

W. M. MALOY, DEMOCRATIC FIGURE, DIES

Sought Political Office Several Times; Held Commission Posts

William Maloy, a leading figure in Maryland Democratic politics for more than 40 years, died last night at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was 76.

He was former chairman of the Public Service Commission, former executive director of the Unemployment Insurance Law, one-time State senator and member of the House of Delegates and candidate for governor and United States senator.

Death Attributed To Heat

Mr. Maloy's death was attributed to a heart ailment, brought on by the recent heat. He was admitted to the hospital on Sunday.

Born in Blacksburg, Va., of Maryland parents, Mr. Maloy returned to that State at the age of 8 and was educated at Baltimore City College and the University of Maryland Law School.

Defeated By Ritchie

He later took a master's degree and a doctor's degree in law at the Catholic University, Washington.

In 1908, after he had begun the practice of law, Mr. Maloy was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates and later became a State Senator.

In 1915 he was defeated by Albert C. Ritchie for the Democratic nomination for attorney general.

In the early 1920's, Mr. Maloy served four years as chairman of the Public Service Commission, resigning to become people's counsel.

Also Opposed Radcliffe

He ran against Ritchie for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1926 and again was defeated.

In 1934, Mr. Maloy again ran for office unsuccessfully, this time opposing George E. Radcliffe in the Democratic primary for the United States Senate.

He was appointed executive director of the Unemployment Insurance Law in 1935, a position which he held until 1942.

Known For Modesty And Wit

A large man physically, Mr. Maloy was known for his innate modesty coupled with a sharp wit.

While chairman of the PSC, he once was engaged in delivering a lecture on public utility regulations when a cat climbed into a potted palm.

The palm overturned with a loud crash.

"That must be the gas rates dropping," Mr. Maloy remarked, then continued with his speech.

He once said that there were very few really personal things to say about himself.

"I've never done anything really

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big," he said, "and have just happened into these positions I've held."

As a State Senator, he was credited generally with pushing through a number of reforms, among them a large road bill and a plan for harmonizing the State's aid to higher educational institutions.

In his earlier years, Mr. Maloy made it an almost daily habit to work out in a gymnasium. He had been fond of track events while in college and intended to keep up his work in the gymnasium.

Survived By Wife

After the first World War, however, he gradually gave up regular exercise and turned to books for his recreation.

"I literally devour novels," he said in the early twenties.

In that period he was particularly fond of oriental religions, ethics and philosophy.

Mr. Maloy is survived by his wife, Mrs. Matilda Backus Maloy, and three sisters, Mrs. Mai Edgett, Mrs. Albert Gosnell and Mrs. Howard B. Canter, all of Baltimore.