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LATEST STATE LAWMAKERS — Winners in the last 1962 state General Assembly election, all Democratic representatives of the city's 4th District, were: Senator Verda F. Welcome, left and to the House of Delegates the late Mrs. Irma G. Dixon, who died last year in office; Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd, and far right, Ernest D. Young.

More representation seen in next General Assembly

In 1954, voters in Baltimore's 4th Legislative District made history by electing three colored representatives to Maryland's General Assembly in Annapolis — a senator and two House of Delegates members.

The precedent-setting lawmakers were Sen. Harry A. Cole, an attorney; and Delegates Truly Hatchett, a realtor, and Emory R. Cole, attorney.

The two subsequent Assembly memberships since, including the outgoing one, also have had a senator and two delegates to integrate that body — all from the same district.

Now 12 years later with another election approaching this fall prospects are bright for far more racial representation in the state next legislative makeup.

MARYLAND'S recent enactment of reapportionment — the one man one vote concept — now authorizes for this district where colored voters are far in the majority, two state senators and seven House of Delegates members.

The coming elections are expected to bring racial representation in at least two other of Baltimore's six districts — the 2nd and 5th.

Results of almost continuous register to vote campaigns by the NAACP, churches and civic interest groups are such that colored eligible voters now form 34 percent of the city's total on the books.

Such registration has grown to substantial proportions in each of these districts and is continuing to increase through current registration campaigns.

All of which gives promise of far more representation in the next General Assembly to be elected this fall.

SEN. COLE and Del. Cole, elected in 1954, were Republicans, and Del. Hatchett, a Democrat.

The subsequent election in 1958 brought their replacement with Sen. J. Alvin Jones and Mesdames Verda F. Welcome and Irma G. Dixon, all Democrats, to the House of Delegates.

Then in the 1962 election, Mrs. Welcome moved up to the Senate and Mrs. Dixon was joined in the House by Clarence M. Mitchell 3rd and Ernest D. Young.

Mrs. Dixon died in office last year.

She and Mrs. Welcome were the first two women of their race to sit in Maryland's General Assembly.

Mrs. Welcome is now one of two women senators in that current 29 - member body.

She is expected to run for reelection this fall on a 4th District ticket that is likely to include Mr. Mitchell for the second Senate seat.

HARRY A. COLE

TRULY HATCHETT

EMORY R. COLE

J. ALVIN JONES was second colored state senator to sit in Maryland's General Assembly, 1958-62. A 4th District Democrat, he succeeded the Republicans' Harry A. Cole.

1st STATE LAWMAKER—Elected in 1954 to represent the city's 4th District, Harry A. Cole, Republican attorney, left; Truly Hatchett, Democrat real estate man; center; and Emory R. Cole, Republican attorney, were the first of their race to sit in Maryland's General Assembly. Mr. Cole was elected to the Senate, Messrs. Hatchett and Cole to the House.

3 city agencies under governor

There is a unique feature about three of Baltimore's most vital agencies — the Police Department, Supervisors of Elections and the Liquor Board.

They are supported by city taxpayers, but the governor has the appointive powers of their top personnel, rather than the mayor.

The governor appoints the police commissioner, the three members of the Board of Supervisors of Elections and the three members of the Liquor Board.

The appointive heads of all other city agencies are in the hands of the mayor.

City Hall's cornerstone anniversary

The centennial anniversary of the cornerstone laying of Baltimore's City Hall will be observed next year — if somebody doesn't tear it down before then.

City records show the cornerstone was laid for this structure on Oct. 1867.

Dedication ceremonies were held five years later on Oct. 21, 1875.

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THIS CITY HALL was built, according to the records, at a cost of $2,271,135.64.

Since that time, however, several thousands of dollars have been allocated for renovations and improvements.

For the past few years, top city officials have been debating whether to spend more money to further restore the structure, or tear it down and build a new municipal compound of offices in close proximity.

The new office compound seems to be favored at this time.

FORMER COUNCILMEN —William L. Fitzgerald, left; and Walter S. Emerson, right, served in the City Council 1913-23.

CURRENT COUNCILMEN Walter T. Dixon, left, and Henry G. Parks Jr., right, are 4th District city councilmen in 21-member body. Mr. Dixon is serving his third consecutive term, Mr. Parks his first. They are the first of their race to sit together in the Council since 1927-31 when Walter Emerson and Warner T. McGuinn were such members.

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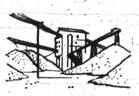
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