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37 KENT MEN LEAVE MONDAY FOR INDUCTION

Selectees were passed and sworn into service at the Fifth Regiment Armory in Baltimore. Thirty-five of these men were inducted for service in the U. S. Army and the other two were accepted for duty in the Naval forces.

William B. Usilton, III was put in charge of the group and acted as corporal from the local board to the induction center. After a week's furlough, those accepted will leave Chestertown next Monday, March 22, by train and report to Fort George Meade from where they will be assigned to various training camps throughout the nation.

The following will report next Monday:

White—Charles H. Crowding, Eben P. Taylor, Edmund H. Elburn, William C. Wiltbank, William H. Legg, Andrew H. Perry, Jr., John T. Nicholson, Harold A. Burgard, Louis E. Mench, Lawrence E. Slagle, Franklin Samele, William E. Davis, Jr., William J. Bringman, Charles W. Dulin, James W. Aycock, Berlley A. Bryden, Jr., Walter O. Rodney, John W. Fowler.

Charles W. Dulin was selected to attend an Army Air Base Training Center for instruction in advanced meteorology after completing his basic training at one of the other camps. William B. Usilton, III of Chestertown and James W. Aycock, recent graduates of Washington College were assigned special assignments.

Colored—James R. M. Wright, Samuel P. Benson, John A. Tate, James S. Thompson, Jr., James E. Lomax, Jr., Gough A. Dorsey, George E. Lomax, Howard T. Freeman, Henry E. Haughton, Edwin H. Wilson, Melvin T. Brown, Perry I. Wilson, Charles M. Daniel, William W. Jackson, Arthur H. Rose and Amos Goldsborough, Jr.

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Oil Co-op. To Meet Here

A stduy of the petroleum shortage will feature a meeting of the board of directors of Kent Queen Anne Petroleum Cooperative to be held at Sophie Fisher's Inn, Chestertown, Friday evening, March 26, at 7 o'clock according to Howard S. Leaverton of Rock Hall, president, who will preside.

The present great shortage of petroleum is creating a many-sided problem for the farmer as he endeavors to increase food production, for most of his vehicles and farm machinery are motor driven.

Members of the board are, besides Mr. Leaverton, Herbert S. Ford of Kennedyville, Theodore Walbert of Sudlersville, B. E. Wallace and W. Dorsey Hines of Chestertown, Merton R. Shawn of Queenstown, William C. Smith of Church Hill, and J. T. Meredith Jr., of Centrevill. E. J. Ruh of Baltimore, a representative of Southern States Cooperative, will also attend.

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Farmers Warned On Field Fires

"Carelessness in burning field or brush may result in payment of large damages," said Insurance Commissioner John B. Gontrum this week.

"Farmers and home owners, about this time of the year begin to burn their fields and brush piles," continued Mr. Gontrum, "frequently without taking the proper precautions to see that the fires do not spread.

Every spring, fire companies are busy answering calls to extinguish brush fires. In a recent case tried before Judge William H. Lawrence at Towson, the owner of a barn was awarded $600.00 damages for the destruction of his barn by fire started on a neighbor's property. Judge Lawrence stated that the greater the danger of communicating fire to the property of others, the more precautions and the greater vigilance will be necessary in order to measure up to the requirements of ordinary care.

Commissioner Gontrum strongly urges that property owners take the greatest precuations in burning their fields and brush. If they do not, serious losses by fire may result and the person responsible for the blaze may be compelled to pay damages to his neighbor.

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Donates Labor To Red Cross

Patriotism reared its head again at the Kent Defense Corporation, when the employees were asked to respond to the Red Cross Drive. First to answer the call was Lee Evans of Marydel, Md., who worked a double shift of 16 hours and contributed his entire pay to the Red Cross.

$2500 Collected In Kent County Drive For Red Cross War Fund

With the drive more than half over $2,500 has been turned in by workers in the Red Cross War Fund Drive in Kent County.

This sum, which in itself exceeds all previous collections here, is expected to represent about half of what is expected. Indications now are that Kent will not meet the $6,400 quota. However the goal has not been abandoned and all canvassers are working strenuously.

Reports have not as yet been turned in by any of the communities throughout the county, with the exception of Betterton, This community is working enthusiatically, and has already reported $750 collected.

Following are some of the Business Places of Kent County which has contributed 100% to the Red Cross War Fund:

The places contributing 100% which have more than 5 employees are Chestertown Electric Light and Power Co; Chestertown Business Men's Association; Homemakers Clubs of Kent Co.; Betterton Branch of Maryland Light and Power Co.; and Betterton Hardware Co.

These are business houses that employee less than 5 workers:

Oriole Shoe Store; Employees of the A and P Store and B. L. Bonnett and Co.

CEILING PRICES ANNOUNCED FOR FRESH PRODUCE

Ceiling prices on fresh produce were announced Tuesday by James L. Luke, Jr., state director of the OPA—prices that are expected to effect substantial savings to the consumer.

The vegetables are carrots, cabbage, peas, lettuce, spinach, tomatoes, and snap beans.

The top prices any retailer can charge are: Snap beans and wax beans, 32 cents per pound; Iceberg lettuce, 21 cents per head; spinach, 17 cents per pound; carrots, 14 cents per bunch; fancy tomatoes, 37 cents per pound; top grade medium size tomatoes, 34 cents per pound; Cellophane wrapped tomatoes packed in one-pound cartons, 45 cents per carton.

The highest price which may be charged for peas and cabbage varies according to the type of retail store from which they are purchased. For a small, independent retail store, the ceiling price for Florida peas is 33 cents per pound; for cabbage 12 cents per pound. Chain stores and super markets will have slightly lower ceilings.

As a rule prices will be from 1 to 3 cents lower per unit of sale.

The OPA order permits all retailers to mark carrots, lettuce, spinach, tomatoes and snap beans at $1.39 over net cost. Cabbage and pea prices are figured by the independent retailer with an annual volume under $250,000 by multiplying his net cost by $1.65; chain stores with an annual volume under $250,000 multiply their net cost by $1.54. All retailers over $250,000 multiply by $1.50.

"Retailers will figure their ceiling price per crate and then to arrive at the price per bunch or pound, will divide the ceiling price per crate by the number of bunches or pounds in the crate. However, they must be sure that the total amount of money received does not exceed the ceiling price for the crate or package," Mr. Luke said.

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Conference Dates Set For Methodists

The Rev. Dr. J. Earle Cummings, superintendent of the Easton District of the Peninsula Methodist Conference, has announced the following dates for holding the final quarterly conferences of Methodist churches in the county: Sunday evening, March 21, Kennedyville following the close of the worship service; Tuesday, March 23, First Methodist Church, Chestertown; Thursday, March 25, Still Pond Betterton Charge at Still Pond; Tuesday evening, April 6, Christ Methodist Church, Chestertown.

At each session the pastors and church organizations will submit their annual reports of the church activities for the conference year.

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Pleasure Driving Ban Is Lifted

The ban on pleasure driving will be removed next Monday, but the A book gasoline ration will be cut in half.

This announcement was made jointly tonight by the Office of Price Administration and the Petroleum Administration.

Emphasis was placed on the necessity, because of the gasoline supply outlook, to keep all non-occupational driving at a minimum.

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The Betterton Home-makers' Club has elected the following officers for the year:

President, Mrs. Sadie Wheeler; Vice-president, Mrs. Caroline Watt; Treasurer, Mrs. Elsie Newsome; Secretary, Mrs. Madge Meeks.

COUNTY CHURCH HOLDS MEETING ELECTS OFFICERS

At the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the Rock Hall Methodist Church, the pastor, the Rev. F. Charles Louhoff, Jr., was requested to return for the eighth year with a salary increase of $200 per year.

The Rev. Dr. J. Earle Cummings superintendent of the Easton District of the Peninsula Conference, presided at the meeting. Reports submitted by the various church organizations and the church treasurer, showed that the charge has enjoyed one of its most successful years. The church and the church school attendance showed an average of more than 75 per cent of the total enrollments during the year.

A group of 20 men representing the Rock Hall Minute Men, which has a membership of 100, marched to the church and joined the members in unanimously requesting the return of the pastor.

The following officers were elected:

Board of trustees of the church for terms of three years, W. Reuben Rodney, T. Bayard Ayres, W. Stanley Grant.

Committees—Membership, Charles W. Thomas, Howard O. Donnelly, the pastor; finance, Miss Mabel Webb, Mrs. Roland Warner, Mrs. Samuel Dowling; pastoral relations, William E. Leary, Howard O. Donnelly, W. Stanley Grant, Frank Mariner, George T. Berger, Frank Ayres; nominations, Mrs. Clarence W. Hersch, Mrs. Roland Warner, Benjamin H. Winchester.

Audit, Miss Mabel Webb, Mrs. Roland Warner, Miss Maude Middleton; records, Charles W. Thomas, William E. Leary, Tilghman Hubbard; hospitals and homes, Mrs. Tilghman Hubbard, Mrs. Reuben Rodney, Miss Minnie Durding.

Missions and church extension, Mrs. Samuel Dowling, W. Stanley Grant; president Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Allan Urie; president Methodist Youth Fellowship, Miss Jean Larrimore; music Mrs. Robert A. Shallcross, Mrs. Samuel Dowling, Mrs. Charles Davis; good literature, Mrs. Rebecca Sims, Miss Jean Larrimore, T. Bayard Ayres.

Communion steward, Mrs. Samuel Harrison; district steward, Benjamin H. Winchester; reserve district steward, Mrs. Della Hubbard; disbursing steward, Mrs. Alice Warner.

Treasurer, Miss Mabel Webb; lay leader, T. Bayard Ayres; delegate to conference, W. Stanley Grant; reserve delegate, Benjamin H. Winchester; secretary, Miss Maude Middleton.

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To Hold Oyster Scald

According to an announcement by Norman Peterson, adjutant of the Frank M. Jarman Post of the American Legion, another oyster feast will be held by that organization for its members and guests this Friday evening. Salt water oysters with all the trimmings.

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Lion Club Hears International Representative Here

The Lions Club was addressed at its last meeting by Lawrence B. Slater, special representative of Lion International. He spoke on the growth of Lions Club and how they hold their meetings in Havanah and South America. The Lions Club are certainly doing their share in the "Good Neighbor Policy."

Promoted

Mr. Frank Truitt who has been agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., for a number of years has been promoted to assistant manager of the Dover, Del., District of that company. Mr. Truitt will continue to make his home in Chestertown. Mrs. Susan Sparks will take the position vacated by Mr. Truitt.

CIRCUIT COURT WILL CONVENE ON MONDAY, APRIL 19

Chief Judge Stephen R. Collins has drawn the following jurors for the April term of court which will convene here on Monday April 19.

First District—Harry L. Higman, Thomas C. Cruikshank, John W. Redgraves, Thomas J. Quinn, William H. Moffett, Harry S. Dempsey, S. Herman McCauley, John Welch.

Second District—Charles Miller Harry C. Lipscomb, William J. Hepbron, Benjamin R. Fellows, Edgar D. Lusby, John C. Sutton, Harry C. Money, Harry S. Dedmile.

Third District—Ernest W. Horsey Bradford Magrogan, W. Sutton Tarbutton, Harvey E. Smith, William B. Noblette, George T. Williams.

Fourth District — George W. French, Albert L. Wheat, Sudler Baxter, Charles N. Satterfield, Charles E. Eshman, H. Earl Cooper, Frederick G. Usilton, Owen C. Smith.

Fifth District—Charles H. Hudson, J. Ernest Willson, John M. Atkinson, Harry Essenwein, Melvin Glann, J. Robert Lewis, W. Miller Strong, LeRoy Jacquette.

Sixth District—Paul N. Entrekin, Bartus T. Hudson, George C. Lee, Albert T. Nicholson, William L. Shriley.

Seventh District — William E. Greenwood, Arvid Gustafson, John B. Whitworth, James Stewart, I. Price Ewing.

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WITH U. S. FORCES

Ensign Milton Dorf, U. S. Coast Guard spent part of this week here as a guest of his parents. He has been transferred from active sea duty to Edgewood Arsenal, where he will take a course in chemical warfare.

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David Stavely, U. S. Navy was home this week. He has seen as much service as any resident of Kent County. In the war time Navy, and wears ribbons showing service in the North Atlantic, the African campaign and the South Pacific.

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George L. Kennedy, Jr., has been promoted to the rank of corporal in the Army Air Corps and is stationed at Walla Walla, Washington State.

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William W. Paca, Jr., son of Lieut. Col. W. W. Paca, U. S. M. and a nephew of Miss Dorothy Paca of Chestertown, graduated from the Marine Officers Training School as 2nd Lieutenant on March 10.

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Corporal Wilson Riedy, is a guest of his mother, Mrs. Maud Riedy, at her home on Maple Ave. This is Corporal Riedy's first visit home since joining the Armed Forces last August. He is in the Army Air Corps.

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Lieut. Ralph Kellar, Jr., paid his first visit to Chestertown in many years, when he was a guest last week-end of his mother, Mrs. Ralph Kellar at her home in the Wickes Apts. Lieut. Kellar has been stationed in Georgia and this has been his first visit East since his mother moved here from Boston last fall.

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James Clark, Quartermaster, U.S.N. 2nd class, of Little Creek, Va., visited his wife, here, last week-end. Mr. Clark's work has been correcting compasses and now he is instructing pilots for sea duty.

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Sergeant George W. Carter, who has been stationed in Panama for the past 15 months is a guest of his parents here.

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Captain J. Thomas Kibler, stationed at Camp Pickett, Va., spent last week-end at his home here. Captain Kibler reported that Mrs. Kibler, who was recently in an automobile accident en route to Camp Pickett and who is in the hospital there, is resting comfortably.

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Eyes Injured

Mr. R. Woodall Robinson is suffering from injury to his eyes caused by lime from a spray. Mr. Robinson was spraying his cow stable when a clogged nozzle suddenly broke loose.

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Mr. George Hicks, of Galena is seriously ill with pneumonia at the Kent and Queen Annes Hospital. He was brought to the hospital from his home in Galena in an ambulance.

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Ferry Soon To Start

Elkton—Army engineers report construction of slips and docks for free ferry service across the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal at Chesapeake City, will be completed about March 20 and service will begin shortly thereafter. The $260,000 service will replace temporarily a span wrecked in an accident last July.

Tolchester Company Official Denies Offer To Wilson Line Co.

The following is part of a letter from B. B. Wills, President of the Tolchester Co. addressed to The TRANSCRIPT. Part of the letter we have deleted as we did not publish the article about the Tolchester Co., offering their property to the Wilson Line for $97,300.

"Last week an attorney named William L. All, told me he represented undisclosed principals who were interested in the purchase of the Tolcheser property. He asked me what I would take for the properties which I did not answer. I did state, however, that the properties cost us at the time we purchased them approximately $97,300 and that although we were not out looking for a purchaser we would listen to any offer he wished to make.

In my recent meeting with the Chestertown Business Men's Association I clearly stated that we were in the excursion business and that we had never gone on record that we were operating a ferry system, and agreed with their members that only a short-run ferry from Bay Shore section to Tolchester, that gave frequent trips would be satisfactory and this could only be done with a substantial State subsidy.

In 1937 when we took over the old Tolchester Line I had occasion shortly afterwards to be in the office of Mr. L. C. Campbell, Vice-President and General Manager of the Wilson Line who told me that they had made a very thorough study of the Tolchester-Baltimore ferry and that they had turned it down completely because it lacked, in their judgment, the merits of ever producing a successful operation. Of course this was without the help of a substantial subsidy.

ASKS FARMERS TO FILE FOR NEW FARM MACHINERY

The Kent Farm Machinery Rationing Committee, of which Edgar D. Lusby is chairman, reports action on applications received to date: Purchase Certificates have been issued for the original quota of machinery and equipment, however, supplemental equipment is being added to the quota from time to time. Any farmer in serious need of new machinery or equipment is urged to file applications at the County Agent's Office. Application blanks may be had from the Committeemen, dealers or from the office.

The theory of rationing is to place the new machinery and equipment in the hands of those who need it most—not in the order in which applications were filed.

The issuing of a purchase certificate by the Machinery Rationing Committee is no guarantee that the holder can quickly find available the machine or equipment which the certificate permits him to buy. It is hoped that the new machinery and equipment will be made up in time for 1943 use and the Certificates honored.

In addition to their desire to place the quota equipment where it will do the most for increased production, the Committee Men also seek to determine the extent of the shortage of farm machinery and equipment as revealed by the volume of applications for it. However, the Committee urges every farmer with machinery or equipment that can be restored to full usefulness by a complete overhaul and replacement of worn parts, to make every effort to do so. This will be more certain than to await new equipment which may not be available for 1943 use.

STATE GUARD TO GET ARMY TRAINING SOON

The Local State Guard will go to Camp Meade under a new order just released.

Beginning Aprill 11 staff officers and sergeants of the Maryland State Guard, as well as those from Virginia and Pennsylvania, will be given Army training at Fort Meade in house-to-house and street fighting as well as other combat duty to resist possible invasion and uprising, Brig. Gen. Dwight H. Mohr announced here.

The State Guard commanding general said 25 officers and squad leaders from each of the three States will be trained each week at the school which will be known as the Third Service Command Training Center, located just north of post headquarters.

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MILK PRICE MAY BE $3.93 PER HUNDRED

According to reports from the New York region of the OPA the freeze on the price of milk in the Philadelphia milk shed is to be removed allowing an increase to producers to $3.93 per hundred pounds for four per cent No. 1 milk.

This represents a 23 cent increase above the present price and the new price will be the highest to be paid farmers in this area. While not official, the report comes from a reliable source.

KENT DEFENSE RAISES WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES

A 5-cent-an-hour wage increase for more than 1,000 war workers at the Kent Defense Corporation plant, Chestertown, Md., was announced Tuesday by the Baltimore Office of War Information.

The OWI said the increase, retroactive to January 25, 1943 had been approved by the regional War Labor Board in Philadelphia upon recommendation of its wage stabilization director, Dr. William N. Loucks.

Hourly pay rises of 2.5 cents were allowed guards at the same plant, bringing their rate of pay to the same level as that paid guards in similar plants in the area.

The OWI explained that the wage boosts were approved primarily to bring the Kent plant's pay scale into line with that already existing at the Triumph Explosives, Inc. plant at Elkton, for which the Kent Corporation acts exclusively as subcontractor.

The Kent plant manufactures detonators used by the United States Navy. The two firms are situated within thirty-five miles of each other.

The OWI said that because of the demand for detonators workers at the plant "have been working under extreme pressure" adding that "only one other increase of five per cent. has been granted the employes since January 1, 1941.

Affected by the increase of five cents an hour were all line workers, line foreman, powder mixers, janitors, assistant building foremen, maintenance and warehouse employes, stenographers, telephone operators, "set-up men" and machinists.

The board failed to act on an increase requested for building foremen, holding that these employes were outside its jurisdiction and as executives came within the jurisdiction of the salary stabilization division of the United States Treasury Department.

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Farm Labor Is Deferred From Draft

Turning its back on the nation's military leaders, who had opposed the measure, the Senate this afternoon passed by 50 votes to 24 the Bankhead bill providing compulsory deferments for all draft registrants who have or can get "substantially full-time" jobs "on a farm."

The measure which has yet to be considered by the House, was heavily supported by the Republican bloc in the Senate. Over seventy-four per cent. of the Republicans there voted for the farm hand deferment bill. Less than sixty per cent. of the Senate Democrats were recorded in favor of the measure. Both Maryland Senators voted against it.

Food For Victory...

(Article released by Henry Demain of Vita Food Products Inc., of Maryland, Chestertown.)

In the last two years, 1941 and 1942 food has been treated as the forgotten industry. Now at last we are getting somewhere as on December 5th, 1942, President Roosevelt by Executive Order No. 9280 created a new Food Administration under the guidance of Mr. Claud Wickard who will act as Food Administrator. The success of the food administration will depend on several factors, not the least of which, will be weather in the crop growing season and the men whom the Food Administration appoints to carry out this gigantic assignment.

Mr. Wickard realizes the need to push ahead on three fronts—production, processing, and distribution. Under the production we have the farmer and recently the OPA has released unlimited gasoline for farm work, also farm machinery allocations have been raised. Under production we have the processors who have been in a fog from all orders, limitations, and price ceilings that have been issued in the last few months. Under distribution we have our armed forces, civilians and our Allies.

The Office of War Information has just released that lend lease shipments for 1943 of canned fruits and vegetables will be three cases of every one hundred cases canned.

The pace of war is speeding up and with it, demands upon agriculture. Food production was expanded greatly last year. But it was impossible to expand production of crops and live stock as rapidly as production of mechanical weapons of war, or as rapidly as the growing demand for farm products.

When the great victory drives in Europe and the Far East get under way, food production will become more and more important in relation to other war production. Food requirements will become acute with the liberation of all Axis occupied territory.

In preparation for the farmers' part in this new phase of the war, farm production goals have been increased above the levels announced in December. Incentive payments have been proposed for farmers who need their goals for many of the crops most vitally needed. Deferment of essential farm workers and workers in food processing plants has been ordered, and programs are being developed to help farmers and processors get the labor they need.

Farmers bear the heaviest responsibilities they have yet known as they prepare now for spring planting. Upon their decision and action in the months ahead, will depend much of the vigor of allied fighting and perhaps the lives of millions after victory has been won.

Troublous days are still ahead. Let no one think that the future will be easy. The principle gain from the existance of a food administration will be that at last there is an agency in Washington that is empowered and directed to insure the proper operation of food production, processing, distribution within the limits of our national resources. Heretofore, it has been left entirely to unrelated agencies. It is a matter for all of us, no matter what position in the community we hold, to see that the farmer's crops are harvested and that the canners pack them. It is to the interest of all our American citizens to do their part in this great undertaking.

The pantry of democracy, unlike Mother Hubbard's cupboard, will not be bare and will function long, long after the arsenal of democracy suspends operations. Working manfully together, we can make the way as smooth as times permit.

Fellow laborers in the vineyard, let's jointly look the whole world straight in the eye and reiterate firmly, "Food will win the war and write the peace."

We and our employees pledge our untiring efforts to help in this gigantic task. We know that the people of Chestertown will help see it through as they have always done in the past. We ask all to register for work either full time or part time. We will find a place suitable for the hours you can spare.

These being the conditions, as a community we had better prepare to work under them, doing our best to help in these problems. If we do this, somehow the victory pack will be produced. Confirmed pessimists, though we may be, we predict the impossible will be done, just because our community is the kind that does it.

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Coon Hunters Club Elects Officers

At a meeting of the Eastern Shore Coon Hunters Club this week the following officers were elected:

Edgar E. Walls, Pres., C. D. Hicks, Vice-Pres., Spencer Stevens, Sec.-Treas.

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