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Next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock the Rt. Rev. Edmond J. Fitzmaurice, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, will officiate at a Solemn High Mass on the broad lawn of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, better known as Old Bohemia, near Warwick. It will be the annual Field Mass which was instituted several years ago and which is expected to draw hundreds of Catholics and other interested persons from Baltimore, Wilmington, Philadelphia, Washington and all parts of the Delmarva Eastern Shore. Special arrangements have been made by both Maryland and Delaware State police to handle the crowds and a special escort will be provided the Bishop as he crosses the State line at Middletown, Del. The Mass itself will be celebrated by the Rev. Patrick A. Brennan, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church, Newark, Del., assisted by the Rev. John M. Walsh of St. Dennis' Church, Galena, Md., as deacon and the Rev. John J. Bolen, of Wilmington, chancellor of the diocese, as subdeacon. The Rev. James M. Grant, D. D., pastor of St. John's Church, Hockessin, Del., will be master of ceremonies and the sermon will be delivered by the Rev. William Temple, D. D., pastor of St. Elizabeth's Church in Wilmington. The Rev. Pierre Launey, O. S. F. S., superior of the Oblates' Novitiate at Childs' Md., will be present with seminarians who will take care of the minor offices of the Mass. The high altar will be erected on the portico of the ancient rectory adjoining the chapel.

The Jesuit mission, founded at the head of the Bohemia river about 1700 and where the chapel now stands, was the beginning of Georgetown University in Washington and it was there that Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, signer of the Declaration of Independence for Maryland, was educated when a school was started in 1745. John Carroll, afterwards Archibishop of Baltimore, founder of Georgetown College and a cousin of the signer, attended this school in 1745, the archives of Loyola College in Baltimore reveal. The school, remnants of which still remain, was the only one in the Colony of Maryland controlled by the Jesuits or any other Catholic order and it was patronized by the most prominent families in the colony. An ancient graveyard, surrounded by valuable boxwood, still remains, containing the bodies of Jesuits from all over the world who died while in service at the mission. The manse, which now stands, was erected in 1825 and the school was built near the site of the newer building, bricks from the ruins of the school going into the rectory. The chapel, still in good preservation, was built in 1795 when the Rev. Ambrose Marechal, third Archbishop of Baltimore, was in residence at Bohemia and it is said that in his hours of recreation he turned the banisters used in enclosing the sanctuary in the chapel.

Founded by the Rev. Thomas Mansell who obtained a tract of land of 458 acres in 1706 for the mission, the church itself was destroyed by fire in 1912 while the Rev. C. A. Crowley was pastor of the parish. It was almost immelitely rebuilt. The present pastor is the Rev. John H. Walsh, rector of St. Joseph's Church, Middletown, Del., who is head of the parish in which Old Bohemia is included. It is said to be the oldest Catholic Church on the Delmarva Peninsula and one of the oldest in the country. When the Jesuits, who still own five large farms in the vicinity of the church including the farm on which the church and rectory rest, left Old Bohemia some of them went to the site of the present Woodstock College at Baltimore.

An ancient cemetery in which rest the remains of prominent families of the upper Eastern Shore is annually visited by pilgrims to the shrine of Old Bohemia and another spot revered by friends of the ancient chapel is the cross over the colonial doorway of the church, at the foot of the tall tower, which is sunk in the wall and on which is contained the words, "Behold, the Lord is in this place and I knew it not! This is indeed the house of God and the gate of Heaven." The inscription was placed there by Father Villiger of the mission who also is responsible for the church bell in the tower whose dulcet tones may still be heard for miles over the countryside.

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Maryland's Interest in Washington Plans

By ALBERT C. RITCHIE

Governor of Maryland

From Review of Reviews

THE future of that large part of Maryland which lies contiguous to the District of Columbia is in a very real way linked with the future of Washington. These sections of Maryland are not now independent or self-sufficient, in the sense that they can plan ahead without regard to the plans and the conditions on the other side of the District line.

Good roads and the automobile have affected more completely the rural life of America in twenty years than all the occurrences of generations before put together. Primarily because of these two things, the American farmer is no longer isolated or economically self-supporting; he has become an integral part of our vast national economic life.

In the same way good roads and the automobile have contributed immeasurably to make common cause of the development policies and opportunities of the District of Columbia and that section of Maryland which is adjacent to the District. Neither of these sections can work out its future plans without regard to the plans of the other.

The boundary line between Maryland and the District cannot be considered as a barrier separating one from the other. In a legal sense, of course, the development policies of both sections must be separately formulated, but the interests of both require that this be a matter of form only. The plans and hopes and possibilities of this part of Maryland and of the District must be cooperatively worked out for the common good of both, because they are interdependent.

Similar considerations with respect to the portion of Virginia adjacent to the District, make Virginia a natural third partner in our common undertakings.

I am happy to say that during my administrations as Governor of Maryland, my state has recognized all this, and has contributed measurably to the fulfilment of our joint interests.

In 1927 we created the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and gave it jurisdiction over zoning, parking, a permanent system of highways, and other public works and utilities necessary to the proper and adequate physical development of the area extending for an average distance of ten miles from the District line into Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

That Maryland commission cooperates with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. It first zoned the suburban portions of these two counties, and for almost two years the property in all this rapidly growing area has been enjoying the benefits and the protection of intelligent zoning. That this has been effected in a way acceptable to the communities concerned, is shown by the entire absence of any serious attacks either upon the law or its administration.

Along with this work the commission has proceeded with plans for an extensive park system.

As a practical recognition of the very vital importance of this, I recommended to the Maryland Legislature of 1927 an appropriation of $100,000, which was provided for the acquisition of park lands in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. In addition to this, local taxation in those two counties is making available several hundred thousand dollars more for park purposes and an adequate amount for park maintenance.

The parking program has been tied in with the Regional Plan, and it has progressed to the point where existing parks are now about to be extended and new parks established. Rock Creek Park will have an extension into Maryland, and Sligo Valley, the valley of Cabin John Run, and the valley of the Northwest Branch will be added to the system.

One of the great opportunities along this line which should receive cooperative consideration is the main valley of the Potomac River. This, with its glorious scenery, is the natural setting for a park unsurpassed in all the world.

The Cramton bill, passed by the last Congress and signed by President Hoover, provides adequate funds for the immediate creation of the park system recommended for Washington City by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, at a total cost of $16,000,000. It also makes available a federal gift of $1,500,000 for the purchase of park lands in the seven main valleys of suburban Montgomery and Prince George's counties, in Maryland, extending from the District of Columbia; and it provides a further federal loan of $3,000,000 for eight years without interest to those counties.

This total of four and a half million dollars is the estimated cost of the entire park system in the Maryland valleys extending from the District of Columbia.

It seems probable that Montgomery and Prince George's counties will combine to avail themselves of this loan from the Government in order that this great park system may be brought into immediate realization. In such event, title to the park lands in these Maryland valleys will continue in the state, with recreational improvements and maintenance paid for and administered by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

One of the principal agencies we have established to protect the health and meet the necessities of the Metropolitan District is the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission. The purpose was to acquire the existing municipal and quasi-public water and sewerage systems in the area, to coordinate them, and to see that water and sewer service keeps pace as far as possible with the growth of the area.

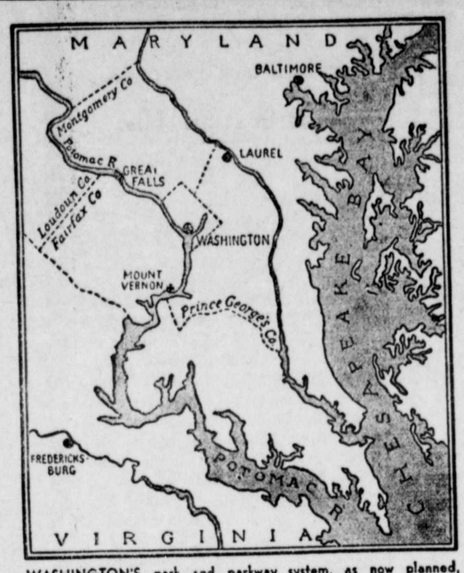
This commission has jurisdiction over about ninety square miles in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. At the time of its organization, eleven years ago, there were about 100 miles of water and sewer facilities in the area, serving less than 2000 houses. Today the commission has acquired or constructed almost 500 miles, serving nearly 11,000 houses. This work represents a bonded indebtedness of about $7,000,000.

We also have a regional water and sewer committee functioning with the National Commission, and the Maryland State Department of Health and the Suburban Sanitary Commission contribute efficient engineering services to this work.

Zoning, parking, water and sewerage are not all. Maryland is now in the midst of the most extensive highway construction program ever undertaken since the good roads movement was started by Governor Austin L. Crothers twenty years ago.

A large part of this program directly benefits not only the people of Montgomery and Prince George's counties, but also the great number of people who live or work in Washington and its environs.

The Baltimore-Washington Boulevard has already been widened to forty feet from Baltimore to Laurel, and the widening is being continued this summer from Laurel to Hyattsville.



WASHINGTON'S park and parkway system, as now planned, extends far beyond the boundaries of the District. In Maryland it includes ambitious projects in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. In Virginia it provides for improving the Potomac shore from Mount Vernon to Great Falls.

The extension of Rhode Island Avenue from Hyattsville to the District gives a direct and much shorter entrance to the Northwestern section of Washington, and is a connecting link between the towns of Mount Rainier, Brentwood, North Brentwood, and Hyattsville. The road which is being completed from a point near Laurel to connect with 16th Street, at the District line, will enable people in this area to reach their destinations without going through the crowded business section of Washington.

The elimination of the Hyattsville grade crossing is a major undertaking of the greatest importance, which will not only remedy what has frequently been an intolerable inconvenience on the Baltimore-Washington Boulevard, but will make impossible for all time the tragedies which have occurred at that point.

The grade crossing at Silver Spring has also been eliminated, and it is also expected that others at Rockville, Kensington, and Gaithersburg will be removed this year. The crossing at Gaithersburg is of great importance, because it is on the main highway between Washington and the West.

The communication between Washington and its surrounding territory and the part of the state known as Southern Maryland is also of great interest because of the business and social relations which exist between these sections.

The Robert Crain Highway and the National Defense Highway, together with the new road now practically finished in the lower part of Southern Maryland, bring all that section of Maryland into much closer and better comunication with both Washington and Baltimore.

We should not overlook the benefit to the public schools which such an extensive highway program affords. Better roads make better schools. They furnish improved facilities for getting to the schools, and thus increase the convenience and the attendance of the pupils, and facilitate the consolidation of elementary schools in proper cases. The progress of the public school system all over Maryland—including, of course, Montgomery and Prince George's counties—has been recognized as notable throughout the country.

The spirit of cooperation which Maryland is anxious to manifest in all these regional improvements is not confined to the subjects I have specifically discussed. New undertakings will be proposed from time to time, and we want to consider and do our part in all of them in the same spirit of mutual help

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Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the State, 1930.

WHEREAS, at the January Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, held in the year 1929, two Acts were passed, to wit: Chapter 133 proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, title "Treasury Department," to authorize deputies in the Treasury Department to sign checks and warrants; and Chapter 348, proposing an amendement to the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," regulating the compensation of the members of both Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland; in words and figures as follows:

CHAPTER 133

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Sections 2 and 3 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Treasury Department," so as to confer upon the Legislature power to authorize deputies, employed in the Treasury Department, to sign, countersign and grant warrants, and to sign, countersign and issue checks for the withdrawal of funds from the State Treasury under regulations prescribed by the Legislature; and providing for the submission of said amendment to the legally qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, (three-fifths of all of the Members of both of the Houses concurring), That an amendment to Section 2 and 3 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Treasury Department," be, and the same is hereby proposed, the said amendment if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of said Constitution, and the said Sections as amended to read as follows:

2. The Comptroller shall have the general superintendence of the fiscal affairs of the State; he shall digest and prepare plans for the improvement and management of the revenue, and for the support of the public credit; prepare and report estimates of the revenue and expenditures of the State; superintend and enforce the prompt collection of all taxes and revenue; adjust and settle, on terms prescribed by law, with delinquent collectors and receivers of taxes and State revenue; preserve all public accounts; and decide on the forms of keeping and stating accounts. He, or such of his deputies as may be authorized to do so by the Legislature, shall grant, under regulations prescribed by Law, all warrants for money to be paid out of the Treasury, in pursuance of appropriations by law, and countersign all checks drawn by the Treasurer upon any bank or banks in which the moneys of the State, may, from time to time, be deposited. He shall prescribe the formalities of the transfer of stock, or other evidence of the State debt, and countersign the same, without which such evidence shall not be valid; he shall make to the General Assembly full reports of all his proceedings, and of the State of the Treasury Department of each Session; and perform such other duties as shall be prescribed by law.

3. The Treasurer shall receive the moneys of the State, and, until otherwise prescribed by law, deposit them, as soon as received, to the credit of the State, in such bank or banks as he may, from time to time, with the approval of the Governor, select (the said bank or banks giving security, satisfactory to the Governor, for the safekeeping and forthcoming, when required of said deposits), and he or such of his deputies as may be authorized to do so by the Legislature shall disburse the same for the purpose of the State according to law, upon warrants drawn by the Comptroller, or his duly authorized deputy, and on checks countersigned by the Comptroller, or his duly authorized deputy, and not otherwise. The Treasurer or such of his deputies as may be authorized to do so by the Legislature shall take receipts for all moneys paid from the Treasury Department; and receipts for moneys received by him shall be endorsed upon warrants signed by the Comptroller, or such deputy as may be authorized to do so by law, without which warrants, so signed, no acknowledgment of money received into the Treasury shall be valid; and upon warrants issued by the Comptroller, or his duly authorized deputy, the Treasurer shall make arrangements for the payment of the interest of the public debt, and for the purchase thereof, on account of the singing fund. Every bond, certificate, or other evidence of the debt of the State shall be signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Comptroller; and no new certificate or other evidence intended to replace another shall be issued until the old one shall be delivered to the Treasurer, and authority executed in due form for the transfer of the same filed in his office, and the transfer accordingly made on the books thereof, and the certificate or other evidence cancelled; but the Legislature may make provisions for the loss of certificates, or other evidences of the debt; and may prescribe, by law, the manner in which the Treasurer shall receive and keep the moneys of the State.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the aforegoing sections, as amended, shall be, at the next General Election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, nineteen hundred and thirty, submitted to the legally qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection in pursuance of the directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State, and at said General Election the vote on the 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 AMENDING SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF ARTICLE VI."

"This amendment confers upon the Legislature power to authorize deputies, employed in the Treasury Department, to sign, countersign and grant warrants and to sign, countersign and issue checks for the withdrawal of funds from the Treasury of the State under regulations prescribed by the Legislature.

Approved: April 2, 1929

CHAPTER 348

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," regulating the compensation of the members of both Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, and to provided for its 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 amendement to Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, title, "Legislative Department," the same, if adopted by the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided to become Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland.

15. The General Assembly may continue its session so long as in its judgment the public interest may require, for a period not longer than ninety days; and each member thereof shall receive a compensation of fifteen dollars per diem for every day he shall attend the session, but not for such days as he may be absent, unless absent on account of sickness or by leave of the House of which he is a member; and he shall also receive such mileage as may be allowed by law, not exceeding twenty cents per mile; and the presiding officer of each House shall receive an additional compensation of ten dollars per day. When the General Assembly shall be convened by Proclamation of the Governor, the session shall not continue longer than thirty days, and in such case the compensation shall be the same as herein prescribed.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That said aforegoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Maryland shall, at the next General Election for Members of the General Assembly of Maryland, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of the State, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, 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 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 the said proposed amendment, as prescribed by said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article Fourteen.

Approved: April 11, 1929.

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 full, true and correct copies of the text of said Chapters 133 and 348 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1929, 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, 1930, 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 MARYLAND

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis this 14th day of July, in the year nineteen hundred and thirty.

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