

MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION
FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Worcester County Division Meeting
March 20, 1974

A meeting of the Worcester County Division of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission was held Wednesday, March 20, 1974 at the Snow Hill Public Library, Snow Hill, Md. The meeting was called to order by the President, Robert H. Robertson, Jr., at 8:15 p.m. The members of the committee present were: - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robertson, Jr., Mrs. Esther Flory, Judge Godfrey Child, Mayor and Mrs. James Sturgis, Mr. William Phillips and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer A. Brittingham.

Volume 1, Numbers 2 & 3 of the Maryland Bicentennial Commission Newsletter as well as a copy of Commission Chairmen and Members were distributed to all members present.

President Robertson asked Mrs. Mildred Brittingham to serve as secretary for the Worcester County Division.

The president gave a resume of the meetings previously held at Annapolis and in the local area dealing with efforts to plan a program to celebrate the bicentennial of the United States of America.

The Maryland Commission has endorsed sponsorship of the Verrazano Festival at Ocean City and a certificate of commendation has already been presented to Mrs. Agnes Johnson for her work in this area by Gov. J. Millard Tawes for the state of Maryland. Mr. Spearman will work with Mrs. Johnson this year in putting on the Verrazano Festival.

The three aspects of the bicentennial celebration relate to Heritage, Festivals and Horizons. The Verrazano Festival will satisfy the festival aspect.

It was decided at earlier meetings that Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties would work together and this was acceptable to Mrs. Louise Gore, state chairman.

The state is providing \$500.00 seed money for each county to use to carry on its bicentennial efforts.

A motion was made by Judge Godfrey Child that we apply for the \$500.00. seconded by Mr. William Phillips. Motion passed. Mildred Brittingham was asked to serve as treasurer for the group. This money will be used for administrative purposes only.

The group then considered possible projects and activities for the celebration in Worcester County:-

- 1) Prepare a brochure of the View Trail designating historical locations of 200 years ago.
- 2) Church services in old churches, such as All Hallow's, Snow Hill and St. Martin's.
- 3) Worcester County Library will open in 1975.
- 4) Coin design contest (will be put in Worcester County newspapers)
- 5) Worcester County Historical Society Museum in Snow Hill.
- ✓ 6) Information Center north of Maryland-Virginia Line. (Route 13)
- 7) Pocomoke River Cruise (scenic river of U.S.A.)
- 8) Encourage schools to promote Revolutionary War history of county in "Old Home Prize Essays" during these years.
- 9) Civic organizations might contribute prizes for various contests.

in Maryland:-

- 1) State Board of Education projects through the public schools.
- 2) Port of Maryland in the Revolution.
- 3) Seal of Maryland.
- 4) Preparation of pertinent film.
- 5) Souvenirs - plates, coins, etc.
- 6) Verrazano Festival
- 7) International visitors' bureau.
- 8) St. Michael pageant
- 9) Centreville pageant
- 10) Council of 13 original states
- 11) Maryland flag for bicentennial.
- 12) Maryland cookbook for bicentennial.

The group proposed that the chairmen of the 3 lower counties get together and discuss these possibilities as mentioned above. Mr. Phillips favored developing the "tery" atmosphere in Worcester County activities.

Mr. William Phillips was appointed Vice-chairman.

Mrs. Warne Littleton of Stockton, will be asked to become a member of this committee.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred C. Bittingham

Secretary-Treasurer