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Particular publications were desired by another large group of persons. There were 200 requests for *America in Miniature*, a brochure prepared by the Maryland Publicity Commission, which ceased functioning in 1943. Many of these requests came from Maryland school teachers. There were also 66 requests for copies of the State Constitution and six for the *Maryland Manual*.

In addition to these larger groups of inquiries, there were many others of an unusual and individual nature. A sampling of these shows such diverse inquiries as those for information on raising geese, Maryland sports, prisons, soap factories, golf courses, oil surveys, coal mining, oysters, crabs and canneries. Some persons asked for specimens of soil from Annapolis, Maryland wood, leaf of the State tree, recording of State song, Maryland stone and Maryland pennants.

There were also requests for copies of various State laws, reports of the several departments, and many others.

PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED

Because of the volume and the urgency of many requests, it was thought advisable to assemble as quickly as possible ready-made literature to meet the need. It was recognized that some requests required letters in reply, but the great majority could be handled by sending the inquirer printed material.

The department director obtained from the Governor's office a supply of approximately 6,000 seal folders. From Secretary of State Bertram L. Boone, II, came copies of the State Constitution and rosters of state employees as well as members of the Legislature.

Other literature obtained free included leaflets on *Triton Beach*, *Let's Go Fishing* (a guide to Chesapeake Bay fishing points prepared by the Maryland Development Bureau of the Association of Commerce), *Maryland Resorts and Vacation Areas* (also prepared by the Maryland Development Bureau), *Recreation Opportunities in State Forests and Parks* (prepared by the Department of Forests and Parks), maps of Colonial Annapolis (from an Annapolis bank), folders on *Annapolis* (prepared by the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County