

A joint meeting of the three lower shore Bicentennial Commissions was held on Thursday, August 1, 1974, at 8:00 P.M. in Princess Anne. Present were Dave Grier, John Jacob, John Jeffries, Elmer Brittingham, Mildred Brittingham, Bob Robertson, Erica Leh, and Jack Bond. It was decided to work from the minutes of the previous meeting.

John Jeffries said that Mrs. Whittington, the vice-chairman of his commission, had agreed to act as chairman of the Junior Commission in Somerset.

Mr. Jacob mentioned that the Bicentennial Workshop held by the Wicomico County Board of Education would start on Monday, August 5th, and that he was scheduled to speak on Tuesday, August 6th.

Mr. Jacob reported that the play had been completed, and was being reviewed and voted on by his Commission, but that production would partly depend on Somerset's getting choral music. Wicomico had already arranged for the instrumental part. Mr. Robertson brought up the question of attendance, and Mrs. Brittingham suggested that tickets be sold in Worcester and Somerset, but that the show would be produced only in Wicomico. A suggestion was also made that perhaps Somerset and Worcester could "buy" the show for two nights. Mr. Jacob invited them to come and see it and decide if they wanted it.

Dr. Leh expected to be able to present a report on school participation in Somerset County by the middle or end of August. She also felt that it would be impossible to raise \$1,500.00 through the Somerset Commission to underwrite Dr. Wroten's book. She suggested that Dr. Wroten be requested to submit a proposed outline, and that the Wye Institute be approached with regard to possible funding of the project. Mr. Jacob said that Wicomico would hopefully have their share of the first installment (\$500.00) by the end of September. He felt that the genealogy alone would sell the copies.

Mr. Jacob reported that Wicomico County had voted to underwrite 50% of the cost of re-printing the 1877 Atlas and felt that the money could

be raised by pre-subscription sales.

Mr. Robertson reported that the Sheraton could not handle the tri-county dinner meeting on September 5th, but could on the 4th. He felt, however, that their prices were too high, as were the Commodore and the Francis Scott Key. It was felt that perhaps the Nassawango Country Club would be the best bet. They could not have it on a Thursday, but would on any Wednesday. It was decided that September 18th would be the best date for all.

Mr. Jacob said that Asbury Parks had given up on the idea of the reconstruction of a barge.

He also stated that the Revolutionary War Roundtable had been scheduled to begin in April, 1975, and welcomed anyone from Somerset and Worcester to participate. It will probably be held at the College.

Since April 18th was the real beginning of struggle, the shot heard 'round the world, it was felt that something should be done jointly to mark the occasion. Perhaps, too, that would be a good time to promote the wearing of costumes.

There was some discussion of exhibits. Wicomico has talked about making and displaying uniforms of the period, and Somerset hopes to construct a diarama of the Battle of the Barges. Worcester had no plans. Wicomico also hoped to hold a Maritime Art Show.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 29, 1974.