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#### **EXCHANGE CLUB INVITED TO MEET WITH LIONS HERE**

*Because the Exchange Club's roster has been pared nearly in half by the Selective Service Act, the Albany Lion's Club yesterday voted to extend an invitation to Exchangites to meet with them weekly.*

*Officials stressed that joint meetings would in no way impair the identities of the two clubs, and said that fellowship was the main purpose of the move.*

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#### **ELLIS ARNALL ADDRESSES ALBANY CIVIC CLUBS**

*Ellis Arnall, Attorney General of Georgia, was guest speaker at a joint meeting of Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions, and Exchange Clubs at the New Albany Hotel Wednesday. He was in Albany by invitation of the Kiwanians, whose president, Paul Keenan, presided. Leonard Farkas gracefully presented Mr. Arnall to this fine audience.*

*A short but very enjoyable musical program preceded Mr. Arnall's address. Miss Eleanor Morgan of Baconton was the soloist, and Mrs. John R. Cole, the accompanist.*

*The Attorney General of Georgia talked along practical lines about the problems of these war times. He recalled that we failed to keep out of World War I after resolving that we would not be drawn into it, and that history has now repeated itself. "The American people want action in this war," Mr. Arnall declared. "They see great acceleration of our war effort as absolutely necessary for the winning of a war which is not impossible for us to lose." He paid his respects to "tomtits running up and down the land attempting to array class against class, sect against sect, and party against party." He expressed the opinion that we must get rid of "pressure groups in government" before we can hope to put our war effort on a business basis. Professing sympathy with both capital and labor, he remarked that the labor strike has no place in the land today, with unscrupulous enemies striking from without and boring from within."*

*"I am glad we can still criticize men in high places," said Mr. Arnall. "There are plenty of weaknesses in our government but it is, after all, the finest government in the world." He discussed the problem of enemy aliens, and emphasized the importance of not losing sight of the great fundamentals of democratic government in these times of great danger. We need, above all things, the strengthening of our faith in God, for faith is "like the shadow of a great rock in a desert place," he said.*

*Mr. Arnall received close attention and was warmly applauded.*

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#### **ALL 1-A MEN IN STATE TO BE CALLED, HATCHER TELLS JOINT CLUB MEET**

*"It will take every available 1-A man in Georgia to fill Georgia's quota for the Armed Forces," Col. Cliff Hatcher of Atlanta, state head of the Selective Service, said yesterday when he addressed a joint meeting of all the civic clubs in Albany at the Gordon Hotel. The Rotary Club*

*was host to the other clubs.*

*“A man classified as 1-A, “ Colonel Hatcher said, “ is one who is morally, mentally, and physically fit for armed service.”*

*Colonel Hatcher said that America was not fighting for democracy as in World War I, but was fighting for the very existence of its people, and that businesses should make preparations to replace key men, who are subject to the draft, in order that Georgia might furnish its quota and do its part in the drive for the preservation of this nation and its people.*

*Colonel Hatcher traced the beginning of the Selective Service Act. As the situation grew more serious, the Selective Service laws grew tighter, Colonel Hatcher said. In the beginning, men who were married were not subject to the draft, Colonel Hatcher said, but local boards throughout the country have been advised to draft these men if evidence showed that the wives were working or that these men married to evade the draft. In other words, Colonel Hatcher said, no deferments are being issued now to men except where it can be proved without a reasonable doubt that the registrant is engaged in some work vital to the war effort. “We are dealing with the individual registrant, now,” Colonel Hatcher said.*

*Colonel Hatcher said that plans were being made in Washington whereby the government will take care of a man with dependents, so that the man can be drafted into service.*

*Colonel Hatcher explained the fourth registration, which includes men between the ages of 44 and 65, stating that these men will be used to take the places of young men who are now in vital defense jobs, and can be used for military service.*

*“We cannot win this war unless we have men to steer the ships, drive the tanks, and shoot the big guns,” Colonel Hatcher said, “and it is up to us as Americans to furnish these men.”*

*In conclusion, Colonel Hatcher read several humorous letters to local boards, over the state, from registrants.*

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#### *INTERCLUB COUNCIL TO MAKE PLANS FOR WAR CHEST TOMORROW*

*The Interclub Council announced again Saturday to the eight organizations which it represents that plans will be developed Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock for the immediate organization of a War Chest through which to finance war relief and USO requests pending before local citizens at this time.*

*Already, there are requests in hand for United China Relief, which is largely for medicine; Navy Relief for the relatives of casualties at Pearl Harbor and the many marine tragedies experienced in the Pacific; Russian Relief, also largely for medicine; and USO for both national and overseas morale work among the armed forces.*

*“Any delay in Albany in falling in line to help meet the needs and tragedies growing out of the war has not been because of lack of interest, “ J. W. Bush, Chairman of the Interclub Council, said Saturday. “Rather, it has occurred while interested persons were working to perfect an organization through which all these needs could be financed in a single campaign to save both time and effort.”*

*According to information received at Chamber of Commerce headquarters Saturday, all eight organizations in the council had named their representatives for the year, preparatory to Monday afternoon's meeting. The following persons are expected to be present:*

*American Legion, Col. W. M. Wilder and J. Sam Woody; Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Bush and M. M. Wiggins; Lions Club, Richard Hobbs and R. S. Yarborough; Kiwanis Club, P. A. Keenan and C. M. Jones; Rotary Club, I. R. Callaway and Hollis Lanier; Retail Merchants Association, Frank Faulk and Broadus Martin; City of Albany, Mayor W.B. Haley and C. Q. Wright, and Exchange Club, Paul Lipsey and Fred Darby. A. E. Runnels is Secretary of the council and is also expected to be present.*

*The meeting will be held in the Gordon Hotel. Proposals for the organization of the War Chest had been written and mailed members of the Council late Thursday, and a tentative campaign organization outlined, but Mr. Bush said both suggestions required action of the council before being definite enough to discuss.*

*It is thought, however that the War Chest drive will be launched as quickly as the council can secure a campaign staff and perfect plans for handling the funds raised.*

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#### **LOCAL WAR CHEST TO BE RAISED IN ONE DRIVE**

*Albany's War Chest, through which all war relief and soldier morale needs will be financed here in one campaign rather than several, has been organized and will make its actual canvass June 15, J. W. Bush, Interclub Council Chairman, said today.*

*Except for the addition of three ex-officio members of the board of control, which will disburse all funds, the organization was completed Monday afternoon when the Interclub Council adopted formal by-laws for the chest and outlined the campaign procedure.*

*The chest will be governed and directed by the council in accordance with the vote of the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, City of Albany, Exchange, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs, Retail Merchants Association and Rotary Club. The eight organizations took recent action to approve the war chest idea, and left the council to organize it.*

*Mr. Bush emphasized the fact Wednesday, however, that the council will conduct the campaign for funds but that the money will be allocated and disbursed by a Board of Control consisting of the Mayor, Board of Commissioners, and the President of the Chamber of Commerce, and seven additional persons. Two of the additional members of the control board may be women.*

*In addition to Mr. Bush, W. B. Haley, Mayor and M. W. Tift, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, other members of the Board of Control elected Monday were: Mrs. I. B. Callaway, L. R. Ferrell, K. B. Hodges, Carl Neuman, Ray Pinkston, Mr. C. C. Sapp, and Earl Speer.*

*Duties of the Board of Control as specified by the new by-laws are: "Review and approve all agencies and requests for financial assistance to be included in the war chest; set the maximum total to be raised for each purpose; disburse all funds, solicited and raised; and keep a full report of the finances of the organization."*

*The Interclub Council according to budget requests made by the Board of Control will do soliciting and raising of the funds.*

*Mr. Bush said the council to the "requirements for war chest aid" gave particular attention "No purely local organization or agency, organized to meet only Albany needs, is eligible for financial assistance," he added.*

