

DECEMBER 10, 1957

RULE CATES ATES Arthur B. Price, 72, Ex-Council Head, Dies

Arthur B. Price, former president of the City Council and long a leader in the real estate and entertainment businesses in Baltimore, died unexpectedly yesterday. He was 72 years old.

Mr. Price, a Democrat, was first elected as a Third district councilman by the Council itself in 1944, when he replaced George Fallon on Mr. Fallon's election to the House of Representatives.

In 1951 he ran for president of the Council, was elected and served four years. A constant opponent of the D'Alesandro administration, he ran unsuccessfully for mayor in the 1955 Democratic primary.

Was Sole Owner

He was sole owner of A. B. Price Enterprises, an organization engaged in real estate dealings and operation of a group of theaters and Gwynn Oak amusement park.

Although he disposed of his theater interests in 1947 with the advent of television, and his sons had taken over operation of Gwynn Oak Park, Mr. Price was active in real estate until his death.

He also was an ardent sports



ARTHUR B. PRICE

fan until his death. He had attended the races at Pimlico Saturday, and a son said he was "disappointed along with the rest of us" after watching the Colts lose their football game Sunday.

Mr. Price was born in Baltimore September 30, 1885, the (Continued, Page 19, Column 1)

ROBINSON HITS JURY 'TAP' PROB

Grand Jurors' Report Called "Shocking" Law Sponsor

The grand jury report on investigation of illegal wiretapping by Baltimore police is a "shocking example of perjury of government," Delegate Rome Robinson (D., Fourth District) charged last night. "It is regrettable that violations of the law are whitewashed in this fashion," he said.

The grand jury announced yesterday that it was ended its probe after finding that wiretapping by police had occurred, but that it would issue no indictments because a conviction would drag the name of innocent citizens into court. "Public policy . . . requires that wiretapping be suppressed with the utmost secrecy and requires that innocent citizens be protected . . ." the jury reported.

"Captious And Specious" To this, Mr. Robinson replied: "One must assume either the grand jury is fully aware of the purpose and intent of the law or it was advised . . . Any attempt to justify the report on the part of the intention of the Assembly is both captious and specious."

NEW POLICE CUT SEEN IN COUNTY

Force, Held Low Already,
Expected To Drop Anew

By EDGAR L. FEINGOLD

Baltimore county's undermanned police force is expected

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Former City Council Head Had Active Career

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son of Frank and Florence Price. He attended public schools and Baltimore City College.

Years after going into business for himself he achieved distinction when he won his law degree from the University of Baltimore.

Mr. Price's first job was as an office boy at the Pattison-Ramsay Company, at Locust Point, from 1903 to 1905. From 1905 to 1907 he was a clerk with the banking firm of Robert Taylor & Co. For three years after that he was assistant office manager with Consolidated Film and Supply Company.

It was in 1910 that he made his first venture into the entertainment business as manager of the Blue Mouse and Alcazar theaters. In 1914 he became manager and part owner of a chain of Baltimore movie houses.

In Business For Self

Since 1919 he had been in business for himself. He was owner and operator of a group of theaters here, then branched out in 1931 when he built the Lakewood swimming pool. Five years after that he took over management and operation of Gwynn Oak Park under lease from the Baltimore Transit Company.

He purchased the park outright from the transit company in 1943.

As a young man, Mr. Price served two enlistments in Company M, of the 5th Regiment, Maryland National Guard, from 1906 to 1912. He ran on the track team of the regiment, and also played baseball.

He was a Methodist—his family has held a pew in Mount Vernon Methodist Church for five generations.

Married In 1910

Mr. Price was married in 1910 to Miss Mary Elizabeth Cockrill. Mrs. Price survives him, living at their home at 3909 North Charles street.

He was a member of the Elks, the Masons and the Shriners, and was treasurer of the old Baltimore Athletic Club. One of the offices of which he was proudest was his regional vice presidency of the Allied Theater Owners of America, in which he was spokesman for the local motion picture owners throughout the State.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Price is survived by two brothers, Frank Price, Jr., and Edward R. Price; a sister, Mrs. Florence Steppach; a daughter, Mrs. Audrey C. Toth, and three sons, Arthur B. Price, Jr., James F. Price and David W. Price. All live in Baltimore.

Funeral services will be held at home at 3 P.M. Thursday. Burial will be in Druid Ridge Cemetery.

**Mrs. Hastings
Funeral Today**

Retired In 1949 As Head Of Forge Company

Samuel P. Howe, 78-year-old retired steel executive and long-time Philadelphia resident, died at his home in the Warrington Apartments on Sunday.

Mr. Howe moved to Baltimore about a month ago from the Pine Valley (N.J.) Golf Club, where he was a very active member. He was president of the Camden (N.J.) Forge Company until his retirement in 1949.

Born in New York city, he graduated from Brooklyn Polytechnical School and graduated as a mechanical engineer in 1902 from Cornell University, where he was a member of the professional society of Sigma Psi.

Led To Fluid Drive

In the mid-thirties, Mr. Howe experimented with a centrifugal clutch which later was developed, by others, into fluid drive.

Mr. Howe and his wife lived in Philadelphia from 1902 to 1957.

Besides his wife, Anna Elliot Howe, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert Stinson, of Baltimore, and a son, Samuel P. Howe, Jr., of Haverford, Pa.

Funeral services and burial will be private.

Funeral Services Set For Mrs. Addie Kratz

Funeral services for Mrs. Addie Kratz, active in the women's suffrage movement and in Maryland Democratic politics, will be held at 2 P.M. today at Witzke Funeral establishment, 4101 Edmondson avenue. Burial will follow in Western Cemetery.

Mrs. Kratz died Tuesday at a home in Catonsville after an illness of four years. She was 86.

Born in Montgomery county, Mrs. Kratz spent most of her life in Baltimore. She was a candidate for the Democratic State Central Committee, highest local party office, in 1921 and 1923.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edmund B. Fox, two sons, Elmer N. Kratz and Alton L. Kratz, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dog Mishap Kills Girl

Arapahoe, Wyo., Dec. 9 (AP)—Kay Miller, 13-year-old Arapahoe girl, was killed yesterday when a dog jumped against a .300 Magnum rifle which discharged in her face. The girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller, died instantly.

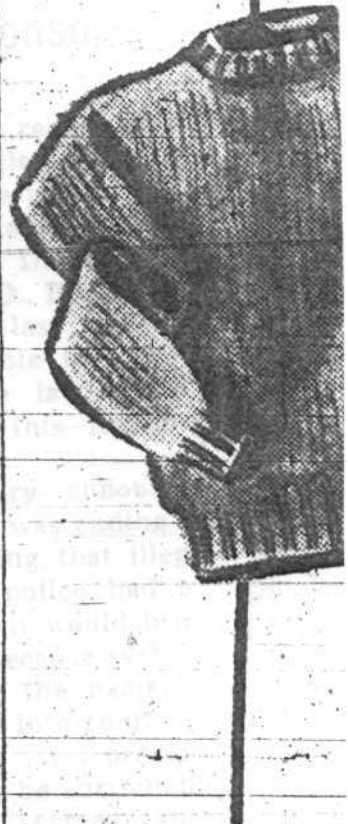
Humidors and Pipe Racks

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