

County Historical Society; Henry Chandlee Forman, authority on Colonial Architecture; James W. Foster, Director, Maryland Historical Society.

Also: Wayne C. Grover, Archivist of the United States; Olney W. Hill, Director, Public Records Commission of Vermont; Oliver W. Holmes, historian of the early Postoffice; Johan Hvidfeldt, Archivist of Viborg, Denmark; John B. Lambert, biographer of Senator Arthur Pue Gorman; Harold I. Lessem, Historian, Fort McHenry National Monument; William B. Marye, authority on Maryland Indians and early roads; Philip P. Mason, Assistant Records Administrator, Michigan State Historical Commission; Eric McDermott, historian of Southern Maryland; James C. Mullikin, historian of the Eastern Shore; Walter B. Norris, authority on the history of Annapolis; William D. Overman, Archivist, Firestone Tire and Rubber Company; Virginia Phillips, Assistant Reference Librarian, University of Maryland; J. Hall Pleasants, historian and genealogist; Ernst Posner, Dean of the Graduate School, The American University; Dolores C. Renze, State Archivist of Colorado; Fred Shelley, Librarian, Maryland Historical Society; Alice E. Smith, Chief of Research, Historical Society of Wisconsin; Ellen Hart Smith, biographer of Charles Carroll of Carrollton; Henry Francis Sturdy, specialist in the history of Annapolis; Karl L. Trever, Editor of *The American Archivist*; Theodore M. Whitfield, History Department, Western Maryland College; Robert Wirth, historian of fine printing.

EXHIBITS

Although it has not been our custom in the past to report on exhibits, the Hall of Records has, since 1935, kept the exhibit cases in the lobby filled with documents of general interest. During the past fiscal year two special exhibits have been prepared. In cooperation with Historic Annapolis, Inc., which planned a tour for Maryland Day, the Hall of Records in the spring of 1954 assembled an exhibit on the founding of Maryland. Among the items exhibited were the Charter of Maryland as recorded in Bacon's *Laws*, pictures of the early Lords Baltimore and of Henrietta Maria for whom the colony was named, early wills and patents, and a number of documents deposited by the Maryland Tercentenary Commission which was in charge of the celebration in 1935 of the 300th anniversary of the settlement at St. Mary's City.

This exhibit was replaced in January by one depicting the history of the General Assembly from the beginning to the present. This theme was chosen because the long session of the General Assembly was being held this year. Among the items shown were the Proceedings of the General Assembly of 1637, the Religious Toleration Act of 1649, the 1650 Act separating the upper and lower houses for the first time, examples of original and printed acts, and photographs of the president of the Senate, speaker of the House of Delegates, and majority and minority leaders of both houses of the General Assembly of 1955. Along with the material on the General Assembly, we filled sev-