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IT HAD TO BE GOOD TO GET WHERE IT IS

## The Francis Waters Portrait Is Presented

At the last commencement of Washington College a portrait of Francis Waters was presented by Prof. Ernest A. Howard, of Wilmington, Del., as follows:

President Titsworth, members of the Board and of the Faculty, students and friends of Washington College:

In the course of 149 years of corporate existence this College has had 17 known presidents. Unfortunately, all information concerning some of these men—who they were and what they did—has disappeared with the passing of time. We do know that many years ago a young man who might perhaps be described as a "boy President" was selected to be the chief executive officer. His youthfulness at that time may be inferred from the fact that he completed one administration of six years and after an interval of 30 years he returned and served a second term of six years. The man with his unique record was Francis Waters, the 5th and 9th President.

Francis Waters was a native of the Eastern Shore, having been born near Quantico, then Somerset, now Wicomico County, on January 16, 1792. He died in Baltimore on April 23rd, 1868, so that his span of life covered 76 years. He received his early education at Washington Academy in Princess Anne, and entered the junior class at the University of Pennsylvania from which he was honorably graduated in 1810. After his graduation he took up the study of law, but was soon led to abandon a legal career to become a teacher and minister.

He served as principal of Washington Academy until early in 1818, when he became President of Washington College, having been elected to that position on December 30, 1817, before he was 26 years of age. At the Commencement held in May 1822 the College conferred on President Waters the degree of Doctor of Divinity when he was 30 years old. On the first of October, 1823, Dr. Waters resigned as President and returned to his home in Somerset County.

During the next decade he took an active part in favor of reform movement which was then stirring the Methodist denomination. As a result of the agitation which ensued Dr. Waters withdrew his membership from the M. E. Church and became one of the organizers and founders of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. Of this conference he was elected the first President. He was subsequently re-elected for three terms, and throughout the remainder of his life he was the most conspicuous and potent factor in the affairs of that church. It is a matter of history that it was he who proposed the corporate title for the new branch of Methodism, and it is thus an interesting and unusual fact that two Presidents of Washington College have given names to two important Protestant denominations. You will recall that it was Dr. William Smith, the first President, who suggested "The Protestant Episcopal Church of America" to supplant "The Church of England," and Dr. Waters proposed the title for the later denomination, the Methodist Protestant.

Aside from his activities Dr. Waters gave much of his time and ability to the cause of education. In addition to other positions, he served as president of Baltimore City High School and as President of Madison College at Uniontown, Pa. He consented to a second election as President of Washington College in December 1853 and was inaugurated the following month. During his second administration the present buildings known as East and West Halls were completed and dedicated. Dr. Waters remained here for exactly six years or until January 30, 1860, when the increasing infirmities of age compelled his resignation and he retired to Baltimore to spend his last days.

It has now been something more than 70 years since Francis Waters ceased to be a part of the life of this College. Today he has returned to the scene of his former labors. He comes not as a physical being, but portrayed upon canvas in form and feature as he was. Dr. Titsworth, it gives me great pleasure to present to Washington College, as an addition

to the gallery of your distinguished predecessors in office, a portrait of Francis Waters, 5th and 9th President. It is needless to assure you that he is worthy of a place among those other men who gave their best efforts that this historic institution might be maintained and preserved for future generations. This portrait has been painted by Mrs. Ethel P. B. Leach, of Frederica, Delaware, and I take this occasion to express a sense of obligation to her for what I feel sure every one will agree is a most excellent work of art. And now, I entrust the portrait to your custody, with the fervent wish that it will not only serve to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Waters where he lived and worked for 12 years, but that it will inspire those who look upon it, now and hereafter, to admiration and gratitude for his service to this grand old College.

## KENT SCHOOL HEALTH GOOD

The first day of May was celebrated as Children's Day in Kent County. Through the aid of Mr. Louis C. Robinson, Superintendent of Schools, special health programs were arranged in all schools, in both the white and colored groups. Plays, games, races and health talks were important features. Mr. W. Conway, from the State Department of Health showed motion pictures in the Chestertown and Galena Schools.

The final report of the local activities of National Negro Health Week was submitted to the committee on reports after being on exhibition in the office of the State Department of Health in Baltimore. The week was successfully carried through with splendid cooperation of the colored group by the State health nurse, Miss Marjorie Forte.

Toxin-antitoxin clinics were held in Cliff City and Pomona Schools. Eighteen children completed the treatments which made a total of 265 school and pre-school children receiving this treatment during the past school year.

Dr. R. G. Beachley thoroughly examined first grade children in Hanesville, Worton Point, Flatland, Fairlee and St. Paul's Schools. All examinations showed that the greater

number of defects are confined to the tonsils and teeth and the importance of immediate correction is emphasized.

Dr. James Smith, dental clinician, returned to Kent County on May 30. A one day clinic was held at Chestertown at which four Cliff City and three Chestertown children were treated. The clinic was then removed to Betterton where sixty-four children were examined.

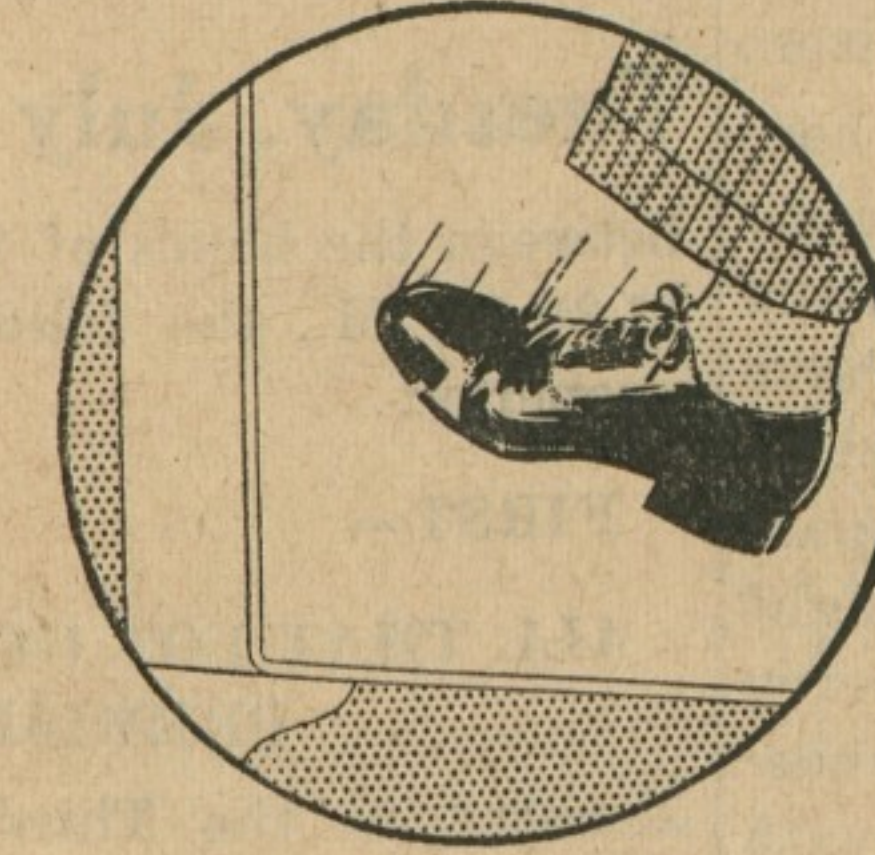
Six clinics for children who care to start school next year were staged at Chestertown, Rock Hall, Piney Neck, Skinner's Neck, Sassafras and Massey. Thirty children were examined. Five were found to be in need of special treatment.

One colored patient was returned from Kernan's Hospital. His condition was much improved. Funds were raised to purchase a brace and shoes through the County Commissioners,

the Public Health Association, Chestertown Rotary Club and the Kent County Chamber of Commerce. The last named organization donated the left-over clothing that had been given through the winter months and the nurse, Majorie Forte added to the collection of articles and turned it into cash through a rummage sale.

Plans are being made to hold a clinic for crippled children in June.

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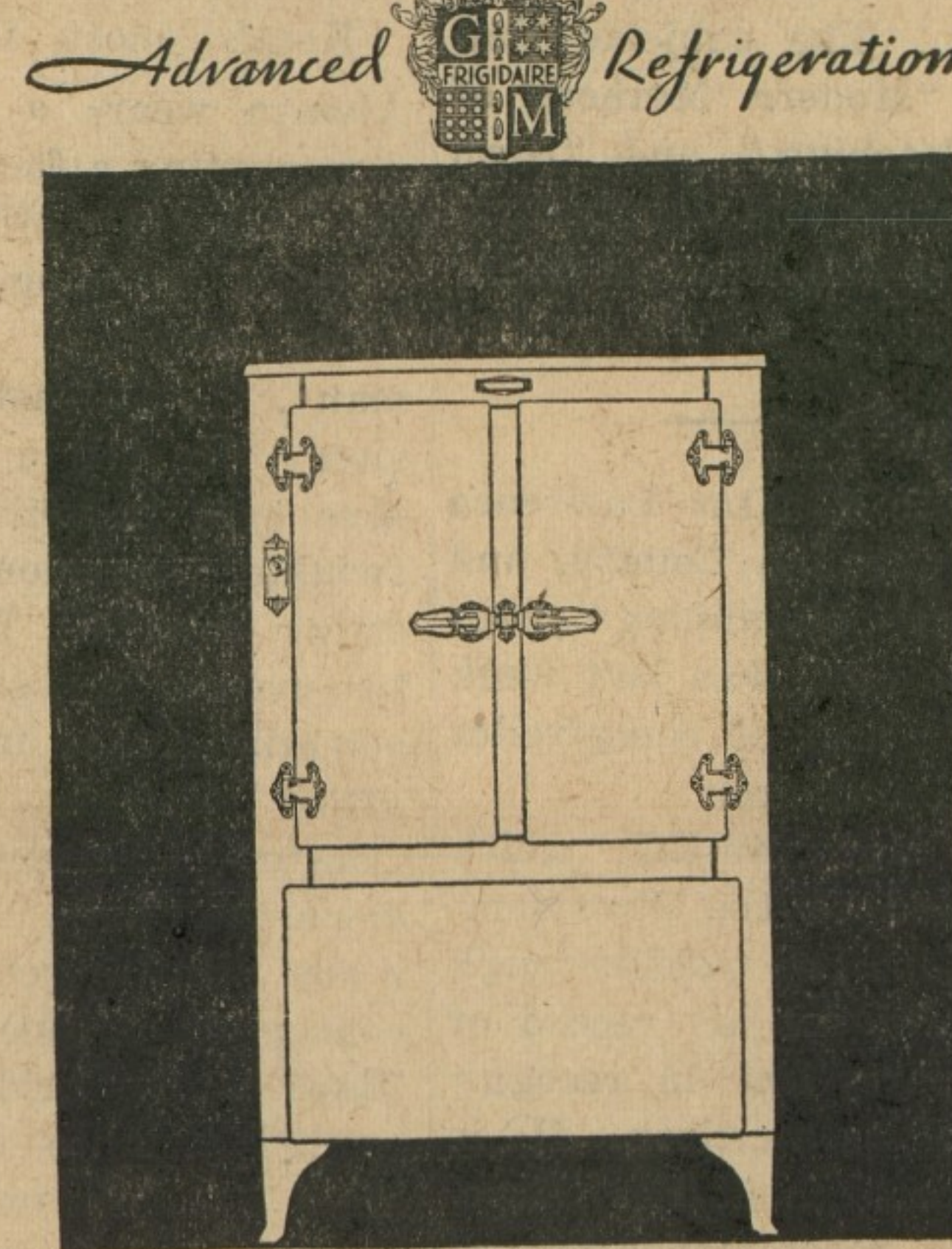
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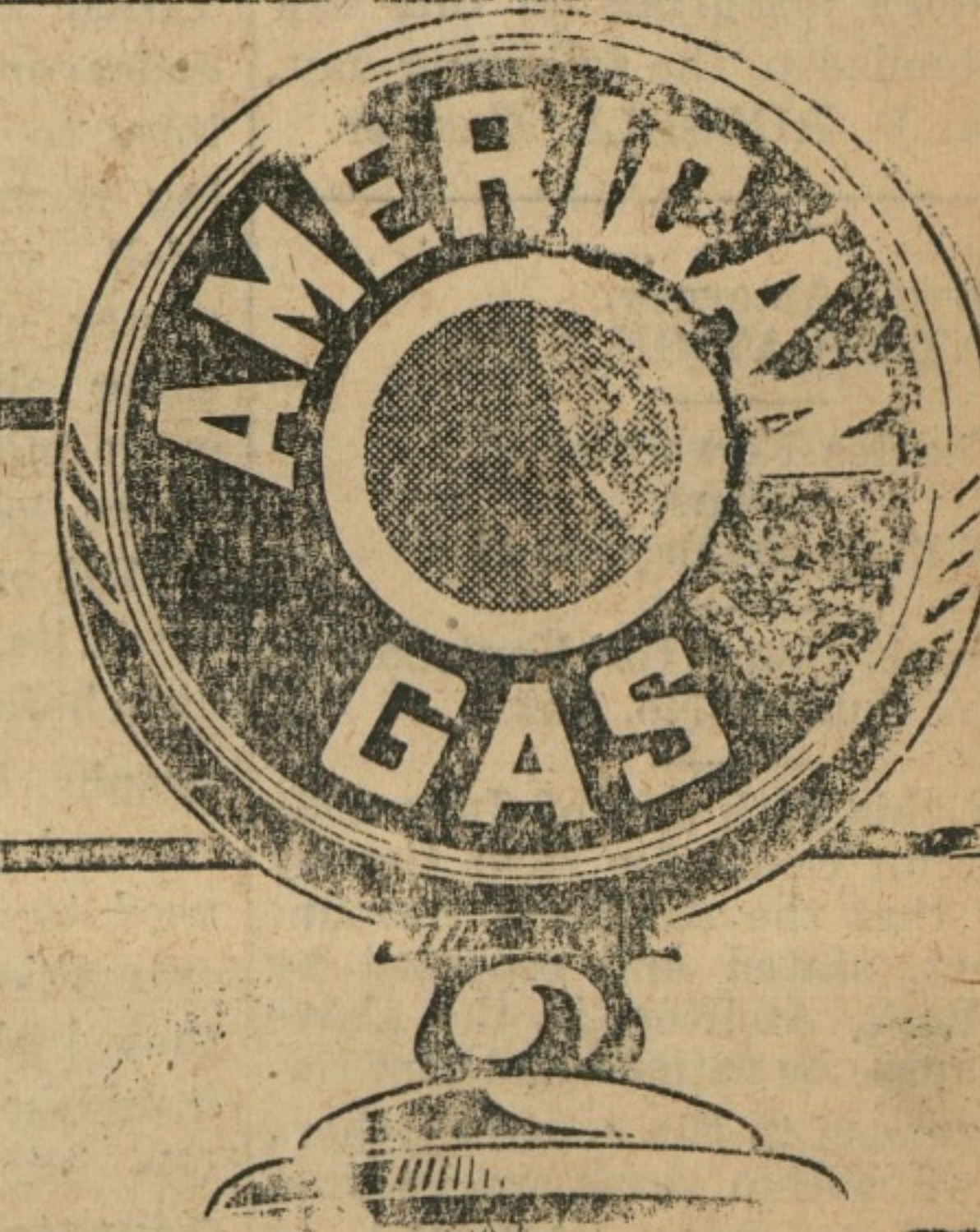
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