

Stringer on the occasion of his eightieth birthday on February 23, 1958.

"Uncle" Stringer is an institution in the State House. Beginning with the 1935 Session of the General Assembly and continuing without interruption to the present, he has served the Department of Legislative Reference and the Legislature with industry and devotion.

He is a native of Reisterstown, in Baltimore County, and except for brief periods has resided all his life either in Baltimore County or Baltimore City. Before his retirement, he took a long and active part in the business, commercial and civic affairs of the Baltimore community. As a young man barely out of his 'teens he enlisted in the United States Army and served during the Spanish-American War.

During most of the years he has spent in the State House, "Uncle" served as reporter in the Senate for the Department of Legislative Reference. More recently he has been in charge of the bill room and legislative journal clerk.

Twenty-four years of State House oratory and legislative abracadabra have left "Uncle" unchanged and unspoiled. He remains, as first we knew him, the cracker-barrel philosopher, the salty humorist, the past master of a ready quip, the puncturing wit for State House egos, the constant individualist, the consistent realist, the unreconstructed rebel. He has kept, too, the ready smile, the friendly greeting, the active mind, the zest for living with great gusto.

It is our pleasure and privilege to have had "Uncle" Stringer in the State House since 1935, and to say that he has left an indelible mark on the legislative processes for more than two decades would be a masterpiece of understatement.

An eightieth birthday and a twenty-four year tenure in the State House both are unusual. When they are combined in such a rare personality as that of "Uncle" Stringer, the occasion is one for particular celebration. It is with deep respect and affection that the members of the General Assembly of Maryland unite in this sincere expression of their warm good wishes to him; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the hearty congratulations and good wishes of this Body be extended to Edwin L. Stringer, upon the occasion of his eightieth birthday and the completion of twenty-four years of service to the General Assembly; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of State of Maryland be directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Stringer, under the Great Seal of the State of Maryland and signed by the Governor of Maryland and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Maryland.

Approved March 6, 1958.