. D. Reeves.*

*Instead of having county exhibits in the 1955 fair, the fair association will offer prizes for displays from Community Improvement Clubs from the counties: Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Crisp, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Grady, Mitchell, Seminole, Tift, Turner and Worth. Any additional information on the fair may be secured by writing to the Southwest Georgia Fair Association, P. O. Box 147, Albany.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 09-22-1955)*

*The Albany Exchange Club will meet at the fairgrounds, Lowe Road and Slappey Drive at 1 p.m. tomorrow instead of Hotel Gordon to discuss plans for the Southwest Georgia Fair. A box lunch will be served.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-12-1955)*

*A Ladies night dinner will be held by the Exchange Club Thursday at 8 o'clock at Hotel Gordon. Participation of wives of members in the forth coming Exchange Club sponsored Southwest Georgia Fair will be discussed.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 10-21-1955)*

#### **CLARK THREAD WINS BOOTH DISPLAY AT ALBANY FAIR**

*Two big nights and a matinee await Southwest Georgians who visit the bustling fun-packed midway and view the educational agricultural exhibits being displayed at the 1955 Albany Exchange Club's Southwest Georgia Fair.*

*Crowds have been big throughout the weeklong stand of the 17-county extravaganza with Wednesday's "school day" feature drawing an estimated 8,000 persons through the South Slappey Drive fairgrounds entrance.*

*"We're proud of what we have out here at the fair," says D. S. Hautman, General Chairman,*

*“and we want all the folks in our area to see it.”*

*According to Chairman Hautman, judges for both the livestock and booth exhibits have tagged the displays and livestock at the 1955 fair as among the best ever seen in Albany.*

*Judging of commercial booths, completed late Wednesday, show the top award going to the display of Coats and Clark, Inc. Runner-up was Huggins Outboard Motor Service.*

*Another feature of the commercial booths is the number of valuable prizes being awarded through various contests.*

*Gates to the fair will open at 10 a.m. Saturday and the midway will be in operation throughout the afternoon and evening.*

*Mr. Hautman pointed out that any profit derived from the 1955 fair would go towards providing a permanent location and facilities for modern fairgrounds.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-03-1955)*

*Albany’s candidates for Mayor will address the Exchange Club individually at a luncheon at 1 p.m. Friday at Hotel Gordon, officials advised today. The candidates, M. M. Wiggins, W. F. McAfee, and Frank Barker will not engage in a panel discussion but will air their views in allotted speaking times.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 11-05-1955)*

#### **McAFEE COMMENTS DRAWS WIGGINS FIRE AT MEET**

*The first fire in Albany’s three-man Mayoralty race was kindled at the Albany Exchange Club yesterday as businessman candidate W. F. McAfee declared the present administration had been shot full with “too many conflicts, petty quarreling, confusion and jealousy.”*

*City Commissioner M. M. Wiggins, also a Mayoral candidate, who pointed to the many projects carried out by the administration, including a balanced budget and increased expenditures without a raise in taxes, assailed his remarks immediately.*

*All three candidates, Mayor Pro-Tem Frank Barker, Mr. McAfee and Mr. Wiggins spoke briefly at the civic club meeting.*

*Mr. McAfee, a political tyro seeking the Mayor’s office, said there wasn’t enough harmony at city hall and that the “fussing” was damaging to Albany. He said if he is elected he will “put service before self.” He added that operation of the city government is a big business and should be run in a businesslike manner.*

*Commissioner Wiggins spoke after Mr. McAfee. He flushed red at Mr. McAfee’s remarks, and when he stood to talk he put aside his prepared notes to answer the charges.*

*“I just want to tell you gentlemen,” said the veteran of 10 years’ service at city hall, “that Albany was one of two cities in Georgia this year which finished a year’s operations within its budget. And your city commission has carried out an unprecedented number of public improvements.”*

*“If that is fussing and wrangling,” he said, “it has done a lot of good. I know of no fights or jealousies. We have had some disagreements on the commission, but we solved most of our problems and I think debate of our problems is good for the city.”*

*Mr. Wiggins then read a list of projects the City of Albany has carried out, including airport*

improvements, a new city jail, a new heating and air-conditioning system for the Carnegie Library, more than six miles of street paving, a new swimming pool and park in East Albany, the up building of recreation facilities throughout the city and a number of others.

Mr. Wiggins then cited the city's cash surplus at the end of the year, the fact that the commission added \$137,000 to the new budget without raising taxes, and concluded "I think that is pretty good for a confused commission."

The three candidates spoke in alphabetical order, which gave Mr. Barker the floor first. The Mayor Pro-Tem paid tribute to his "fine opponents" in the race and said he was interested primarily in reorganizing the Police and Utility Departments because of the friction and dissension in them. He said "we need men in those departments who will command respect. "The city receives more complaints in the Utilities department than in any other department," he declared.

The candidate said Negro leaders here concerning the hiring of Negro policemen and firemen had approached him. He said he didn't think Albany was ready for such action and that no good for Albany, either now or in the future, could come of it, even on the plan the Negro leaders offered.

He said this plan was to put the Negro City employees on duty in Harlem. "This is impractical," he said, "as they would receive the same pay, wear the same uniforms, and take the same oaths of office as the white men. Nothing could prevent them, if this step is taken, from coming into the white sections. Then there would be other problems."

Mr. Barker outlined several programs he would like to see carried out, including a sewage disposal plant. He said on the matter of zoning that he personally was opposed to it but that citizens should be given the opportunity to vote on the question.

Mr. McAfee reminded that he never had held public office before and that his sole reason for seeking the office is because he is interested in Albany. He said, "The city cannot go on as it has in the last few years and continue to grow."

It was at this point that he said there are conflicts; jealousies and lack of harmony among the officials, which he thought, were harmful to Albany. He said industries considering coming here make note of such bickering. He said he thought he could as Mayor; get the city government back on an even keel.

"Albany needs a leader as a Mayor," he declared, "adding that we should have department heads to run the departments, and if they can't do it, get someone who can." The city commission merely functions as a board of directors, as we have a city manager form of government. We must get the most out of our tax dollars, and I can promise you that I'll look to this end."

Mr. McAfee also described the Police Department, as "antiquated" and said revisions should be made.

Mr. Wiggins, on the Negro question, said "as for Negro Policemen, or any jobs for that matter, I have made no promises," he said. I would like to remind you gentlemen that a city commissioner has but one vote at city hall. I always vote for what I think is right and best for Albany."

He added that he thought the Utility Department's finances should come under close scrutiny of the general city government, with the city commission being in closer touch with the utility operations and bookkeeping.

Mr. McAfee did not discuss the Negro question. All candidates received a round of applause.

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-02-1955)*

*The Exchange Club will sell candy Dec. 18-19 to benefit retarded children of Happy House, club officials announced today. A total of \$500 was raised last year in the same manner and officials were hoping to raise more this year. Club members will visit homes in the city to sell the bag and stick candy.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-11-1955)*

*Albany Exchange Club members will sell candy Monday and Tuesday night in a house-to-house campaign. Proceeds will be used to aid retarded children at Happy House.*

*Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-18-1955)*

#### **WYMAN JONES WINS GOLDEN DEED AWARD**

*Wyman Jones, local businessman received the Eighth Annual Golden Deed award, sponsored by the Albany Exchange Club at a ceremony held at Hotel Gordon Friday night.*

*The award is made on the basis of unselfish service to humanity. Mr. Jones was presented a certificate and his name was placed in the Golden Deed Book where a permanent record of all presentations is kept.*

*Special guest at the supper meeting were Mayor-Elect and Mrs. Bill McAfee, Chamber of Commerce Manager and Mrs. Bill Broome and B. R. W. (Bing) Knowles Jr., Emory at Oxford student who received the 1955 scholarship award from the Exchange Club.*

*The First Golden Deed Award was presented to Dr. W. S. Cook in 1948. Other award winners are the late H. M. Mills, J. J. Cordell, Henry McIntosh, Bill Rorer, Jimmy Mays and Hudson Malone.*

*Bill Buntin was master of ceremonies at the meeting. Milt George Vice-President of the club made the presentation.*

*(Taken from The Albany Herald, dated, 12-19-1955)*

*The Albany Exchange Club will resume its sale of Christmas candy in a house-to-house canvass again tonight. All proceeds of the sale will go to Happy House, a local school for retarded children.*