



# NEXT GOVERNOR

## Wins After Fifteen Years



HARRY W. NICE

## G. O. P. CANDIDATE BEATS RITCHIE BY OVER 5,000; RURAL VOTE SWINGS TIDE

### Victor Will Be Third Republican To Occupy Executive Mansion At Annapolis Since Civil War

## GOVERNOR REMAINS SILENT ON RESULT OF CONTEST

### Representative Lewis Trails Zihlman By 667 Ballots In Congressional Race—Democrats Elect Legislature

By LOUIS J. O'DONNELL

Harry W. Nice is the Governor-elect of Maryland.

His plurality over Governor Ritchie, who will have guided the destinies of the State for fifteen years when Mr. Nice takes office next January, was shown last night in the final results of Tuesday's balloting to be 5,563. He will be the third Republican to occupy the executive mansion since the Civil War.

The vote early this morning with seventeen precincts missing was:

NICE.....	247,115
RITCHIE.....	241,546

### Rural Votes Decide Race

He was elected by the counties, having trailed Governor Ritchie by 21,000 in Baltimore city. He also had appeared to be lagging behind in early county returns yesterday afternoon, but swept to the fore with steady pluralities in the reports from the last few hundred rural districts.

A Democratic Legislature was elected, Democratic county officers were chosen in all normally Democratic counties except Montgomery, where a Fusion slate was successful, and aside from the Governor the State-wide and city-wide candidates of the party gained easy victories.

### Zihlman Holds Leads Over Lewis

Only one other major candidate, Representative David J. Lewis, of the Sixth (Western Maryland) district, appeared to have been caught in a cross-current as the Democratic tide swept through Maryland and the Nation on Tuesday. In the latest reports available early this morning, Representative Lewis was trailing former Representative Frederick N. Zihlman, Republican, by 667 votes, with nineteen precincts of the district still to be tabulated.

## G. O. P. TO LACK LEADERSHIP IN NEXT CONGRESS

### Outstanding Leaders Of Old Guard Fall By Way Side In Election

By J. F. ESSARY

Washington, Nov. 7—Where the conservative interests of the country will now turn for political leadership is the first question that forced itself upon the consciousness of the Capital today, as it surveyed the sweep of the New Deal victory in yesterday's election.

For it is agreed on every hand that the election left the Republican party more sadly crippled and more thoroughly demoralized than when it was overwhelmed in the Roosevelt landslide of 1932.

Its official representation in the Senate is reduced to less than a third, of which probably half are either irregulars or outright insubordinates against the party's Old Guard.

G. O. P. Loses Chief Spokesman  
In sustaining losses of nine or ten seats in that body the Republicans did

## Governor-Elect To The People Of Maryland:

"Through your confidence it would appear that I have been elected Governor of Maryland.

"I am keenly aware of the responsibilities placed upon my shoulders and I shall dedicate my every effort to the faithful discharge of the duties of the office. I shall to the utmost of my ability render unto the people a faithful and honest account of their affairs.

"I am deeply grateful to my many friends and to the people of Maryland, Democrats, Republicans and others, for the honor they have conferred upon me in elevating me to the Chief Magistracy of the State."

## Nice Began Political Career In 1901 In Legislative Contest

### He Met Defeat In Republican Primaries, But In 1903 He Won His Second Fight, A Seat In City Council. Governor-Elect Is Son Of Minister

Harry Whinna Nice was born December 6, 1877, at Washington, one of five children of the late Rev. Henry and Drucilla A. Nice. Mr. Nice and his sister, Miss May I. Nice, are the only survivors. The family moved to Baltimore when Mr. Nice was 1 year old. The

son, Harry W. Nice, Jr., who is 28. Another is dead. Appointed Mayor's Secretary In 1905 Mr. Nice was appointed secretary to Mayor E. Clay Timanus of Baltimore, serving until Mayor J. Barry Mahool took office. Gov. Austin L. Crothers in 1908 appointed him as

Governor Ritchie, who heard the returns that placed him out of the running in his suite at the Belvedere Hotel, did not make

## 6th District G. O. P. Makes Final Stand In Congress Fight

Maryland's chances of returning a complete Democratic delegation to Congress still hung in the balance last night as David J. Lewis, incumbent, and Frederick N. Zihlman, Republican, enemies for two decades, fought it out in the Sixth, or Western Maryland, district.

With nineteen precincts still unreported for the district, Mr. Zihlman was leading by 667 in a race which has been nip and tuck from the first returns Tuesday night. In a region normally regarded as Republican (although it was said last night the registration is now about equally divided) Mr. Lewis held the Congressional seat from 1911 to 1917, when he yielded to Mr. Zihlman.

### Swept Out in 1930

The Republican held office for seven consecutive terms from that date, only to be swept out in the 1930 elections, when the Ritchie forces carried Allegany, stronghold of Republicanism, for the second time in the Governor's four terms. Since then Mr. Lewis has held sway.

On the incomplete returns, Mr. Zihlman was leading in the strongly Republican counties of Garrett and Allegany, while Mr. Lewis held slight margins in Frederick, Montgomery and Washington counties.

In the other five districts the election of Democrats appeared assured. All of that party's candidates were

any statement. He and his friends said he would rather await the official report of the final results before making any comment.

### O'Connor Leads Ticket

Herbert R. O'Connor, Attorney-General-elect, led the Democratic ticket in pluralities, however. Mr. O'Connor defeated George R. Henderson, Cumberland, Republican, by more than 100,000 votes, running ahead of his ticket-mates in both the city and the counties.

George L. Radcliffe, Senator-elect, who will replace Senator Goldsborough, Republican, won by a heavy majority over Dr. Joseph I. France, his lead running to more than 63,000. His vote was about 4,000 more than that for Governor Ritchie.

### Gordy's Plurality Over 70,000

Second in pluralities was James A. Young, reelected Clerk of the Court of Appeals, over Mayor Walter E. Quenstedt, of Annapolis, Republican, by nearly 80,000. William S. Gordy, Jr., reelected Comptroller over his Republican opponent and fellow-resident of Salisbury, Frederick Adkins, had a plurality of nearly 70,000.

Only two local Republican victories were registered in Baltimore, both in normally Democratic territory. The Fourth district, where James H. (Jack) Pollock, whom Governor Ritchie made a member of the State Athletic Commission, is a co-leader with William Curran. State Senator E. Milton Altfeld lost to the head of the Republican district ticket, Melvin Fine, by 95 votes. One of the six G. O. P. candidates for the House of Delegates squeezed through by 187 votes.

Mr. Nice's heavy county lead was piled up to a great extent in Western

# Supplee Defeats Meyer For Place On Supreme Bench

Maryland. He obtained large pluralities in Allegany, Garrett and Frederick, the latter the home of Dr. Charles H. Conley, who opposed Governor Ritchie in the September primary for the Governorship nomination and polled 96,000 votes against him. In Frederick county alone, Mr. Nice's plurality over the Governor was more than 5,000.

The Conley opposition to a fifth term was not the only factor there, however. Considerable antagonism to the Ritchie administration had been aroused in that locality by the failure of the Central Trust Company, headed by former State Senator Emory L. Coblenz, who also is a member of the State Board of Education.

Ritchie Carries Queen Anne's Contrary to Democratic expectations, only three Eastern Shore counties—Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester—went heavily against Governor Ritchie. He carried one Shore county, Queen Anne's, by more than 800 votes, and Wicomico, which was expected to go heavily Republican, gave Mr. Nice not much more than a 3-to-2 vote.

Party Realignment Discussed Hardly had the outcome of the race become known than speculation began as to the possible party realignment that may result among the Democrats, in Baltimore especially, where political matters have been dominated by the Ritchie adherents.

In the contest for the nomination finally won by Governor Ritchie, there appeared three contestants for city and State leadership. In the candidacy of the Governor, to retain it for himself, in the candidacy of Mayor Jackson to wrest the party from Ritchie control, and in the brief candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination of Senator-elect Raddiffe.

Through the latter, Senator Tydings was regarded as trying to seize the party machinery.

### Mayorality Fight As Test

The Mayorality nomination for 1935 probably will serve as the background for any new party line-up that develops and the maneuvers of various groups and various candidates for the nomination most likely will guide the establishment of new combinations, with leaders who fought in the September primary—and some who were not active in the election of Tuesday—again working shoulder to shoulder.

It was held yesterday by some that the Ritchie defeat, with control of many offices passing to Republican hands, may mean the disintegration of the Democratic machine as it now is formed in the city and possibly the emergence of leadership entirely distinct from that which guided this last campaign.

### Not Surprised By Shift

The turn taken in the Ritchie-Nice race late yesterday was no surprise to officials at Democratic headquarters, who had been in touch throughout the night before with leaders in various counties. While the returns that were being made indicated that Mr. Nice's lead would be considerably lower than finally resulted, they had been advised privately what to expect in the later tabulations.

As forecast more than a month ago by two high Democratic officials—supporters, however, of the fifth term—the Nice county majority rose above 20,000. At the time that forecast was made, however, there was no indication that the plurality for the head of the ticket would fall as low

## WELLS BEATS CAMERON BY 67,330 VOTES

### Deegan Is Reelected Sheriff By Overwhelming Majority

### DEMOCRATS WIN IN ORPHANS' COURT

### Party Candidates For Various Court Clerkships Easy Victors

With the outstanding exceptions of Robert F. Stanton and J. Frank Supplee, Jr., Republicans elected to the Supreme Bench along with Rowland K. Adams, Democrat, final returns from balloting Tuesday gave the Democratic party a clean sweep at the Courthouse.

J. Bernard Wells piled up more than a 2-to-1 majority over his Republican opponent for State's Attorney; Joseph C. Deegan was reelected Sheriff by almost as wide a margin; the three Democratic candidates for the Orphans' Court judgeships were elected by uniform majorities of about 50,000 votes, and all the clerkships went to the Democratic candidates by decisive margins.

### Supplee-Meyer Race Exciting

With the exception of the gubernatorial race, perhaps the most dramatic contest in the election was that between Mr. Supplee, United States Commissioner, and John A. Meyer, associate magistrate of the Traffic Court, for the third place on the Supreme Bench. The reelection of the incumbent judge, Stanton and Adams, was assured from the start.

Early returns gave Mr. Supplee an edge of about 2,000 votes over Mr. Meyer, to which he clung stubbornly as reports from additional precincts were received. The margin varied within a range of a few hundred votes above or below throughout the night—with the final outcome continually in doubt—and it was not until the last hundred precincts were reported that his lead was increased sufficiently to assure victory.

### Dickerson Runs Fifth

Likewise, Edwin T. Dickerson, the third Democratic nominee, stayed within a few thousand votes of Mr. Meyer throughout the count, while W. H. Lawrence, the third Republican, trailed consistently.

The final vote:

ADAMS	140,176
STANTON	115,702
SUPPLEE	88,966
MEYER	81,786
DICKERSON	78,785
LAWRENCE	52,353

### Wells Always in Front

The State's Attorney's race was never in doubt, with Mr. Wells—deputy under his predecessor, Herbert R. O'Connor—swinging into his 2-to-1 pace against George W. Cameron, the Republican nominee, almost from the

## Vote On State-Wide Offices In City And S

CITY AND COUNTY	Total Precincts	GOVERNOR			U. S. SENATOR			COMPTROLLER			ATTY.-GEN.		
		Nice	Republican	Democrat	Francis	Raddiffe	Democrat	Arkness	Republican	Gay	Democrat	Hannerson	Republican
Baltimore City	685	685	98,737	119,370	685	78,526	122,160	685	71,540	118,467	685	61,374	131,743
Allegany	685	67	15,897	10,134	67	12,846	10,214	67	12,405	9,445	67	14,743	14,743
Anne Arundel	76	30	7,060	6,443	24	3,977	4,789	24	3,856	4,708	24	3,709	3,709
Baltimore County	115	113	19,033	18,734	113	35,392	22,579	113	14,922	21,897	113	13,348	13,348
Calvert	10	10	2,290	1,787	10	1,851	1,559	10	1,796	1,635	10	1,800	1,800
Caroline	16	16	3,139	2,710	16	2,207	3,328	16	2,245	3,292	16	2,177	2,177
Carroll	26	26	8,434	4,584	26	6,433	5,829	26	6,520	6,668	26	6,441	6,441
Cecil	23	23	4,889	3,953	23	4,614	3,800	23	3,448	4,629	23	3,457	3,457
Charles	13	13	2,870	2,116	12	1,488	1,195	12	1,453	1,225	13	2,174	2,174
Dorchester	29	29	4,943	3,790	29	2,955	5,088	29	3,084	4,391	29	2,972	2,972
Frederick	57	56	4,943	3,790	29	2,955	9,138	56	8,756	8,738	56	8,947	8,947
Garrett	23	23	4,141	1,736	7	664	287	7	553	275	7	612	612
Harford	24	24	5,435	5,226	24	4,485	5,666	24	3,765	5,819	24	3,727	3,727
Howard	14	14	3,436	3,154	14	2,401	3,769	14	2,358	3,662	14	2,306	2,306
Kent	14	14	2,850	2,510	14	2,134	2,381	14	1,943	2,833	14	1,834	1,834
Montgomery	32	30	9,249	9,825	18	4,316	5,436	11	2,642	3,407	11	2,825	2,825
Prince George's	34	32	8,079	9,885	32	6,691	9,894	32	6,188	9,441	32	6,472	6,472
Queen Anne's	14	14	1,777	2,751	14	1,428	2,104	13	1,712	2,142	13	1,389	1,389
St. Mary's	13	13	2,687	2,446	13	1,973	3,657	23	3,177	3,456	23	1,841	1,841
Somerset	23	23	5,606	3,472	23	3,399	3,657	17	2,875	3,475	17	3,202	3,202
Talbot	17	17	3,811	3,288	17	2,761	4,254	24	3,793	4,278	24	2,673	2,673
Washington	45	41	10,594	7,618	24	3,840	3,086	14	1,431	3,051	14	3,960	3,960
Wicomico	32	32	6,324	4,433	31	3,627	5,682	17	4,780	5,226	31	3,423	3,423
Worcester	17	17	3,533	3,969	17	2,514	3,723	17	2,592	3,667	17	2,388	2,388
Totals	1,379	1,362	247,115	241,546	1,309	179,627	243,755	1,302	167,834	225,827	1,303	157,794	157,794

## NICE BEGAN CAREER IN POLITICS IN 1901

Was Defeated In Republican Primaries For Seat In Legislature

### SENT TO COUNCIL IN 1903

Governor-Elect Is Son Of Methodist Minister And Was Born In Washington

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he became associated with former United States Senator Ovington E. Weller, then the ablest political strategist in the Republican party in Maryland.

The results of the election are well known. Albert C. Ritchie, Attorney General at the time, beat Mr. Nice by 165 votes. The Republican forces have claimed ever since that there was a discrepancy in the count and that their candidate was in reality elected.

### On Appeal Tax Court

A short while after his defeat, Mr. Nice was named a member of the Appeal Tax Court by Mayor Broening, although his name had been mentioned as a likely successor to the post of City Collector. The Mayor was also said to have been backing Mr. Nice for the Postmastership of Baltimore, but nothing came of this either.

Then the Boulevard Theater, scanning books and Mr. Nice with his

## Nice Gets News Of Election, Awakened From Deep Sleep

Home Becomes Scene Of Minor Tumult, But Governor-Elect, Worn By Long Vigil At Telephone, Prepares For More Slumber

The next Governor of Maryland was in the midst of an hour's slumber, the only sleep he had had since early Tuesday, when the first definite assurance that he had won was telephoned to his home at 5701 Oakshire road, Mount Washington.

He was not, however, far from where he had spent the preceding thirty-six hours. He was on a couch in the living room, with his telephone only a few steps away and a group of his friends ready to awaken him at the next fresh news.

### Has Little Comment

William P. Lawson, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, who had been keeping a constant vigil at headquarters in the Southern Hotel, was the first to break the news. He telephoned at 5:45 o'clock to say that, barring a miracle, Mr. Nice was elected.

Mr. Nice had little comment to make when he was told. "Well, I'm glad it's over," he said. In the next room, Mrs. Nice, Harry W. Nice, Jr., Miss May I. Nice, the new Governor's sister, and others were at dinner. They did not take the tidings as quietly as did Mr. Nice. The dining room for the next five minutes was a scene of minor tumult.

Then the Boulevard Theater, scanning books and Mr. Nice with his

friends, Mr. Nice had many hours of sleep to make up.

It did not appear that his friends and well-wishers were going to allow him to rest last night.

The news spread through Mount Washington and soon neighbors were at his front door to congratulate him. Mr. Nice saw them all and even yielded before the affectionate hugs of some of the more demonstrative.

The telephones rang constantly. Telegrams were beginning to pour in at 8 o'clock.

At 6:30 o'clock, Republican workers and some of the rival Democratic workers began to arrive. Mrs. Nice also, who kept vigil with her husband, and C. Wilbur Miller, Baltimore county leader; Harry O. Levin, Henry Duer and others came in for their share of the congratulations.

Only the family bull terrier took it calmly. Buddy appeared worn out by the attentions bestowed upon him by the watchers. He curled up on a footstool and went to sleep.

Mr. Nice's first act after hearing the news was to issue a statement in which he thanked the people of Maryland for electing him and promised to fulfill the duties of his office faithfully and honestly. His second was to kiss Mrs. Nice. Then he turned to the all-night job of receiving congratulations.

Among the first to congratulate the Governor-elect was a group of his

as 21,000 in Baltimore city, which the Governor carried in 1930 by more than 56,000.

### Several Factors Blamed

Foremost in the combination of circumstances to which Democratic observers laid the heavy anti-Ritchie tide was the widespread antagonism to his quest for a fifth term at Annapolis. They held that the Governor's supposed coldness to the New Deal was a minor factor.

Internal party difficulties and sharp defection in the Democratic ranks in Baltimore levied a heavier toll against him than any of the other circumstances, his backers claim.

Dissatisfaction with some of the Ritchie officeholders, many of them in appointive positions during the fifteen years the Governor held office, also contributed toward the opposition, it is asserted.