

Treasury, the Department of Budget and Procurement, and the Commissioner of the Land Office, an agreement was made to have positive copies of current deeds made by the microfilm processors and sent directly to the Tax Map Division of the State Tax Commission.

The filming arrangement for this program is on a monthly basis in Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, and twice a year in the smaller counties — three months before the tax finality date and on the date itself. When the film is sent to the processors by the Microfilm Division, a list of the reels of film and of the record volumes filmed is sent to the Tax Map Division for identification purposes. Montgomery County is not included in this program, and the State Tax Commission has made special arrangements with Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Positive copies of 127 reels filmed by the Hall of Records were sent to the Tax Map Division this year. This program has greatly increased the volume of land record filming planned for this year because in addition to the land records for the fiscal year 1952, which we had agreed to do for the Land Office, we have had to do those for the fiscal year 1953 on a semi-current basis. Fortunately, this situation cannot recur.

Within the past several years a number of the counties have started projection print recording. Hall & McChesney, Inc., of Syracuse, New York, offers a service whereby the agency films on a weekly basis all documents to be recorded, sends the film to Syracuse for processing and receives enlargements for its permanent records. After the prints are sent to the counties, the original microfilm copy is sent to the Hall of Records. Here it is checked and labelled and deposited in the Land Office. A positive microfilm copy of all deed volumes is sent directly to the Tax Map Division by the processor. Although some of these counties had to be covered by the Microfilm Division during fiscal year 1953, this will be true in the future on a supervisory basis only.

Some counties owning cameras are provided with film once a year by the Hall of Records for the filming of their abstracts of releases, which are not included in the projection print program. Others find it more convenient to have their filming done by our photographers.

The following list gives the counties which own cameras and the dates they were purchased:

- Charles County . . . . . September 1, 1950
- Caroline County . . . . . November 18, 1952