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Each season has its own peculiar beauty here in Kent; winter, with its ice and sleet and snow weaves in the woods its tapestries of varied charm; fall paints its pictures in woods and fields beyond the description of the human mind to pen with credit; Kent awakes to the resurrection called spring, which comes throbing in with its fragrance and its beauty, though fields, and woods and down classic streams; and, finally, summer, covering all its mantel of green, completes the round of Kent's seasonal beauty.

Kent has its beauty at all seasons, but, this being summer, we will attempt to portray in this article its beauty at this particular season of the year.

The other day the writer stood upon Rigby's crowning heights, in the beautiful town of Betterton, and watched the death of a midsummer's day, with the golden splendor of the great orb asprawl bay and sky. From the time the sun had come creeping over the eastern hills until it had gone its westward course through the firmament the day had been cloudless and serene. Not the single hint of a fleecy cloud had passed the horizon, the rumble of thunder had been unheard. It had been, in truth, an ideal day. As we stood there upon that summit, the hills of Harford rose dark against the golden background of the fast-dropping sun; to the north the green summits of Cecil could be plainly seen; the Susquehanna, bearing with its flood the waters from Harford's springs; the Bohemia, with its saffron flood; the Elk, the North East and the Sassafras, renowned in history and lore of the past, were pouring out their gleaming waters into the eagerly-waiting bay; a sailboat, full rigged, lay out in the golden pathway, with sails ready to speed it upon its toilsome way. Not a breeze broke the placid surface of the bay. The sun dropped lower and lower down the horizon and the golden picture of the bay was transformed to lavendar. Night was coming on faster; Harford's and Cecil's shores were faint outlines a few minutes and then disappeared; the ship was blotted from the picture. The curtain fell lower. The bay, a few minutes before, a mirror of golden splendor, was fast becoming black and forbidding, as evening shadows fell. And now the picture has been blotted out altogether. This is one of Kent's most gorgeous pictures of beauty.

As one approaches Kennedyville from Chestertown, he sees afar what appears to be a grove of trees. As he approaches a row of the most exquisite homes greets his eye. These homes, on terraces are about the last word in architecutual beauty. No money or pains have been spared to make them so. Then, before you know it, you are in the midst of one of Kent's most beautiful towns. Situated in the heart of one of the most prosperous farming communities in the country, its people are prosperous and happy. Two churches afford ample religious opportunities and a fine school gives the children educational advantages. Taken altogether, Kennedyville is one of Kent's real beauty spots.

In Chestertown, there are so many places where beauty has placed its indelible stamp, that we will not attempt to list them all in detail, but we will look for a few which stand out in bold outlines. Washington College certainly has its charm beyond description. The memories of the old College haunt the minds of many now in far-off places as there comes trooping back to them across the years visions of a green campus, stately buildings, long shadows flung out by leafy branches; memories of companions, of professors and friends. Washington College has a charm which grows richer with the years.

Down by the side of a swift-flowing stream, almost a stones throw from the center of the town the perfume from a thousand different flowery plants haunts the air. The river by day catches the glint of sunshine's piercing shaft, while by night the moon casts its haunting lure. In spite of factories in the neighborhood, and some unsightly buildings, the riot of color and the delight of perfume casts over the whole neighborhood its spell of romance. We speak of that spot of exquisite beauty belonging to Mrs. Harry Catlin, in front of her home on Front and Cannon streets.

Casting about for beauty we find it everywhere. We come upon it in strange places. We look through the microscope and are amazed by the vision which, through all the ages, has been hidden from the eyes of man. The fathoms of the ocean have been sounded and there have been found splendors and glories which could not be imagined. Even in the trackless wilderness, where human foot has not before trod, we find beauties beyond the appreciation of the human heart. But we do not have to take the microscope, or go to the wilderness or the ocean for beauty when that colossal array of beauty, viewed from the bridge, confronts the startled vision and known as the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hope H. Barroll. It is the object of admiration of people from all parts of the county.

Kent's corn fields are real beauty spots. Somebody has said that "beauty is merely the material world approaching, as nearly as possible, the world of mind and spirit; and the purpose of this approach is for feeding of the souls of men." The corn grows in the fields with the daisies and the wild verbenas, the ivy-colored morning glory climbs its stalks and the mint perfumes its roots. In the grass which grows about it blooms the clover, the buttercups and oftimes the violets. Rain falls upon it and nourishes it. Its green stalks wave in the heat of summer's breezes. It rises proudly and assumes its beautiful plume and dances merrily in the sunshine. The heat continues; again the rain falls. The corn grows taller and taller. The ear forms and the plumed knights of the field wave in triumph as it grows larger and larger. You can find beauty anywhere if you look for it, but you don't have to look far in a corn-field, because it is all about you.

Southwestward from Chestertown, through green marshland and across a winding stram, there goes a concrete road. Whither does it lead? Let us see. Down by the side of a gleaming river, through prosperous farmland, where fat cattle graze contentedly on luscuous pasture. Then taking a winding sweep, classic and beautiful, this road goes on, up hills, through valleys where the song of birds fill the air with delicious melody. Woodland comes into view and fringes the road, and gives its quota of wild flowers to enrich the world with fragrance and beauty. And then we get a glimpse of the old south; cabins and well-kept colored homes, gardens and chickens and the old cow stable and pig pen. They are all there, as if the old south had ben transplanted right into our midst. Then on we go to the end. And then we turn from the road, which shows the progress of civilization, and take to the quiet country roadside which leads onward through woods and fields. Rabbits hop undisturbed into view, and, catching a glimpse of human kind, scurry into the deep recesses of the woods; a covey of young partridges, feed on by the roadside in perfect safety; song birds send forth their challenges of melody. The quiet of a Kent country-side prevails all around. It is one of Kent's places of real beauty.

Chestertown's waterfront is ever one of the beauty spots of the county and evokes the admiration of people from every state which sees it. Well-kept homes, yards which run to the water, launches and row boats and moon-kissed river and memory-haunted bridge. The sight is well worth seeing, if you have not done so. And then from the bridge that ever-present panaroma of flowing stream, wood-lined river and changing colors made by sun and shadow. And if perchance, we have missedthe message of beauty mirrored to us in the world, if we miss the message in the clouds and in the rain, in the springing grass and radiant flowers, in the carefree song of the birds and the soft sighing of the summer breeze, we cannot miss its message portrayed in vivid outlines here.

For many years our people have become accustomed to seeing the beautiful Vickers home. It has been there longer than the oldest of us remember. But, like the beautiful painting, breathing, in color and form, the nobility of its art it was not a work of chance. It was the product of marvellous genius, brought to its present excellence only after years of painstaking labor and purposeful toil. It reveals the nobility and efficiency of its creator. The rows of tall beautiful trees have histories which beckon backward across the years. It is another one of our beauty spots.

(Continued in a later issue.)

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PROCLAMATION

Proposing Amendments to the Constitution of the State, 1924

WHEREAS, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1924, two Acts were passed, to-wit: Chapter 177 proposing an amendment to Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Attorney-General and State's Attorney," sub-title "The State's Attorneys," regulating the compensation and the expenses of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City and that of his deputy and assistants; and Chapter 327 proposing an amendment to Section 34 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," for the purpose of permitting the State to pledge its credit for the raising of such funds as may be needed for the aid or compensation of those citizens of the State who during the time of war have, with honor, served their country and State, and which said Chapters 177 and 327 are in the words and figures following:

CHAPTER 177.

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Attorney-General and State's Attorneys," sub-title "The State's Attorneys," regulating the compensation and the expenses of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City and that of his deputy and assistants, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring, that the following be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 9 of Article V, title "Attorney-General and State's Attorneys," sub-title "The State's Attorneys," of the Constitution of Maryland, the same if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become Section 9 of Article V of the Constitution.

SEC. 9. The State's Attorney shall perform such duties and receive such fees and commissions or salary, not exceeding three thousand dollars, as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law; and if any State's Attorney shall receive any other fee or reward than such as is or may be allowed by law, he shall, on conviction thereof, be removed from office; provided, that the State's Attorney for Baltimore City shall have the power to appoint a Deputy and such other Assistants as the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may authorize or approve and until otherwise provided by the General Assembly, the said State's Attorney, Deputy and Assistants shall receive the following annual salaries: State's Attorney, seven thousand five hundred dollars; Deputy State's Attorney, five thousand dollars; Assistant State's Attorneys, four thousand dollars each; said salaries, or such salaries as the General Assembly may subsequently provide, and such expense for conducting the office of the State's Attorney as the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may authorize or approve shall be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the extent that the total of them exceeds the fees of his office, or as the General Assembly shall otherwise provide, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall not be liable for appearance fees to the State's Attorney.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, shall at the next ensuing general election for members of Congress, to be held in this State on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection in conformity with the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State, and at the said election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article 14 of the Constitution.

Approved April 9, 1924.

CHAPTER 327.

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," for the purpose of permitting the State to pledge its credit for the raising of such funds as may be needed for the aid or compensation of those citizens of the State who during the time of war have, with honor, served their country and State, and providing for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," the same if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become Section 34 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

34. No debt shall be hereafter contracted by the General Assembly unless such debt shall be authorized by a law providing for the collection of an annual tax or taxes sufficient to pay the interest on such debt as it falls due, and also to discharge the principal thereof within fifteen years from the time of contracting the same; and the taxes laid for this purpose shall not be repealed or applied to any other object until the said debt and interest thereon shall be fully discharged. The credit of the State shall not in any manner be given or loaned to, or in aid of any individual association or corporation; nor shall the General Assembly have the power in any mode to involve the State in the construction of works of internal improvement, nor in granting any aid thereto which shall involve the faith or credit of the State; nor make any appropriation therefor, except in aid of the construction of works of internal improvement in the counties of St Mary's, Charles and Calvert, which have had no direct advantage from such works as have been heretofore aided by the State; and provided that such aid, advances or appropriations shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of five hundred thousand dollars. And they shall not use or appropriate the proceeds of the internal improvement companies, or of the State tax, now levied, or which may hereafter be levied, to pay off the public debt (or) to any other purpose until the interest and debt are fully paid or the sinking fund shall be equal to the amount of the outstanding debt; but the General Assembly may, without laying a tax, borrow an amount never to exceed fifty thousand dollars to meet temporary deficiencies in the Treasury, and may contract debts to any amount that may be necessary for the defence of the State. And provided further that nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the raising of funds for the purpose of aiding or compensating in such manner or way as the General Assembly of the State shall deem proper, those citizens of the State who have served, with honor, their country and State in time of war; provided, however, that such action of the General Assembly shall be effective only when submitted to and approved by a vote of the people of the State at the General Election next following the enactment of such legislation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, shall, at the next general election for members of Congress held in this State, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot, there shall be printed the following synopsis of said amendment under the caption of "Constitutional Amendment Providing For Aid Or Adjusted Compensation To War Veterans." This amendment removes the prohibition now in the State Constitution which prevents the State from pledging its credit for the raising of monies which could be used for the aid or as adjusted compensation to those citizens of the State who, with honor, served their country or State in time of war; and upon each ballot there shall also be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as now provided by law, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article Fourteen.

Approved April 9, 1924.

Now, Therefore, I, Albert C. Ritchie, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the direction contained in Section 1 of Article 14 of the Constitution of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that this proclamation containing a full, true and correct copy of the text of said Chapters 177 and 327 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1924, be published in at least two newspapers in each of the counties of the State where so many may be published and where not more than one may be published then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be published in the German language, once a week for at least three months next preceding the general election to be held in the State of Maryland on Tuesday the 4th day of November, 1924, at which election the said proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in form and manner prescribed by the General Assembly, to the legal and qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

The Great Seal of the State of Maryland.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis, this 15th day of July, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

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