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THOMAS E. CONLON

(Died at 87 years of age)

had been employed by the Baltimore and Ohio in various capacities all of his adult life, first joining the railroad at the age of 17.

Calm and Quiet

Conlon, noted in Legislative circles for his calm quiet hand-

ling of the often noisy and uproarious House of Delegates, was a "chip off the old block."

"My father," he once said, "was with the New York Central Railroad for 50 years, so I guess I naturally entered the same profession when I left school."

While railroad was his occupation, his avocation was politics. While vacationing in California in 1934, he was elected a Demo-

cratic member of the House from Baltimore's Fifth Legislative District and soon became one of the Legislature's most popular solons. He was re-elected in 1938 and 1942.

Affable and sincere, "Tom" was a hard worker and made it plain while Speaker that he would tolerate no clowning. During his tenure there were no mock sessions or such extra-curricular activities as spit-ball throwing or the sailing of paper airplanes.

Took Law Degree

He took his law degree at the University of Baltimore, and married Marcella Elizabeth Quigley of Pittsburgh, May 27, 1908. The couple had six children.

His interest in his family was best evidenced by his remark that he considered his greatest achievement "the fact that Mrs. Conlon and I have raised and educated our six children."

Conlon, who once played semi-pro baseball, stuck pretty close to Sunday golfing during his later years. He numbered among his hobbies contract bridge, raising chickens and flowers, and was fond of watching football, baseball and tennis.

He once described his most thrilling experience as the making of a grand slam in no trump at bridge.

A Catholic, Conlon was a member of the All Saints Church, the Knights of Columbus, the Bar Association and the Optimist Club.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by these children: Francis Joseph, Thomas E., Jr., Joseph Patrick, Mrs. John W. Allgood, Marcella Elizabeth and Elizabeth Glenn; as well as two brothers, Harry J., Toledo, O., and Walter J. of Chicago; and three sisters—Mary Catherine, Mrs. A. J. Duffey, Mrs. E. J. Kane, all of Miami, Fla.