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SUDDEN DEATH OF ATTORNEY GENERAL THOS. H. ROBINSON

Maryland's Foremost Citizen Succumbs To Heart Attack At His Home In Bel Air, Early Sunday Morning.

Large Crowd Attends Funeral

Attorney General of the State of Maryland Thomas Hall Robinson died suddenly at his home on Broadway, Bel Air, on Sunday last about 6.30 A. M. after a heart attack seven hours previously. Mr. Robinson, who was a candidate to succeed himself on the Democratic State ticket, complained recently that he was not feeling well, and had been absent from campaign meetings, but his sudden death shocked not only political circles generally, but also his running mates.

Mr. Robinson was born seventy years ago at his family homestead near Hickory, and had been an active figure in Democratic politics in Maryland for the last forty years, and at the same time few men occupied a more prominent place before the Bar of his native County, Harford, and before the Bar of Maryland, than did he. He was a son of Dr. Samuel S. and Mary C. Robinson, both representing old families of Harford, whose members had always taken a leading part in business and politics.

He began the study of law with the Honorable Henry D. Fernandis, of Bel Air, with whom he continued until he was admitted to the Bar on May 11, 1882, and after the death of Mr. Fernandis he purchased the office opposite the Court House which he has occupied ever since. Immediately upon his advent into professional life he identified himself with the political affairs of the County, and was for a long while the most prominent member of his party in Harford. Twice he was elected to the State Senate and at that time was Chairman of the Judicial Committee, one of the most important and powerful bodies in the Senate. He was also a member of the Finance Committee, as well as other committees. During this time he built up an extensive law practice with important clients throughout the State, and was for many years the County Attorney for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He also represented many other important corporations in his various fights in the County. In 1923, Mr. Robinson was elected Attorney General of the State, and was running for his third term when he was stricken.

Upon notice of the death of Mr. Robinson, Governor Ritchie cancelled all speaking engagements, including his Columbus Day appointments. Governor Ritchie spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Robinson, and expressed himself as completely unnerved by the passing of his colleague.

Mr. Robinson, while interested in politics and the legal profession, was a financier of note, being for many years and at the time of his death the President of the Second National Bank of Bel Air. As a lawyer he was noted for his ability at the trial table, and came off with honors when pitted against the most notable lawyers of the State.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his widow, Mrs. Clara C. Cain Robinson, daughter of the late Judge James M. Cain, of the Orphans' Court of Harford County, and four children, namely, Mrs. Howard S. O'Neill, of Bel Air, Mrs. Francis McGinnis, of New Jersey, Thomas Hall Robinson, Jr., of New York, and Mrs. Ross B. Cameron, of New York, and a number of grandchildren. His funeral took place from his late home in Bel Air on Tuesday, with Requiem Mass at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, of which he deceased had long been a member, conducted by the Rev. John Eckenrode. The honorary pallbearers were, Governor Albert C. Ritchie, Chief Judge Carroll T. Boone, Chief Judge Samuel K. Dennis, Judges John R. Atton, Wm. H. Adkins, T. Scott Offutt, D. S. Stone, Francis N. Parker, Hammond Urner, W. Mitchell Diggs, Frank I. Duncan, Walter W. Preston, G. G. Grason, Messrs. Wm. S. Gordy, James A. Young, Stevenson A. Williams. The active pallbearers were Colonel John L. G. Lee, Major Robert I. Archer, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Farmer Assistant Attorney General Edward H. Burke, Assistant Attorney General Herbert S. Levy, and

LOCAL NEWS

—The First Battalion of the Twelfth Infantry, stationed at Fort Howard, left Fort Howard Monday morning, October 6th, for Aberdeen, where they were stationed for two nights and took part in the maneuvers there on Thursday, October 9th. From Aberdeen they went to Conowingo where they spent Sunday and Monday night at Blackburn Lodge. On Tuesday they gave a dress parade at the Fair Grounds and spent that night on the field near Holmes Garage. Lieut. Van Bibber is in command of the Supply Company of this Battalion.

—The Delta Ambulance was called to the home of Mr. Alex Gore, of near Jarrettsville on Wednesday, to take him to Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. Mr. Gore has been employed on the State road and injured his hand from which blood poison developed. Dr. W. P. Hudson, of Forest Hill, was his physician. The same night the ambulance was called to the home of Mr. M. H. Thornton, of Street, and he was rushed to Union Memorial Hospital, to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

—Theodore R. McKeldin, Esq., Secretary of Mayor Broening, of Baltimore, made a magnificent address at the Father and Son Banquet in the social room of the M. E. Church in Havre de Grace last Tuesday night. About one hundred men were present. Mr. E. C. Wells was Chairman of the Committee in charge.

—Mr. Marion Townsley, a young painter of near Pleasantville, was taken to a Baltimore Hospital on Wednesday for a serious operation. He was accompanied by Dr. A. F. Van Bibber.

—Mr. L. W. Stearn, of Level, merchant and harness maker of that town, is preparing to build a two story factory in which he will go into the wholesale manufacture of harness. Building operations began on Wednesday of this week. The plant will be in charge of Mr. E. F. Kuehn, formerly of Bel Air, and well known throughout the County.

—Lieutenant Thomas J. Hood of the Southwestern Police District, Baltimore, was accidentally shot in the leg on Wednesday, when he, in association with Patrolman Monkhouse, trapped a bandit in the office of Henry Brothers on Pratt Street. Lieutenant Hood is not regarded as seriously injured. He is a native of Harford County, having been born near Thomas Run, and is connected with the Webster family of Harford.

—The Bel Air Fire Department has an exhibit at the Fair Ground, with its engine and a number of members constantly on hand.

SMALL FIRES

The Bel Air Fire Company was called to Fallston to extinguish a fire caused by some barrels of tar having become ignited on the public road near M. O. Sterling's residence.

On Sunday morning a chimney fire at the home of Mr. Thomas Redding on Thomas Street, Bel Air, caused considerable excitement. No damage was done.

Monday afternoon a fire was discovered in the colored parsonage, near the Rocks. There being no one at home, neighbors broke into the house and had the fire well under control before the Fire Company got there. Considerable damage was done to furniture and clothing in one room.

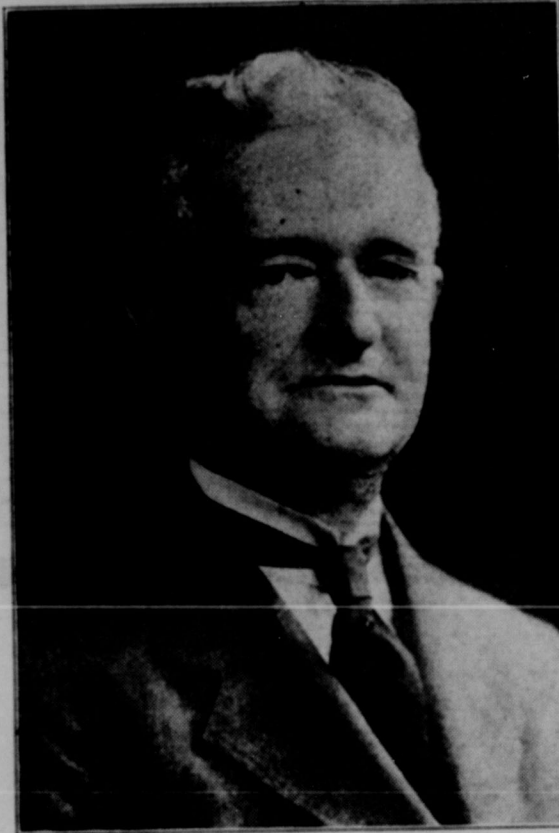
Tuesday evening the Bel Air Company was called to a fire on the road from Kingsville to Jerusalem Mills, caused by gasoline igniting when a Mr. Eckner was drawing same from a drum. Eckner was burned on the hand and arm.

On Wednesday afternoon a chimney fire occurred on Alice Ann Street, Bel Air, at the home of Nathan Kell. No damage was done.

Thursday morning a moving truck from New York, loaded with furniture, caught fire while getting gas at Poplar Garage, near Darlington, and was totally consumed by the flames. Fortunately when the fire was discovered, it was moved a sufficient distance from the garage to prevent the flames from damaging the building.

Assistant Attorney General Willis Jones, and Messrs. W. Wyllie Hopkins and Lloyd L. Richardson. The funeral was probably the largest ever held in Harford County, with friends of the deceased attending from all over the State, many of them occupying prominent positions in both the State and Federal Governments. The social tributes were magnificent.

DR. P. F. SAPPINGTON



Republican Candidate For Register of Wills

Dr. Purnell F. Sappington, one of the best known physicians of Harford County, is the choice of the Republican party as its candidate for Register of Wills.

While the Doctor was born and received his early education in Baltimore, he has for the past thirty years practiced his profession in Harford County, first in the neighborhood of Fallston, and then in Bel Air. His grandfather, the late Dr. John Sappington, for many years practiced in Darlington, where he was widely and favorably known.

Dr. Sappington was educated at St. James' College, Hagerstown. First graduating in pharmacy, he later took up the study of medicine, in which he has obtained a high position, and has been recognized by his fellow physicians by being three times elected President of the Harford Medical Association.

Like the famous Dick Whittington who was seven times elected Mayor of London, so Dr. Sappington has been seven times elected Chairman of

the Board of Town Commissioners of Bel Air. His public spirit and executive ability have been well displayed in this office, which is without pay, is disagreeable in many instances, and which requires a great deal of self sacrifice. During his various terms in this office, Dr. Sappington has rendered a distinct service to the Town, has improved its sanitation, laid streets to the extent of its limited resources, and has made it an attractive community. With the exception of this position and the office of Supervisor of Elections in Baltimore County during Governor Lowndes Administration, Dr. Sappington has never held office, but has always been an active party man, and interested in the Republican ticket.

The Doctor is eminently qualified for the peculiar duties of the Office of Register of Wills. He is of fine appearance, of gracious manner, and of a genial nature, and those who undergo the unfortunate necessity of having business in the Orphans' Court will find in him a well qualified and sympathetic counselor.

DEATHS

MRS. PRICE WHITAKER

Mrs. Sue Florence Whitaker, wife of Mr. Price Whitaker, died on Sunday, October 12th, at her home in Delta, aged 74 years. Mrs. Whitaker had been in poor health for some time past, but had only been bedfast for several days. Besides her husband, Mrs. Whitaker is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Edward Dixon, of Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. H. M. Wilcox, of Binghamton, New York, Mrs. William E. Earle, of Newton, Massachusetts, and three sons, Messrs. Price Whitaker, Jr., of Chicago, A. B. Whitaker, of Millersville, Pa., and Lane B. Whitaker, of Delta. Her funeral took place on Tuesday last, with services at her late residence, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ruhley, Pastor of Delta M. P. Church, with interment in Slate Ridge Cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. G. M. Baer, Joseph Cowley, H. J. Evans, M. S. Macomber, H. P. Rees and Dr. V. S. Wilkinson.

FRANK P. CLARK

Mr. Frank P. Clark, aged 61 years, died suddenly at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. P. J. Fitzpatrick, near Bel Air, on Monday morning, October 13th. Mr. Clark was born near Darlington, and lived in Harford all of his life, being a farmer and painter. He was never married. Besides his sister, Mrs. Fitzpatrick, he is survived by two brothers, Messrs. Edward Clark, of Pennsylvania, and

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WHAT'S GOING ON

The Jarrettsville Woman's Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Albert Gross Wednesday, October 22 at 2 P. M. Project: Refinishing of Furniture. All are requested to bring putty knife and varnish remover.

The annual Fair and Supper of the Ladies' Guild and Men's Club of St. John's Parish, Kingsville, will be held Saturday afternoon and evening, October 25 at the Upper Falls Casino. This will be an opportunity for the candidates of both parties to meet the voters before the election.

A Card Party for the benefit of St. Margaret's School will be held in the School Hall, Tuesday evening, October 21. Prizes and refreshments. The public is cordially invited.

The Ladies' Aid of William Waters Memorial Church, will hold an Oyster Supper in the basement of the Church on Friday evening, Oct. 24th.

The Darlington branch of the League of Women Voters will meet at the home of Mrs. Jane E. Hopkins, on Thursday, October 23rd, at 2.30 P. M. All who are interested in the work of the League are invited to attend.

A Missionary Rally for the Churches of Harford County will be held in the Presbyterian Church of Bel Air, on Wednesday, October 22, at 2.30. Mrs. D. B. Updegraff of India will be the principal speaker. All Presbyterian ladies of the county are cordially invited to attend.

The Women's Guild of Emmanuel

PERSONALS

Miss Margaret Kennedy and Miss Jeanette Patterson, of Baltimore were dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy of Eastern Shore. Miss Kennedy and Miss Patterson are Seniors at the Union Memorial Hospital Training School for nurses.

Miss Nannie Richardson, of Bel Air, had the misfortune to fall down the stairs at her home Tuesday night and breaking her hip. She was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore.

Mrs. Henry Chesney, still remains critically ill at her home near Churchville.

Dr. and Mrs. Armfield F. Van Bibber entertained at dinner on Tuesday night and had as their guests Col. Jewett, Major Purdon, Major Dreibhass, Capt. Duke and Lieut. and Mrs. Edwin Van Bibber.

Mrs. Armfield F. Van Bibber and Mrs. Edwin Van Bibber motored to New York on Wednesday, where they were the guests of the Misses Katharine and Ann Chew Van Bibber.

Mrs. J. Wallace Broumel entertained the Card Party of which she is a member on Friday afternoon.

Miss Frances Burroughs spent the past week-end at her home in Emmittsburg.

Miss Eugene Boyer, of Baltimore, was a guest during the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso P. Robinson.

Dr. and Mrs. Main Little, of Bel Air, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on Saturday, October 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Helm, of Baltimore, were Sunday guests of Bel Air friends.

Mr. John Killan, now acting postmaster at Benson, has been recommended by the Honorable Linwood L. Clark for the permanent postmaster. Miss Marie Howard, of Bel Air, spent the week-end with Miss Frances Hall, of Havre de Grace.

Miss Grace Hall, of Havre de Grace, was the week-end guest of her sister, Mrs. John M. Buck, of Bel Air.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Faiman, of Baltimore, formerly of Bel Air, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, at St. Joseph's Hospital, October 9th.

Mr. Robert Carroll, of Bel Air, left last week for a short stay at Saranac Lake, New York.

Miss Mollie Almony, of near Jarrettsville, who recently underwent a successful operation for a cataract at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, is greatly improved, and is visiting her sister in Baltimore.

REPUBLICANS ACTIVE

During the past week every Republican candidate has been extremely active, and capped a climax by turning out in force on Thursday to meet the State leaders, Mayor William F. Broening, of Baltimore, at the Bel Air Fair, where they introduced the Mayor to hundreds of voters. Not in twenty-five years have Republican candidates worked as hard, and they are loyally supporting the whole ticket. There has been none of this one man pressure as has been charged in previous campaigns.

Church will hold a Delicatessen Sale at the home of Mrs. Armfield Van Bibber on Thursday, October 23rd, at 3 P. M. Pies, cakes, rolls, etc., will be for sale.

The Card Party advertised for Wednesday, October 29th, in the Masonic Temple, Bel Air, by the Eastern Star Lodge, has been changed to Thursday, October 23rd.

Mr. Howard M. Amoss, a student for the ministry at Western Maryland College, will preach at the Falston and Franklinville Presbyterian Churches, on Sunday morning, Oct. 19th.

One of the features of the Maryland State Teachers Association next week will be the luncheon planned by the State Teachers Alumni Association of the Maryland State Normal School in the Lord Baltimore Hotel next Saturday, at the close of the morning session. The president of the Harford Unit of the M. S. N. S. requests all Harford Alumni to be present.

Rehearsals for "Kathleen", the musical play to be given for the Library on October 29th and 30th, will begin on Monday, October 20th. Miss Dindore will meet at 5 P. M., all young ladies who can practice in the afternoon. At 8 P. M. principals, men and all ladies who can not come in afternoon are asked to be present. These rehearsals will be held in the High School Assembly Hall, and an earnest start is urged.

A TRAGEDY OF COLLISIONS

New York Woman Badly Cut About Face And Head When In Mishap On Forge Hill.

Other Accidents Of Minor Nature.

Mr. C. D. Meredith, Contractor for laying pipes of the Maryland Gas Transmission Corporation, on Tuesday morning, while driving north on the Conowingo Road and descending Forge Hill, collided with a Packard car driven by Mrs. Anna Walker and her son Earle, who gave their address as Woodhaven, N. Y. Mrs. Walker was badly cut about the face, as was Mr. Meredith. Immediately after the accident, Miss Wilson, daughter of Dr. Gordon Wilson, of Baltimore, who was on her way to Pennsylvania, drove up and stopped to offer assistance. At the sight of the blood, Miss Wilson became hysterical, and while she was receiving attention a fourth car made its appearance, and due to the slipperiness of the road it bumped the Wilson car with sufficient force to push it over the embankment. Fortunately the young lady was not seriously injured, but the Studebaker car was considerably damaged. Mrs. Walker and Mr. Meredith were brought to Bel Air where they received medical attention.

On the same morning, about 6.30 o'clock, a Ford sedan occupied by Messrs. Ernest Sexton, John Rice, Raymond Cooper and A. B. Smith, of Aberdeen, driving south near Hickory and while rounding a curve at Robinson's Canning House, turned over, injuring Mr. Rice to such an extent that it was necessary for Dr. Charles Richardson to take ten stitches in his head and face. Mr. Cooper also received injuries. The car was badly wrecked.

Early one morning, while driving on the Philadelphia Pike near Stepeny, Mr. Merlin Fasseter, of Dover, Delaware, who is employed by the Delaware State Roads Commission, ran into an abutment and was badly hurt, and taken to the Havre de Grace Hospital for treatment. The car was a complete wreck.

On Friday evening, October 10th, Robert Diamond, of Bel Air, while driving south on the Aldino-Havre de Grace Pike, collided with Milton Smith, colored, of Darlington. At a hearing which was held before Justice S. S. Spencer, of Bel, on Tuesday, Smith was fined for failing to give right of way.

LOCAL COW COMPLETES OFFICIAL PRODUCTION TEST

Owl's Violet of Belle Farm, a pure-bred Jersey cow owned and tested by Grover C. Greer, Bel Air, Md., has completed her first official production test. Owl's Violet of Belle Farm was started on this test when she was 13 years and 11 months of age and in the following 305 days she produced 409.11 lbs. of butterfat and 8,363 lbs. of milk. With this record she qualifies for the Register of Merit of the American Jersey Cattle Club. The sire of Owl's Violet of Belle Farm is Owl's Oxford Lad of Crestmont and her dam is Queen of Belle Farm.

MISS MARTIN ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, of Forest Hill, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Margaret, to Mr. James Gerald Pecoeheska, of Cardiff, Md. Miss Martin is a very popular and attractive young woman of Forest Hill, while Mr. Pecoeheska is a popular young business man of Cardiff. The wedding will take place at St. Ignatius Church, Saturday morning, October 18, 1930, at nine o'clock.

THE BEL AIR FAIR

The Directors of the Bel Air Fair this year have presented more attractions than ever before, both in stock exhibits, sideshows, entertainment features and racing. The crowd the first day was not especially large, but the following day it brought out crowds. Many excellent trotting horses had to be turned away on account of lack of stabling facilities, as well as the race lists being filled. Some of the best trotters in the country are on the ground.