

of Wills after 1850, but it is hoped that within the next few years an increasing number of these officers will film their Wills after this date at the expense of the county.

ANNAPOLIS TRICENTENARY

During the week of May 22-27, 1949, Annapolis celebrated the three-hundredth anniversary of its founding by a handful of Puritan refugees from Virginia. The program included an historical pageant, exhibits of antiquities, the issuing of a special postage stamp, the design of a first-day cover and so forth. The Hall of Records found itself taxed to answer all the historical questions which came to us. The Archivist was asked by the Governor to represent him at meetings of the Tercentenary Commission; he was also Chairman of the Historical Committee and a member of the Stamp and First-day Cover committees. Other members of the staff were equally occupied with the Tercentenary.

Our special contribution to the celebration was an exhibit at the Hall of Records of a selection from the John Work Garrett Collection of seventeenth century Maryland books and maps. This rare and unique collection, formed by the late John Work Garrett, and to become the property of the Johns Hopkins University, includes not only works primarily about Maryland, but the general geographical works, maps and books about the neighboring colonies printed before 1701 that mention Lord Baltimore's colony. The librarian of the John Work Garrett Library, Miss Elizabeth Baer, was kind enough to mount the exhibit at the Hall of Records and to take it down at the end of the week. During this exhibit, and throughout the Tercentenary, the Hall of Records remained open on week days until 10 p. m., and was open on Saturdays and Sundays as well. The attendance was most gratifying. Among the visitors were Mrs. Harry S. Truman, wife of the President of the United States, and Mrs. William Preston Lane, Jr.

As an added attraction for the opening night of our exhibit the Archivist and the President of the St. John's College entertained a large group of Annapolitans with a showing of *Maryland*, a travel picture prepared by the Standard Oil Company. This beautiful color film was shown in the Great Hall of the St. John's College. Our guests then examined the fine collection of antiquities on display at the College, after which they came to the Hall of Records.