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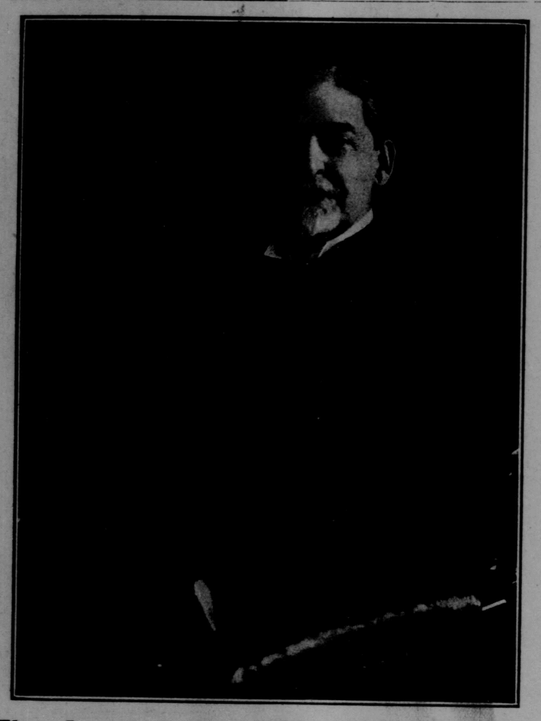

The Late Judge Wm. H. Thomas

William Henry Thomas, Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Maryland, and an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, died Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, April 26, 1924, in his office in the Court House, this city, from acute heart disease, in the 63rd. year of his age.

When Judge Thomas was stricken suddenly while sitting at his desk, a hurried call was sent out for physicians and Drs. Fitzhugh, Billingslea, and Woodward hurried to the court house, but none of their efforts was successful in checking the attack. Mrs. Thomas arrived shortly before he died.

Besides his widow, who was Miss Catherine Roberts, daughter of the late Judge Charles B. Roberts, of this city, he is survived by a son Dr. Charles R. Thomas, of Mississippi, and three daughters, Miss Eleanor Thomas, at home; Mrs. Grant Schwarz, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Mrs. William Seman, of Baltimore; also by an elder brother Truman Thomas, of Maddox, St. Mary's county, Maryland.

Tuesday last at 10:30 A. M., funeral services were held at the home, and at 11 A. M., further services were held in Ascension Episcopal Church, this city, Bishop John G. Murray, Revs. Edward Wroth and Hilton Orrick officiating, and the interment was in the Westminster cemetery.

The active pallbearers were six cousins—Armstrong, James, Roderick N., Douglas, Edward M., and Henry B. Thomas Jr.

The honorary pallbearers were Governor Ritchie; Chief Judge A. Hunter Boyd, of the Maryland Court of Appeals; Judge John R. Pattison, Judge Hammond Urner, Judge William A. Adkins, Judge T. Scott Offutt, Judge W. Mitchell Diggs, Judge Carroll T. Bond, James A. Bond, John P. Briscoe, Judge William Henry Forsyth, Jr., Judge Robert Moss; Thomas H. Robinson, Attorney-General of Maryland; Dr. J. M. T. Finney, Dr. William S. Baer, Dr. William A. Fisher, Dr. Henry M. Fitzhugh, Frank A. Furst and F. Neal Parke.

Other judges, attorney and court officials present were: Judges Walter L. Dawkins and Charles J. Heuisler, Baltimore; and Judge Glenn H. Worthington, Frederick; Senator George Arnold Frick, William L. Marbury, Joseph C. France and Alfred Jenkins Shriver, Baltimore; Jacob Rohrbach and John S. Newman, Frederick; Senator Stephen A. Gambrill, Joseph L. Donovan, Herbert Mellor, James Clark, David M. Murray, N. H. Warfield, Joseph Hunt, Martin Burke and Hart B. Noll, Ellicott City; James J. and James Lindsay, Towson; John S. Young clerk of the Court of Appeals; James Guy Thompson, secretary of the Court of Appeals; John C. Hyde, deputy clerk of the Court of Appeals, and Deputy Clerk Brady, of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county.

During the funeral services the offices in the court house, and many business places were closed. The front and rear of the court house, the door to Judge Thomas' office and his chair on the bench in the court room have been draped in black.

The church, which is a small one, could not accommodate more than the family, pallbearers, and judges and lawyers from other parts of the state. Hundreds stood on the large lawn adjacent to the building.

Over seventy-five beautiful floral tributes were sent to the house. F. A. Sharrer and Son funeral directors.

William Henry Thomas was born in St. Mary's county, Maryland, in the month of May 1861, on the farm of his parents which overlooked the Potomac river, a stream which later was to become the dividing line between the contending forces in the Civil War. His parents were slave owners, whom the war reduced to financial straits.

Judge Thomas' father died when the Judge was in his teens and his elder brother, Mr. Truman Thomas, became the manager of the large farm and assumed the burden of educating the younger children, among whom was the late Dr. George Thomas, who became a prominent physician of Baltimore, and died very suddenly while enjoying a large and lucrative practice, and Judge Thomas.

Through the efforts of Mr. Truman Thomas, who never married, the Judge was sent to Charlotte Hall Academy in Southern Maryland and upon his graduation, received a county scholarship in the Maryland Agricultural College, from which he graduated with distinction. Later he attended the Maryland University Law School and at his graduation was admitted to the practice of law in Baltimore City.

In 1886 Judge Thomas came to Westminster and began the practice of his profession. In 1901 he was elected Associate Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, comprising Anne Arundel, Carroll, and Howard counties, as a Democrat, defeating the late Judge Charles T. Reifsnider, Republican, who had been appointed Associate Judge by Governor Lloyd Lowndes in the place of Judge I. Thomas Jones, who that year had been elected Chief Judge of the circuit.

Upon the death of Chief Judge Jones in 1907 Judge Thomas was elected Chief Judge of the circuit and served 15 years, and in 1923 he was re-elected for another term of 15 years.

Judge Thomas had a quiet, retiring disposition, was a hard student, an industrious worker, an upright and impartial judge, a devoted husband and father, a good neighbor, and last but not least at all times a thorough Christian gentleman.

Shortly after coming to Westminster he became a member of Ascension Protestant Episcopal Church and later on its senior warden an office he held at the time of his tragic death. He was very fond of music and in his younger days was a member of the church choir.

His death, which was a tragedy to this community, made a profound impression, and few realize that he has departed. He died in his office where he had spent so many many hours until late in the night striving to the best of his ability, which all recognized, to do even justice to litigants as his Maker gave him the light to see the right.

During the past winter, due to the illness of Judges Boyd and Stockbridge of the Court of Appeals, Judge Thomas was compelled to do very much more work, and he simply broke down under the strain. The state and the legal profession have suffered a great loss, and this community one of its best citizens.

O ye, whose cheek the tear of pity stains,
Draw near with pious reverence, and attend;
Here lie the loving husband's dear remains,
The tender father, and generous friend.

The pitying heart that felt for human woe;
The dauntless heart that feared no human pride;
The friend of man, to vice alone a foe
"For even his failings leaned to virtue's side."
—Burns.

CARROLL COUNTY FIREMEN TO MEET IN WESTMINSTER MAY 15 AND 16.

The first annual convention of the Carroll County Volunteer Firemen's Association to be held in Westminster on May 15th, 16 and 17th, promises to be an occasion of unusual interest, and already extensive preparations are being made by the various fire departments of the county to represent their respective towns and communities in a creditable manner on this occasion.

The opening of the convention will be at 10 A. M. on Thursday, after which the visiting firemen will be entertained at dinner by the Westminster Fire Department at the firemen's building. The regular business meeting, or convention proper, will be held from two until three o'clock on Thursday afternon. At the close of the meeting there will be a parade in which all the visiting firemen will take part. Three prizes will be awarded; One of $25 for best Carroll county fire apparatus in line; one of $15 for the greatest number of men, including band, in line, and a third of $10 to the company coming the greatest distance.

In connection with the convention the Westminster Fire Department will hold a chicken and waffle supper and a strawberry and ice cream festival, which will be continued on Friday and Saturday nights. There will be good music, dancing and other amusements each night. Considerable expense will be incurred in arranging for the convention, and in entertaining the visiting firemen. The proceeds derived from the supper and festival will be used in defraying these expenses. No contributions will be solicited as on former occasions of this kind, but any donation which friends of the department may wish to make will be gratefully received. Such donations should be delivered at the firemen's building on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of the week of the convention. In cases where it is not convenient to deliver contributions they will be collected if notice be sent to any member of the Westminster Fire Department.

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S ITINERARY FOR MAY

May 1, Hillsdale, Use of Poultry Products; May 2, Taylorsville, Millinery; May 3, Union Bridge, Farmers Club; May 5, Hampstead, Farm Bureau; May 6, Silver Run, The Hair; May 7, Smallwood, Care of the Baby; May 7, Eldersburg, Farm Bureau; May 8, Winfield, Salads; May 12, Sykesville, Jr., Clothing; May 13, Union Bridge, Value of Eggs in Nutrition; May 13, Westminster, The Skin; May 14, Warfieldsburg, Use of Poultry Products; May 15, Taneytown, Use of Poultry Products; May 16, Gist, Use of Poultry Products; May 19, Manchester, Clean Milk Campaign; May 20, Keysville, Salads; May 20, Detour, Clean Milk Campaign; May 21, Pleasant Valley, Salads; May 21, Union Bridge, Clean Milk Campaign; May 22, Sykesville, Sr., Clean Milk Campaign; May 22, Taneytown, Clean Milk Campaign; May 23, Woodbine, Clean Milk Campaign; May 26, Sykesville, Clean Milk Campaign; May 27, Middlerun, The Care of the Skin; May 27, Mt. Airy, Clean Milk Campaign; May 28, Eldersburg, Foodstuffs for Health; May 28, Westminster, Clean Milk Campaign; May 29, Berrett, Clean Milk Campaign; May 30, New Windsor, Clean Milk Campaign.

WESTERN MARYLAND BEATS MT. ST. MARY'S

Emmitsburg, Md., April 30.—In one of the best-pitched games ever played here Mount St. Mary's College went down to defeat before its old rival Western Maryland College, this afternoon by the score of 2 to 1. Thomas Meighan, movie star, threw out the first ball.

It was a battle royal between Woolgie and Byham. Neither team scored until the sixth inning, when each club pushed one tally across the plate.

It was nip and tuck until the ninth inning, when Artigiani walked, stole second base and scored on a muffed fly for the visitors' second and final run of the game.

The fielding sensation was a remarkable catch by Johnson, first baseman for the Mountaineers. He raced up the bank and made a left-hand catch of a foul fly.

Aside from the pitching of Byham the work of Artigiani featured for the visitors.

A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO J. DR. WILLIAM H. THOMAS

The congregation of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church, of Westminster, in session on Sunday, April 27th, 1924, authorized its pastor and secretary of the Official Board to express its sincere sorrow by reason of the death of our highly esteemed citizen and honored public servant, Judge William H. Thomas, whose going is a distinct loss to our community and State.

The congregation further requested that an expression of its genuine sympathy be sent the family of Judge Thomas and that its action be published in the county papers.

Signed R. N. EDWARDS, Minister.
CLAUDE T. KIMMEY,
Secretary of Official Board.

BLUE RIDGE COLLEGE GLEE CLUBS TO ENTERTAIN

The Ladies' and Men's Glee Clubs of Blue Ridge College will give an attractive program, including the comic operetta, "Peppery Pa," next Tuesday night, May 6th, at 8 o'clock in the college auditorium.

ELLIS—WEAVER

(Uniontown Correspondent)

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Weaver, Uniontown, this county, Tuesday, April 29, 1924, at 11 A. M., when their youngest daughter, Miss Loretta V. Weaver, became the bride of Mr. Joseph Ellis, of Philadelphia, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. Earl Cummings of the M. P. church. The bride wore grey silk crepe, with beaded trimmings, and carried a colonial bouquet of Marshal Neil roses. The groom wore dark blue. The bride's going away suit was also dark blue. They were attended by the bride's sister, Mrs. Norman Otto, and husband, of Washington, D. C. A wedding dinner followed the ceremony and later the happy couple left in their car for their newly furnished home, 5835 Anderson street, Germantown, Philadelphia. They received many useful and pretty wedding gifts from their friends, who all wish them much joy.

CARROLL REFORMED CHARGE

St. Benjamin's: Sunday school 9:00 A. M. Holy Communion 10:00 A. M. C. E. Society 7:30 P. M. Preparatory service Saturday 8:00 P. M.

St. Matthew's: (Pleasant Valley) Sunday school 9 A. M. Divine service 2 P. M. This service will be in charge of the Deputation Team of Western Maryland College. This will be a treat for all.

J. W. Reinecke, pastor.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

John E. Harman and Ethel L. Lambert, Taneytown.

Russell L. Lindsay and Carrie G. Cartzendaffer, New Windsor.

John George Bobb and Mae McCurrey, Baltimore.

Donald L. Feeser and Mary Smith, Littlestown, Pa.

Harold Myers and Jessie Brinkerhoff, Roslyn, Md.

Samuel E. Baublitz and Sadie Brenaanman, Spring Grove, Pa.

James Howard Poltzer and Blanch W. Martin, Hampstead.

Joseph Ellis and Frances Loretta Weaver, Uniontown.

Charles H. Laughman and Phoebus N. Feeser, Hanover, Pa.

John Kloffke and Evelyn Matilda Bopp, Baltimore.

Frank W. Pittinger and Etta Mary Logue Wisner, Westminster.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE

Harvey E. Utz and wife to Ada N. Taylor, 1 a, $800.

John J. Shenk and wife to Harry Lamb and wife, 8 lots, $10.

Augustine E. McClellan et al to John M. Robertson and wife, 14 a, $10.

Charles E. Rinehart et al to Mary Sentz and husband, 77 a, $10.

Albert R. Schubnagle and wife to Melvin Ritter, 56 sq. prs., $10.

Millard D. Schaeffer et al Albert R. Schubnagle and wife, 56 sq. prs., $10.

Ella M. Hann and husband to Jesse T. Stuller and wife, 2 a, $4,000.

Jacob N. Dehoff to Raymond E. Leister et al, 73 sq. prs., $100.

Weldon R. Wooden to Raymond F. Leister et al, 32757 sq. ft., $5.

Clara E. Porter to George E. Green and wife, 3 a, $200.

Clara E. Porter to Ollie Porter and wife, 6 a, $475.

John H. J. Boland, administrator to Union Bridge Banking and Trust Co., lot in city, $1.

Levi Barnes, et al to Frank B. Stevenson and wife, 10,000 sq. ft., $10.

G. Lewis Wetzel et al to Benjamin D. Kemper, 5 a, $437.50.

Thomas F. Gosnell and wife to George W. Welsh and wife, 292 sq. ft., $73.75

Carville L. Alexander and wife to Lewis E. Green et al, 9 a, $10.

Lewis E. Green et al to D. Paul Green and wife, 1 a, $10.

Charles W. Tillman and wife to George W. Jones and wife, 3 a, $10.

Norris C. Taylor and wife to Walter L. Taylor and wife, 121 sq. ft., $10.

John L. Mann and wife to Norris C. Taylor and wife, 10 sq. pr., $10.

David M. Young and wife to John D. Young and wife, 158 a, $10.

ORPHANS' COURT

Monday, April 21.—Letters of administration on the estate of Florence C. Leppo, deceased, were granted unto Joseph A. Leppo, who received order to notify creditors and who returned inventories of money and debts.

Alverta I. Brown, executrix of John C. Brown, deceased, returned inventory personal property.

Herbert J. Petry, administrator of Sarah H. Petry, deceased, settled his first and final account and reported sale of bonds.

Monday, April 28.—Letters of administratio non the estate of Florence E. Gore, deceased, were granted unto Hillary B. Gore, who received warrant to appraise personal property and order to notify creditors.

Harry E., Walter S and Guy L Keefer, administrators of Elias Keefer, deceased, returned inventory of debts and report of sale of personal property.

Francis Neal Parke, administrator of Frank G. Dorsey, deceased, settled his first and final account.

John Milton Reifsnider, Jr., administrator W. A. of John Milton Reifsnider, deceased, returned inventory of debts, money and reported sale of personal property and settled his first and final account.

Emma F. Warner, administratrix of Rebecca C. Richter, deceased, settled her first and final account.

Tuesday, April 29.—Carrie S. Newcomer, administratrix of Jeremiah B. Newcomer, deceased, settled her first and final account.

Letters of administration on the estate of Caroline C. Long, deceased, were granted unto Henry W. Long, who received order to notify creditors and who returned inventories of debts due and current money.

The last will and testament of Dora May Ehlers, deceased, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary thereon were granted unto Henry Ehlers, who received order to notify creditors under Chapter 146, Acts 1912.

F. Neal Parke Esq. Appointed Chief Judge.

Takes Place Made Vacant By Death Of Judge Thomas.

Wednesday Governor Ritchie tendered the appointment of Chief Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, which includes Anne Arundel, Carroll, and Howard counties, to Francis Neal Parke Esq., of this city, a member of the firm of Bond and Parke, and he has accepted the same, and will qualify Monday next.

No better selection could have been made on the circuit. Mr. Parke is in the prime of life and his legal ability is recognized all over the state. When tendered the appointment which will last until the general election in 1926, Mr. Parke was engaged in the trial of a case in Rockville, Montgomery county.

If ancestry counts for anything then Mr. Parke should make an excellent judge. On his father's side he is a grandson of the late Joseph M. Parke who, in his day, was Register of Wills of this county, and a recognized authority on testamentary law and was engaged actively in the practice of his profession until the day of his death. He died at the age of 85. The late George M. Parke, father of F. Neal Parke, was for 18 years deputy Register of Wills, and for 12 years Register of Wills of this county, and was also recognized as an authority on testamentary law.

On his mother's side Mr. Parke is a grandson of the late Abner Neal who, for a long number of years, was a justice of the peace in this city, and from whose judgments very few appeals were taken. His legal ability and fairness were recognized by all the attorneys and litigints and they were satisfied with his judgments.

As an associate counsel for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company with his partner Judge James A. C. Bond, Mr. Parke's practice took him into many counties of the State and Baltimore City, which, together with a large and lucrative local practice, his latent legal ability developed gradually until to-day he is recognized as one of the leading lawyers of this state.

Mr. Parke is a member of the board of directors of the Westminster Deposit and Trust Company, of which his father, from his retirement from the office of Register of Wills in 1898 until his death, was the treasurer. He is also the company's attorney.

In politics, although affiliated with the Democratic party, he has been always independent, and on many occasions has refused to support some so-called Democratic candidates because of their personal character, or because of their radical ideas.

In the acquisition of Mr. Parke the Court of Appeals will be strengthened very much indeed, but the legal bar of Carroll county will be weakened to the same extent.

Mr. Parke is a bachelor, aged 53 years, and resides with and cares tenderly for his widowed mother in the old Parke homestead on Court street, near the court house.

In 1889 President Cleveland, Mr. Parke's mother's cousin appointed him a cadet at West Point Military Academy but during his second year Mr. Parke's health failed and he resigned, came home and went South to recuperate. Upon his return from the South he began the study of law with the late Judge William H. Thomas and, in 1893, was admitted to the bar of Carroll county, and shortly thereafter, in 1898, he formed a partnership with Mr. James A. C. Bond under the name of Bond and Parke, which still exists.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

O, would I were a boy again,
When life seemed formed of sunny years
And all the heart then knew of pain
Was wept away in transient tears.
—Mark Lemon.

Mrs. Nichols was hostess for the semi-monthly meeting of the Woman's Club held Tuesday, April 22nd. The session opened with the song "America The Beautiful." The chief interest of the afternoon was in a paper written by Mrs. George Mather. The subject assigned her was: "Boys." The paper was intelligent, and instructive, gave much of Mrs. Mather's own experience in her work with boys in the Sunday school and other organizations, which made the paper doubly interesting. Mrs. Beacham chose for her current event: "Poultry." Miss Kolb, County Home Demonstration Agent, was a guest of the club and gave a splendid account of the work of the Home-Maker's clubs throughout the county. Miss Carolyn Wantz's, vocal solos "Since First I Met Thee," by Rembrandt; and "Snow Flakes," by Colvin, were much appreciated. Miss Wantz was accompanied by Miss Annie Shriver.

CELEBRATED GOLDEN WEDDING

On Monday, April 28, Prof. and Madame P. J. Des Garennes, of Liberty Heights, this city, celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding by a simple and touching service at St. John's Catholic Church, this city, Rev. P. J. Egan officiating. The pupils of St. John's parochial school furnished the music. Prof. and Madame Des Gerennes were married in France, April 28, 1874. For 30 years Prof. Des Gerennes was instructor of French and Spanish at the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC CONTEST

The second annual Eisteddfod, or High School Music Contest, will be held in Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster, on Friday evening, May 9th, at 8 o'clock.

Orchestras, soloists and glee clubs will compete for honors. Mr. John Denues, music supervisor for the Baltimore City schools, will act as adjudicator. The following high schools will be represented: Mt. Airy, Sykesville, Westminster, Taneytown, Union Bridge, Pleasant Valley, Charles Carroll, Manchester, Hampstead, and New Windsor.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS PLAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE AT NEW WINDSOR

The annual Young People's Conference of the Carroll County Sunday School Association, and one of the leading events of the Sunday school calender for this county will be held this year at Blue Ridge College, New Windsor, on Friday, May 16.

There will be two sessions, afternoon and evening, beginning at 2:00 P. M. Col. J. A. Cudlipp, state superintenden of Young People's Work, will have charge and the day will be one of uplift and inspiration.

Every Sunday school in the county is urged to send four delegates, two boys and two girls, between the ages of 16 and 24 and one adult may accompany them. In the evening a banquet will be served to all delegates in the college dining room, after which there will be speeches, songs and fun.

All delegates will pay $1.00 registration fee which includes admission to the banquet. Between the afternoon and evening session there will be games and the council fire in charge of Col. Cudlipp.

It is very important that every school be represented, but it is a delegated body and the general public cannot be admitted.

For the Sentinel.

"WEEK DAY RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION"

What Do You Think Of It?

The Parent-Teacher Association believes in keeping up with the procession by discussing up-to-date topics. The need is felt for more religious training for our youth. Everywhere specialists are studying ways and means by which this can be done. It is now advised by the foremost educators that a course of religious instruction be put into the schools which shall teach the Bible, but be strictly non-sectarian. All who would like to hear the discussion of this question are invited to attend a meeting to be held in the High School Auditorium on Monday, May 5, at 8 P. M. Don't forget the date and don't forget to come.

COMMISSIONS ARRIVE

The commissions for the Notary Publics and Magistrates have arrived and are ready for the delivery of the same at any time.

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