

Mr. Beach and Mr. Caton attended sessions of the Seventh Annual Office Management Training Conference at the University of Maryland, November 11-13, 1954. Mrs. Rucker, Mr. Skordas, Mr. Beach, Mr. Caton and Mr. Weatherly attended the symposium on the Preservation of Records sponsored by the Chesapeake and Allegheny Pulp and Paper Club and held March 25, 1955, at the Bureau of Standards.

#### LOCAL HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The Archivist continued as a member of the Board of Directors of Historic Annapolis, Incorporated and of the Historical Committee of that organization through December 1954. He received an award from this group at the Annual Membership Meeting, November 25, 1954, for his book *Buildings of The State of Maryland at Annapolis*. The Commission will be pleased to know that our work in behalf of the Calvert County Tercentenary Celebration was recognized by an award to the Archivist, given after a mock legislative session at Preston on Patuxent, September 30, 1954.

In the course of the year the Archivist addressed the Kent County Historical Society, November 17, 1954; the Peggy Stuart Tea Party Chapter of the D. A. R., April 14, 1955. The Archivist was elected to membership in "The Baltimore Bibliophiles" and attended monthly meetings of this group which were held in the John Work Garrett Library in Baltimore. Mr. Thomas was elected to honorary membership in the Augustine Herman Czech Historical Society and he addressed that group on the occasion of their annual meeting, February 27, 1955; he also accompanied its delegation which presented a petition to Governor McKeldin praying for the designation of a State Highway as the Augustine Herman Highway, on March 29, 1954.

Among the thousand visitors to the Hall of Records, special mention ought to be made of the professional archivists and historians who find materials and procedures here worthy of their attention: Jeremias Mama Akita, Archivist of the Gold Coast; Robert H. Bahmer, Assistant Archivist of the United States; F. Clever Bald, Assistant Director, Michigan Historical Collection, University of Michigan; Vernon L. Beal, Records Administrator, Michigan State Historical Commission; Alex Bein, Director, Central Zionist Archives, Jerusalem; Rosamond Randall Beirne, authority on Colonial Architecture; Whitfield J. Bell, Jr., Assistant Editor, *The Papers of Benjamin Franklin*; Lewis H. Bolander, Librarian, United States Naval Academy; James H. Fitzgerald Brewer, historian of the 175th Infantry (Fifth Maryland); M. V. Brewington, historian of ships and shipping; Lester J. Cappon, Director, Institute of Early American History and Culture; Charles B. Clark, historian of Washington College; Leon deValinger, Jr., Archivist of Delaware; Wade DeWeese, Director, United States Naval Academy Museum; Ernest Dodge, Curator of Peabody Museum, Salem Massachusetts; Henry E. Edmunds, Archivist, Ford Motor Company; Charles E. Fenwick, President, St. Mary's