

Appropriations for the next fiscal year have already been made. For the biennium 1942-43 the legislature which meets in January 1941 will be asked for the following sums in addition to the appropriation given above:

Archives Publication Account.....	\$5,000
Salary Increases .....	1,280

The attention of the Commission is called to the fact that \$1,464 of the funds allotted to supplies and equipment were used this past year for the first time to give small increases in salaries. This transfer of funds was made possible by a budget amendment which was allowed by the Governor and the Director of the Department of Budget and Procurement. In the Budget for 1940-41 these increases have been incorporated in the regular budget which has already been approved.

As in previous years the business affairs of the Hall were cared for by the Secretary and the Archivist. Their volume and complexity were increased by changes in the budgetary procedures of the State which were begun this year and by the considerable amount of record keeping required for the WPA and NYA projects.

#### PROFESSIONAL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

The most important event of the year for the Hall of Records was the annual meeting of the Society of Archivists held at Annapolis on October 13-14, 1939. A full account of the proceedings of this meeting was included in the annual report for 1938-1939; it suffices here to repeat that all the members of the Hall of Records Commission were members of the Local Arrangements Committee under the chairmanship of Governor O'Connor; the Archivist acted as Secretary. The Governor and the Chairman of the Commission spoke at the welcoming luncheon, and Dr. Barr acted as chairman of the final meeting. Most of the delegates visited the Hall of Records, and in many cases their criticisms voiced at that time have proved to be of much value to us. At the meeting held November 12-13, 1940, at Montgomery, Alabama, the Archivist was made a member of the National Council for the Society.

The Archivist and the Assistant Archivist also attended the joint meeting of the American Historical Association and the Society of American Archivists at Washington in December 1939. The Assistant Archivist has also attended some of the luncheon meetings of the archival group in Washington. During the course of the year the Archivist