Meeting of Chairmen

A group meeting of the chairmen of the various State Tercentenary Committees and of the Tercentenary Commission in the towns of the State is to be held at the Hartford Club on Thursday, March 14th. It will follow a luncheon at twelve o'clock to which the chairmen have been invited as guests of Chairman Samuel H. Fish of the State Tercentenary Commission. About fifty are expected to attend.

This gathering will give an opportunity for the different chairmen to become acquainted with each other and with members of the Commission and its Staff.

As the time for the actual celebration is approaching, a better understanding of the work before the different Committees is necessary and will be obtained by informal talks on Thursday.

The luncheon meeting will be a short one as it happens that the hearing before the Appropriations Committee on the request of the Tercentenary Commission for funds takes place at two o'clock, but after the hearing the chairmen will be requested to visit the offices of the Tercentenary Commission in the State Library Building and continue their talks.

It has been proposed that a small group, to act as an advisory body, be chosen from among the chairmen of the Committees to aid in advancing the plans of the Commission and co-ordinating various activities.

Tercentenary Coin

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., has approved the design for the Connecticut Tercentenary coin.

The coin commemorates a romantic episode in the history of the Colony, featuring as it does the Charter Oak, that ancient tree in which the charter of the Colony, secured by Governor John Winthrop, the younger, from Charles II, was, hidden from Sir Edmond Andros in 1687. The reproduction is a portrait of the famous Oak from C. D. W. Brownell's painting executed in 1855, just eleven years before the death of the tree.

The American eagle appears on the other side, as the coin will be a federal issue. Thirteen stars are incorporated in the design commemorative of the fact that Connecticut was one of the thirteen original states.

Mr. Henry G. Kreis of Essex, the sculptor who designed the Tercentenary medal, also designed the coin, under the direction of Mr. Theodore Sizer of New Haven, chairman of the Public Works of Art Project for the New Haven district, and the Tercentenary Committee on Commemorative Coins including Mr. George Dudley Seymour of New Haven, Mrs. H. A. Perkins of Hartford, Miss A. B. Jennings of Fairfield, Mrs. C. A. Goodwin of Hartford, Mr. Bancel LeParge of Hamden, Professor Alfred R. Belinger of New Haven, and Mr. Sizer.

Announcement will be made immediately when the coin has been minted and is ready for distribution.

New Historical Pamphlets

Two new historical pamphlets "Connecticut Inventors," by Joseph W. Roe and "Beginnings of Connecticut," by Professor Charles M. Andrews of Yale University, have been issued by the Yale University Press for the Tercentenary Commission. These may be obtained through the Press and at leading book stores of the State. The pamphlets by Mr. Roe sells for twenty-five cents and Professor Andrews' review of the early history of the Colony, which is a trip size number, sells for seventy-five cents. Thirty-three pamphlets have been issued thus far in this series designed to record features of the history and life of Connecticut as a Colony and State.

Choral Concert

A concert of mixed voices is planned, but it is as necessary to have all the men's clubs and women's clubs participate as it is to have the mixed voice organizations, thus the choirs will be balanced and a large, well-trained and enthusiastic chorus secured.

A form was enclosed for the signatures of those singers who would agree to rehearse the music furnished by the committee and prepare themselves to give this concert. Organizations may include outside competent individual singers pledging their co-operation. Each singer who fulfills the requirements will be entitled to two tickets of admission to the audience.

The program, which is being selected by a committee consisting of Ralph L. Baldwin, nationally known glee club director and composer, Richard F. Donovan, Assistant Dean of the School of Music of Yale University, and James S. Stevens, Vice President of the Associated Glee Clubs of America, will include some great choruses with miscellaneous numbers, and three numbers in which the large audience will join, forming perhaps the finest volume of song heard in the State. A large orchestra will assist and possibly a soloist of national distinction.

Singing organizations with an aggregate membership of about 3,000 have responded to the invitation to participate.

The work of securing signatures of individuals is going forward rapidly; but it will take some time, because it is necessary to hold meetings of the various groups. A list of the participating Societies and the proposed program will be printed in a later bulletin.

This is to be no mediocre affair. The music must be good as the concert will have a nation-wide broadcasting, and the event is intended to represent the musical life of Connecticut at its best.

Here is an opportunity for the singers of Connecticut to mobilize to present a distinguished concert of colorful beauty long to be remembered.

Greeting from the President

President Roosevelt has written to Governor Cross of his hope to visit Connecticut during the Tercentenary Celebration. His letter, which is in reply to an invitation sent by the governor, is as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

February 15, 1935.

My dear Governor Cross:

It was a pleasure to hear from you and to receive as a feature of the State's Tercentenary Celebration the invitation from the People of Connecticut to their Fellow Citizens throughout the Union and to their Friends over the Borders and beyond the Seas. I shall be happy to see that further notice of this cordial invitation is given.

As you know, I am a near neighbor of yours and a frequent visitor to Connecticut. It is my hope that I shall have the opportunity to visit Connecticut during your Celebration.

May I extend my warmest good wishes to you and to the people of your great State.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
Radio Addresses

**WTIC**

Mr. E. Kent Hubbard, president of the Manufacturers Association of Connecticut and a member of the Tercentenary Commission, will be a speaker on the WTIC-Tercentenary radio series on Friday, March 15, at 7:45 p.m. His subject will be the "History of Industry in Connecticut."

**WDRC**

Mr. Robert C. Deming of the Tercentenary Committee on Education in the Schools, is the speaker on the WDRC-Tercentenary program on Wednesday, March 13, at 2 p.m. Other speakers in this series will be Professor Charles J. Rohr, Trinity College, on March 17; and Rabbi Abraham J. Feldman of Congregation Beth Israel, Hartford, on April 10. All talks on this program will be at 2 p.m.

**WICC**

Miss Annie Burr Jennings, chairman of the Fairfield Tercentenary Committee, Mr. John Ferguson, first selectman, and Mr. William M. O'Dwyer, postmaster of Fairfield are the speakers on the program for Wednesday, March 13, at 8 p.m. from the Bridgeport studios of WICC. On Wednesday, March 27, at 8 p.m., the speaker will be Rev. Herbert P. Woodin, chairman of the Old Saybrook Tercentenary Committee, who will speak from the New Haven studios of WICC.

Among the speakers listed on the program of the Daughters of the American Revolution given on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. over WTIC are Mr. Howard Bradstreet, Director of Adult Education in Hartford, on "Hartford in the Candle-Light Period" March 19; and Mr. Ward E. Duffy, managing editor of the Hartford Times, on "Political History in Connecticut," March 26.

**Family Reunion Plans**

As many family reunions as possible should take place during the summer in connection with the Tercentenary. Information is desired by the Tercentenary Commission on plans for such reunions as they mature, and about family groups which might be interested. Reunions will be listed in the bulletins and programs issued by the Commission if information is supplied to the committee. Please address Mrs. C. Morgan Aldrich, chairman of the Committee on Family Reunions, Room 103, State Library, Hartford, Conn.

**Automobile Plates**

More than 300 gasoline service stations have been added as sales distribution points for Tercentenary automobile plates. With as many as 400 more similar distribution points expected before the full tide of motor traffic gets on the highways this spring, citizens of the State will have every opportunity to purchase these plates easily.

In a statement urging widespread use of these plates on Connecticut cars, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Michael A. Connor remarks: "This is a splendid chance for Connecticut people to show their pride in their State and in its wonderful history and an easy way to invite the people of neighboring states to our celebration. Every plate displayed on a Connecticut car in other states calls repeated attention to our Tercentenary. Every out-of-state motorist passing over our highways will be reminded again and again of the celebration."

"The users of the plates will not only have the satisfaction of contributing to the success of their State's 300th Anniversary, but will have a souvenir of their participation of which to be proud when the celebration is over. The Department of Motor Vehicles has authorized and thoroughly approves the use of the Tercentenary automobile plates."

The excellent work of the Department of Motor Vehicles, which to date has carried the brunt of the sale of markers through its main and branch offices, has been invaluable for the sale of many thousand pairs of the plates. It is expected that with the addition of the oil company service station outlets this highly effective method of advertising the State's Tercentenary will be utilized to the full.

The Tercentenary Appropriation

A hearing will be given by the Committee on Appropriations of the General Assembly on Thursday, March 14, at 2 p.m. for the bill which provides an appropriation for expenses in connection with the celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Connecticut. The appropriation request is for $220,000, including $175,000 for general expenses, $50,000 for assistance to towns planning Tercentenary celebrations, and $25,000 for restoration of the Henry Whitfield House in Guilford as a permanent memorial of the Tercentenary.

Both Houses of the General Assembly have adopted, upon a favorable report of the Judiciary Committee, a bill providing for the carrying out of an appropriate observance of the anniversary.

National Association Endorses Study of Connecticut History

Through the efforts of Mr. Albert R. Rogers, director of celebration for the Tercentenary Commission, and the cooperation of Commissioner Ernest W. Butterfield of the State Department of Education, a resolution concerning the Connecticut Tercentenary has been adopted by the National Council of State Superintendents and Commissioners of Education. It was passed at a recent meeting in Atlantic City, N. J., on the recommendation of a committee consisting of Superintendents of Schools Agnes Sennelson of Iowa, H. E. Hendrix of Arizona and Victor Kersey of California. The resolution is as follows:

"Whereas, Connecticut will, in the year 1935, celebrate the Tercentenary of the Settlement of the Colony, and

"Whereas, Connecticut early established its system of education and gave to the country many leaders in Education, and

"Whereas, The Significance of the then contributions to education are of nation-wide interest, therefore

"Be it resolved, That the National Council of State Superintendents and Commissioners of Education recommends that the schools of America observe the Tercentenary of the Settlement of the Colony of Connecticut by appropriate instruction and exercises, through material to be published by the United States office of Education."

School Journals

Considerable news and information about the Tercentenary is being printed in publications issued by pupils of various schools of the State. Much of the material is supplied by local Tercentenary committees. One of the school papers, The Jefferson Journal, prepared by the pupils of Jefferson Junior High School of Meriden dedicated an entire issue recently to the Tercentenary. It was attractively illustrated with pictures and drawings of the State coat of arms and motto, the State Capitol, other public buildings and a double page map of Connecticut.

Historical Scenario

The first supply of 1,000 copies of "Episodes of Colonial Connecticut," the scenario prepared for dramatic presentation by groups, is exhausted. Another printing will be ready in about ten days and orders now being received will be filled as promptly as possible. A charge of ten cents a copy is made by the Tercentenary Commission to help defray the expense of printing, and orders should be accompanied by a remittance to cover this charge.