

The Archivist and the President of St. John's College were hosts to the residents of Annapolis at an illustrated lecture on the historic buildings of the Eastern Shore, presented February 13, 1952, in the Great Hall of the College by Messrs. Conover Fitch and Andrew Hepburn. The speakers were introduced by Senator George L. Radcliffe, a member of the Hall of Records Commission. In conjunction with this lecture Beryl Gardner, of the Hall of Records Staff, prepared a special exhibit of Eastern Shore materials.

Among the many visitors during the year were Dr. Philip A. Crowl of the Historical Division of the Department of The Army; Miss Ruth R. Startt, Register of Wills and Mr. John T. Baynard, Clerk of the Court of Talbot County; Dr. Ernst Posner, Dean of the Graduate School of American University, who brought his class in Archival Administration; Mr. Wilbur H. Hunter, Jr., Director of the Peale Museum; Judge W. Calvin Chesnut of Baltimore; Mr. Fred Shelley, Librarian of the Maryland Historical Society; Mr. F. W. Fairfield, Assistant to the Director, Fiftieth Anniversary Plans Office of the Ford Motor Company; Dr. Worth M. Tippy, then Chairman of the Building Committee and subsequently Archivist of DePauw University; Mr. Leon de Valinger, Archivist, and Mr. Charles W. Dickens, Assistant Archivist, of Delaware; and Dr. J. H. Easterby, Director of the Historical Commission of South Carolina. There were, of course, many others who examined the building in the course of the Archivists' meeting.

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN ARCHIVISTS — ANNUAL MEETING.

The Society of American Archivists held its Fifteenth Annual Meeting at Annapolis October 15 and 16, 1951. This was the second meeting to be held here: the Hall of Records had been host to the Third Annual Meeting which was held in 1939. The 1951 meeting was the largest in the history of the Society, 165 members attending. It is, of course, difficult for a host to know whether his party has been a success, but all evidence indicated that it was. The Archivist is grateful to the members of the Hall of Records Commission who helped in many ways, to the staff and to the other members of the Local Arrangements Committee, Mr. Louis H. Bolander, Librarian of the United States Naval Academy; Mr. Fred Shelley, Librarian of the Maryland Historical Society; and Wade DeWeese, Capt., USN, Director of the Naval Academy Museum.