

office of Governor. This was considered a remarkable showing because of the tremendous Democratic book majority then obtaining in the State of Maryland.

After his term of office as State's Attorney for Baltimore City, Mr. Nice retired to the private practice of law and later, in 1934, again entered the field of politics by declaring for the Republican nomination for Governor. In this contest, Mr. Nice was successful over two very formidable opponents and again received his party's nomination for the office of Governor of Maryland.

In the November election following, (1934), Mr. Nice defeated his Democratic opponent, the then incumbent Governor Ritchie, who likewise opposed him in 1919, by a margin of more than 6000 votes. Governor Nice is the 3rd Republican Governor to be elected in the State of Maryland over a period of 100 years.

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*Secretary of State:* E. RAY JONES (Republican), Oakland, Maryland.

E. Ray Jones, son of Wilbur C. and Olive Bell Jones, was born at Deer Park, Garrett County, Maryland, December 14, 1886. His father, now retired and living at Columbus, Ohio, was for many years a merchant at Deer Park and active in county affairs. He is married and has four children, the oldest now a student in the University of Maryland Law School. He also has a brother and three sisters living at Columbus. His mother is deceased. His preliminary education was obtained in the public schools of Garrett County, after which he was a student in West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, West Virginia, and Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, from which latter institution he received his A. B. degree in 1910. In 1913, he graduated from the Law School of the University of Maryland and in the same year was admitted to the practice of law in Maryland.

Upon his admission to the Bar, Mr. Jones returned to his home county and entered upon the practice of his profession at Oakland, where he has since resided, practicing in the courts of both Maryland and West Virginia. He served one term as State's Attorney for Garrett County, 1916-1920, since which time he has been in private practice. In 1930 he formed a partnership with Mr. Walter W. Dawson, also of Oakland, under the firm name of Jones and Dawson. On July 1, 1936, he was appointed Secretary of State by Governor Nice to succeed Hon. Thomas L. Dawson, resigned.