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## BOY SCOUTS ELECT NEW EXECUTIVES

Eight men of Kent County, Henry W. Carrington, C. Lee Gill, W. Robert Huey, C. M. Melvin, Jr., W. J. Stenger, W. Belt Townshend, Dr. A. F. Whitsitt and Edward Van Zant were elected to membership in the Del-Mar-Va Council, Boy Scouts of America, and Dr. Gilbert W. Mead of Chestertown, was re-elected Vice-President, while Dr. Frederick G. Livingood, also of Chestertown, was announced as District Chairman to represent the Kent District on the Executive Board, at the Annual Meeting held at the Hotel duPont in Wilmington last Thursday evening.

Frank C. Evans, of Wilmington, was re-elected President of the Council and the following men were named Representatives to the National Council: Walter Blackson, Wilmington; Dr. J. D. Blackwell, Salisbury; William A. Hart, Wilmington; Arthur G. Livingston, Dover; John W. Noble, Preston.

Feature of the meeting was the award of the Silver Beaver "for distinguished service to boyhood" to John H. Banks, Jr., Scoutmaster at Claymont, Delaware; Scoutmaster Harlan A. Barratt, of Wilmington; and District Advancement Chairman Patrick H. Drennen, of Cape Charles Virginia. Scoutmaster's Training Awards were presented to: Guy S. Hicks, Scoutmaster of Pocomoke City Troop 143; Albion M. Soule, Jr., Neighborhood Commissioner for Newark, Delaware, and member of Leadership Training Committee; Isaac W. Strahorn, Scoutmaster of Troop 121, Elkton, Maryland; Clarence F. Wagner, Assistant District Commissioner, Coochs Bridge District; Norman E. Williams, Scoutmaster Troop 80, Wilmington; William E. Williams, Scoutmaster Troop 46, Wilmington; John F. Hudson, Chairman Troop 30, Wilmington; and Francis X. Regan, District Commissioner for Northwestern Division of Wilmington.

President Evans reported that 10,001 different men and boys and Cub Den Mothers were enrolled in the Del-Mar-Va Council during 1944. Del-Mar-Va Scouts earned 2705 merit badges in 1944, a 52% increase over 1943. They also earned 839 Second Class, 344 First Class, 176 Star, 65 Life, and 38 Eagle badges. Cubs earned 545 Wolf, Bear, and Lion badges, an increase of 68%. At Rodney, Horseshoe, and Camp Victory, 1195 Scouts had an average of 19 days each of summer camping, an increase of 8%.

Mr. Evans reported that finding and training leaders has been a tremendous job. Since Pearl Harbor, 231 different Troops have had 451 Scoutmasters. Sixty-one Troops have had three or more Scoutmasters, and some Troops have had five! Thirty training courses were given in 1944, and 310 certificates issued. Sixteen new Troops, one Sea Scout Ship, and 16 Cub Packs were organized.

Scouting for Negroes has grown to 32 Troops and 2 Cub Packs with 593 boys, an increase of 16%, and advancement has improved. Eight Camporees had an attendance of 115 Scouts, and 132 Scouts attended Camp Horseshoe. Thirty-seven leaders attended training courses, and six spent at least one week in camp. An excellent record has been made in war service.

Mr. Evans also reported an estimate of 10,000 Del-Mar-Va Scout alumni in the armed forces. The Council records show 115 former Scouts who have died in military service, 54 missing in action, and 36 prisoners of war. Highlights of war service were: Collection of 1,500,000 pounds of waste paper. Salisbury Scouts gave $1100 of collection proceeds to begin a Salisbury soldier's memorial fund. Elkton Scouts used theirs to pay a substantial part of cost of a Scout community house. New Castle Districts' blood donor campaign, which resulted in 3205 pledges in one week. Camp Victory at Bridgeville, where under Scout management 544 Victory Farm Volunteers gave 51,500 hours of farm work, harvesting 330,000 pounds of asparagus, 51,000 bushels of peaches and apples, and other crops.

Harold F. Pote, of New York City, National Director of Personnel for the Boy Scouts of America, addressed the 200 Council members on the subject "Scouting for Manpower". He reported that membership in all branches of the Boy Scouts of America had increased by 300,000 in 1944 and congratulated the Del-Mar-Va Council on an 11% growth during the past year.

In addition to those mn elected as Council Members the following from this territory also serve as Council Members, representing groups which sponsor Scout Troops and Cub Packs: F. C. Berg, J. Leroy Boyer, James M. Corrigan, William B. Dukes, Elmer T. Hawkins, H. L. Higman, Conlyn E. Noland, Fletcher Roberts, C. Roland Sharetts, Stanley B. Sutton, Rolph Townshend.

Fifteen-year veteran Troop flag medallions were presented to Chestertown Troop 130, sponsored by the Frank M. Jarman Post, American Legion.

## *With the Armed Forces*

### Prisoner Of War

T-Sgt. William Clayton Stevens

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stevens of McGinnis Corner received a letter from their son on Jan. 15 stating that he was a Prisoner of War in Germany, in good health, and doing all right. The letter was written on Nov. 19th.

Sgt. Stevens was reported missing in action in France on Oct. 4, 1944. He was in Company K (National Guard Company of Centreville) of the 29th division and went into service when the National Guard unit was called out at the start of the war.

Included in those listed as killed in Mediterranean was Henry F. Willis, private, husband of Mrs. Katherine Willis, of Betterton.

Mrs. Franklin E. Price writes that she has heard from her husband, Corporal Franklin E. Price, who has arrived safely "somewhere in England."

Lt. Dale Rees, U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rees, who has been in Europe for the past 2 years has returned to this country and is expected here next week for a visit with his parents.

Henri deVries Pote, Boothwyn, Pa., Washington College Class of 1944, has been wounded in action in Germany, according to advices reaching the College. He is recovering in a hospital in England, the wound not being serious.

Letter from Capt. Paul Steel to THE TRANSCRIPTis in part as follows:

"Written in New Guiena where I sit awaiting a plane to take me further along the road to Tokyo. Will actually get into the shooting war as soon as I can. Have missed the paper, especially the 'Wanderer.' Will write you sometime about what has happened to me.

Regards to all Paul Steel."

Word has been received from the War Department that [illegible] G. Hurlock son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hurlock of Philadelphia, was seriously wounded in action on Jan. 1, 1945, with the Seventh Army in France. A letter from Pvt. Hurlock said he was wounded in the left arm and has been awarded the Purple Heart.

A brother Cadet Midshipman David Thomas Hurlock, writes that he is in the Pacific and spent Christmas Day in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Second Lieutenant Joseph Moore, of Ridgely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Moore, of Millington, recently completed an orientation course designed to bridge the gap between training in the States and combat soldiering against the enemy in Germany.

At an Air Service Command Station in England, Lt. Moore attended a series of lectures given by veterans of this command which included instructions on chemical warfare defense and pertinent tips on staying healthy in a combat zone.

His next station will be one from which America's fighting planes cover our advance into Germany.

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**War Expenditures At New High**

Evidence of the demands of a vast war effort is the fact that in December, according to the Treasury Department and the War Production Board, war expenditures averaged $313,400,000 a day—a new high for the daily outlay. The daily rate last month was 14.8 per cent higher than in November.

## FSA TO AID RETURNING WAR VETERANS HERE

The agricultural end of the GI Bill of Rights moved forward in Kent County last Friday when members of the FSA County Committees for Kent County met at Chestertown for a training session on their responsibilities.

Farm Security Administration County Committees, augmented by a veteran, will serve as agents of the Veterans Administration in recommending Federal guarantees of loans made by veterans. The guarantee can cover up to half the loan, but cannot exceed $2,000.

At the meeting last Friday committee members reviewed all phases of the GI Bill of Rights, learned the exact application of the loan guaranteed to farm purchases, loans for equipment, reconstruction and the other purposes for which guarantees can be made.

District FSA Supervisor, N. R. Quesenberry, conducted the meeting passing along information gained at Upper Darby, Pa., during a two-day training period in mid-January.

Announcement of the responsibility of FSA, Extension Service and the Farm Credit Administration was made by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard in December and County FSA Supervisor J. Weldon Walbert said he expected the machinery for loan guarantees to be in working order early in February.

To local committees formed by the Extension Service falls the task of informing and advising veterans who plan to return to agriculture. The FSA committees will recommend the certification of the loans for guarantee, and the Farm Credit Administration's trained appraisers will report to the FSA committee on the true value of the proposed farm purchase.

Applications for guarantee of loans can be made at the nearest FSA office, Hubbard Building, Chestertown, Maryland by any veteran of the present war who served 90 days on active duty and did not receive a dishonorable discharge.

Information can be secured either through Supervisor Walbert or from the members of the Kent County Committee. They are Ralph P. Williams, Worton; Olin S. Davis, Golt; Walter L. Walbert, Chestertown; Roy T. Mitchell, Kentmore Park. Lee Gill, Chestertown, is the veteran who will serve on this Committee.

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### Tire Shop Robbed Again Sunday

The Tire Shop on Cross Street, owned by ex-sheriff John T. Vickers suffered its third recent robbery on Sunday.

The robbery was made between 2 and 4 P. M. on Sunday. Entrance was made by removing a window into the garage and by removing another window into the office. Getting tools from the shop the thief worked on the safe by removing hinges, and tearing up the combination. But the safe held and all the thief got was a little change from the cash register. The safe was taken to Baltimore for repairs.

This is the third robbery the Tire Shop has had recently, the thieves only getting some pennies and nickles from the cash register.

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### Muskrat Trappers Held Back By Weather

The muskrat trapping season which opened on Jan. 1, has been seriously hindered so far by frozen marshes and heavy ice around the haunts of the rats, which have prevented trappers from reaching their traps. Few pelts and scarcely any meat were offered for sale in Chestertown's fur buying markets Saturday where the pelts were bringing $1.75 each, while what meat was offered found ready sale at 35 cents each.

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**AUDITOR RESIGNS**

Due to the pressure of other business, William G. Smyth, has resigned as a member of the Kent County Auditing Committee and the judges of the Circuit Court have appointed Mrs. Ernest H. Strong, to the vacancy. Other members of the committee are H. Gilpin Brown and William B. Usilton, Jr.

A report of the audit will appear in THE TRANSCRIPT when completed.

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William F. Wilson, bookkeeper for the Peerless Fertilizer Company is ill at his home on Kent Circle.

### Governor Told State Becoming "Best In Union"

**Annapolis, January 25: One of the most appreciated tributes ever received by Governor Herbert R. O'Conor was contained in a letter from young Colin Gallant, of Richmond, Virginia, who wrote the Governor requesting information about "the State that you are making the best in the Union."**

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## METHODIST CHURCHES TO RAISE $9,132

Success of Easton District Methodists in reaching their goal of $63,000 toward the denomination's Crusade for Christ $25,000,000 fund for post-war relief and reconstruction has been assured through the raising to date of $42,000, it was announced today by Dr. J. Earl Cummings, Superintendent of the Easton District of the Peninsula Conference.

"Our people have responded enthusiastically to the appeal for a practical demonstration of Christian love and money for the starving and destitute men, women and children of war-torn areas," Dr. Cummings declared in announcing the campaign figure.

Nineteen of the fifty-seven Charges in the Easton District have in cash and pledges reached their assigned quotas. Efforts will be continued by the pastors and membership of all the churches until the District's full quota is reached.

Kent Co. Sub-district has a quota of $9,132. Of this amount $5,280 has been received in cash and pledges. Rev P. E. Reynolds is Chairman and Dr. W. P. Roberts the Associate Chairman for Kent Co. Other members of the Crusade Council for Kent are Rev. C. R. Strausburg, Rev. E. W. Cursey, Rev. L. T. Loder, Rev. J. M. Kay, Rev. G. E. Leister, Rev. L. B. Morgan, Rev. S. T. Hamblin and Rev. G. H. Wheatley.

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Mrs. Thomas McGinnis, who had been a patient in the Easton Hospital for the past two weeks, has returned to her home. Senator Clarence Newsome, who recently returned from a Baltimore hospital, expects to resume his duties in the Maryland Senate this week.

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### Chesapeake Rock Fish At 65 Cents a Pound

While the fishing industry in the upper Chesapeake Bay and Chester River has been seriously interruptetd recently because of cold weather and heavy ice, prices for the small quantities of fish which are being caught in the bay have skyrocketed. Rock fish reached the all-time high price of 65 cents a pound in Baltimore markets this week and 60 cents in Chestertown markets, while large white perch are selling in local markets for the record price of 35 cents a pound.

The oyster tonging business has also been seriously hindered during the freeze, and the tongers are receiving $2.50 per bushel.

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### Sheriff Injured While Ice Skating

Sheriff W. Henry Gsell had the misfortune to fall and break his left wrist while ice skating at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club lake last Sunday afternoon.

He was treated at the local hospital by Dr. A. C. Dick who put a cast on his arm.

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**CAROLINE COUNTY MAY GET DISPENSARY SYSTEM**

Denton—The bill to create a liquor control board and establish a dispensary system in Caroline County, introduced in the Maryland House of Delegates by Calvert C. Merriken of Denton, will be given a public hearing in the House chambers Jan. 31, at 11 A. M.

Caroline County has been "dry" in sentiment almost from time immemorial, although beer is now sold legally within its borders.

This is the second county of the Eastern Shore in the current session of the legislature to seek a dispensary system for the sale of hard liquors. Cecil County's delegation having a similar bill.

Several counties of the Eastern Shore have been pruning their tax rate since they took over the distribution of liquors. First to try it was Worcester, with Wicomico, Somerset, Kent and others following.

## KENT DAIRYMEN WILL ATTEND FEEDER SCHOOL

A Feeder school to discuss feeding practices and the production of feed will be held at the Extension office, Chestertown on Wednesday, January 31. School calls at 10 A. M. and will dismiss at 4 P. M. Extension dairyman George Hyatt, Jr. and Agronomist John W. Magruder of the University of Maryland Extension Service will lead the discussions.

Improved crop rotations making higher quality hay, efficient use of lime and fertilizers, proper feeding of young stock and feeding for more efficient milk production are among the topics to be studied.

The Kent school is one of a series of feeder schools being held in most of the counties of Maryland. Increased demand for food production with less help and equipment available make the schools especially practical at this time. Proper management of pastures and advanced planning for adequate feed crops will help meet the demands.

The one day school will enable Kent farmers to participate without losing much time from home.

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## DEL-MAR-VA PRESS TO HOLD MEET SATURDAY

Probably newsprint shortages in 1945 will be outlined at the thirty-first annual meeting of the Del-Mar-Va Press Association by Douglas Warner, president of the O. F. H. Warner Paper Company, Baltimore, to be held in the Hotel du Pont, Wilmington, on Saturday, January 27, beginning with a morning business meeting.

Another speaker will be Herbert Ferguson, manager of the Philadelphia branch of the American Typefounders Company, on "Printers' Supplies for 1945."

Harry O. Gray, executive manager of the Delaware War Finance Committee will address the publishers' group on the cooperation the government will ask of daily and weekly newspapers in 1945.

P. G. Stromberg, president of the Maryland Press Association, has announced he will bring a delegation of Maryland publishers to the meeting. A record attendance is expected at the meeting to discuss various problems of the printing and publishing business as it pertains to the Del-Mar-Va.

A. O. H. Grier, president of the association, will preside at the business session, which is scheduled to begin at 11 A. M. Luncheon will follow.

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## COLLEGE MAN GETS NATIONAL VETERANS' POST

Dr. John Eisele Davis of the Washington College class of 1920, who for 20 years has been physical director at the United States Veterans' Hospital at Perry Point, Md., has been placed in charge of physical therapy for mentally ill veterans at all hospitals in the country maintained by the United States Veterans' Administration, according to announcement received at Washington College.

Dr. Davis, who holds a doctor's degree from his alma mater will begin his duties shortly. During his 20 years at Perry Point, Dr. Davis has published three books on mental illness and their treatment.

At Washington College Dr. Davis helped make athletic history as one of the finest baseball catchers ever to wear the maroon and black uniform. His wife is the former Miss Lillian Hicks, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hicks of Chestertown.

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**GIVEN 20 YEARS IN PEN**

Elkton — Charged with attacking three young white girls from Elkton, about two miles west of this town on March 12th last, Leroy Carroll, colored, one of the convicts from the Maryland Penitentiary at work on the State roads, was placed on trial in the Circuit Court here last Monday. The trial was before the Court, and a verdict of guilty was rendered. Later, Judge Knotts sentenced Carroll to 20 years in the penitentiary.

### Firemen Answer Three Calls This Week

Chestertown Volunteer Fire Dept. was called to the home of Arvid Gustafson in Quaker Neck on Wednesday to extinguish a chimney fire.

Explosion of a portable oil stove caused a fire on Riverside Terrace, Chestertown, Thursday morning. The house was unoccupied and the oil stove was being used by workmen repairing the plaster. Quick work by the firemen prevented a serious fire. The house is part of the property formerly belonging to Mr. John D. Urie and recently purchased by Messrs. Philip Kratzer, Richard Carvell, Dr. A. C. Dick and Dr. G. H. Dana.

On Thursday morning the Fire Co. was called to the home of Berl Burris near McGinnis Corner to extinguish a chimney fire.

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## SOUTHERN STATES CO-OP TO EXPAND

In discussing the expanding services which Southern States Cooperative is sponsoring in the marketing of farm products, Dr. C. D. Caskey, Baltimore, an official of the organization, declared at the Southern States Regional Board conference at Denton January 17 that "ten years from now the marketing business of this assocation may well be larger than its purchasing business.

"Marketing consists of making farm products available to the consumer when he wants them, where he wants them, and in the condition he wants then. To do this many services are involved, such as canning, butchering, transportation, retailing, and hundreds of others.

"One of the basic principles the Southern States directors have in mind is the performance of these services by ourselves as farmers on a non-profit basis through the medium of our cooperative associations. Farmers will own and operate the canning plant or the poultry dressing plant."

H. H. Nuttle, Denton, a member of the cooperative's board of directors spoke on "We and Our Cooperative." He cautioned his hearers that "the gravest danger that threatens us is not the attack of our enemies but our own complacency. Cooperation is not something somebody else does for us: it is something we do for ourselves. It is self help."

Mr. Nuttle referred to the fact that Naziism has practiically destroyed cooperatives in European countries which have been invaded by the Germans.

That the supply outlook generally is more favorable than last year was announced by District Manager Garland E. Benton of Salisbury.

Because of smaller numbers of livestock and poultry on farms, the total supply of feeds is estimated to be 10 per cent larger per animal unit than last year. This is expected to make the feed situation in 1945 easier than it has been for two years. Transportation and labor shortages aremuch more likely to cause concern than lack of ingredients, Mr. Benton explained.

"The fertilizer industry is faced not only with an inadequate and undependable labor supply but a serious shortage of superphosphate as well,' the speaker continued. "As a result, and with delays in receiving materials because of transportation shortages, the industry faces the toughest operating season in its history. . . As a protection farmers should place orders for fertilizer immediately and accept delivery at the convenience of the manufacturer. Even this may not mean they will get all the fertilizer they need when they want it."

The supply outlook for field seeds is generally good.

Because of recent rulings by WPB, freezing civilian production at present levels and tightening manpower restrictions, it is possible that some far msupplies will be shorter than last year.

Mr. Benton pointed out that gasoline, kerosene, and fuel oil supplies will probably be the shortest yet experienced because of lack of all kinds of transportation.

Among those present at the conference were the following members of local boards: F. D. Zeigler, C. J. Kern, Henry Scott, and Martin C. Vass, Denton; Richard Blackburn, Ridgely; A. G. McFarland, Chestertown; Milton Malkus, and O. R. Peterson, Cambridge; John T. Meredith, Centreville; B. F. Rash, Worton; Carroll Lour, McDaniel; W. C. Smith, Church Hill; H. Asmussen, and T. C. Schwaninger, Taffs; E. J. Hutcheson, and W. Otis Knotto, Cordova; John W. Smith, and Geo. B. Welch, Sudlersville, and H. S. Leaverton, Rock Hall.

## CARD PARTY HELD FOR POLIO CAMPAIGN

The card party held at the new American Legion Home on Wednesday evening for the benefit of the Polio Campaign netted a result of $30 with more donations promised. The card party under the direction of Mrs. Perry Metcalfe was fairly well attended. The door prize, a large cake given by Mrs. S. Scott Beck, was won by Mr. Claude Truslow, while prizes for each table were given to the winner at the table.

To-night, Friday a Bingo Party, starting at 8 P. M., will be held at the D. of A. Hall (Old Fire House).

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, the President's Birthday Ball will be given at the Armory. Music will be furnished by Lew Startt's Orchestra. Attend each, have an evening of fun as well and put the campaign over. See ad onpage 5.

**Note: Make your contribution for Infantile Paralysis to Henry Gill, Chairman for Kent County. If you send it in direct to headquarters Kent receives no credit or gets any share.**

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## W. W. CLAYTON DIED RECENTLY IN CHESTER, PA.

W. W. Clayton, Sr., well known Kent Countain, son of the late Capt. Wallace Clayton and Olivia Sparks Clayton, died suddenly of an heart attack at the age of 70, Saturday, Jan. 13th at Chester Pa.

A loyal democrat, lover of sports, and a Band enthusiast, he went his quiet way, loved by all the friend and neighbors of his community.

He was employed for the past few years, in the Drawing Room of the Sun Ship Building and Dry Dock Co. of Chester, Pa.

He is survived by his widow, Myra Ayres Clayton, formerly of Rock Hall, Md.

Survived by two sons, W. W. Clayton, Jr., and Richard A. Clayton, of Chester, Pa. and four daughters, Mrs. W. O. Bringman and Mrs. Howard Walls of Chestertown, Md., Mrs. Harry Perry and Mrs. George E. Harris of Chester, Pa.

Funeral services were held at the Clancy Funeral Parlors, Jan. 17th at 11:30 A. M. Service in charge of Rev. Snyder of 1st Baptist Church.

Interment in Chester cemetery, Chestertown, Md. Services at the grave at 2:30 P. M., by Rev. Reynolds Pall bearers were Robert A. Shallcross, Earle Smith, W. O. Bringman, Elmer Willson, Harry Perry, W. W. Clayton, Jr., and Richard A. Clayton.

Dad never had much to say;
Went along in his quite way,
Contentedly, guiding us through this life
Happy, with his family and wife.
One winter's day, in a heavy snow
He went the way, that we all must go
And his spirit soared to the realms above,
On the wings of a simple hearted lane,
And I know that when we cross the bar
We'll find him there by the gates ajar.
And he'll say as he stretches out his hand
Hello Mother, Children, you're home.
By his family.

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Dr. Esther M. Dole, head of the department of history and arts at Washington College, had scarcely returned to her home from the Kent & Queen Anne's Hospital, following a major operation, then she was called to take her daughter, Mrs. George Keester, to the hospital Saturday for an appendectomy. Dr. Dole was able to meet her classes at the college Monday, while Mrs. Keester has now returned to her home, where she is convalescing.

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### "Clip Plates" For 1945

Commissioner W. Lee Elgin of the Department of Motor Vehicles, announces that clip plates will be used in Maryland, this year. The tags will be attached to the present license plates displayed on the rear of motor vehicles as at present. Their color combination will be black numerals on aluminum background, just the reverse of the large tags.

Present tags expire at midnight, March 31, 1945, and no extension will

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Mr. and Mrs. Chas Gipe are receiving congratulations on the birth of a fine girl, born at the Kent and Queen Anne's Hospital last week.

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