

Worcester Bicentennial *Times* To Have Information Spot *6/13/76*

SNOW HILL — The Worcester County Bicentennial Information Center will be officially opened Tuesday, June 8, when the county commissioners and other local officials will be present for a 1:30 p.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The center is located on the northbound lane of U.S. 13, 1½ inches north of the Maryland - Virginia state line. It will be opened seven days a week to serve the travelling public until Labor Day 1976. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The information center is sponsored by the Worcester County Bicentennial Committee and is funded jointly by the committee and by the county commissioners. It will serve visitors entering Maryland from the southern end of the Delmarva Peninsula and will seek primarily to introduce tourists to the many attractions in Worcester County.

Designed by Avery Gordy, an instructor at the Worcester County Vocational High School and built by students at the school under Gordy's supervision, the building is a replica of the Purnell Cottage, said to be the oldest dwelling still standing in Snow Hill. It is typical of early Eastern Shore architecture in that it features the "big house, little house, colonnade and kitchen" of that period.

The center will be staffed by two paid assistants and by volunteers from civic and service clubs and the local Bicentennial Commissions throughout Worcester County, according to Robert H. Robertson, Jr. chairman of the Worcester County Bicentennial Committee. The regular staff will include Mrs. Ruth Timmons of Snow Hill and Mrs. Isabella Leach of Pocomoke City.

Although many volunteers have already been assigned to the center, Mr. Robertson said many more are needed in order to keep the center adequately staffed throughout the summer.

Volunteers will be asked to work four - hour shifts, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 1 p.m. to 5

p.m. They may sign up for hours and days of their choice by calling the center at 957-3611 during regular hours or by contacting Mrs. Timmons at 632-0669 or Mrs. Leach at 957-1870 in the evenings.

The public is invited to attend the opening ceremony.