



WEST VIRGINIA CENTENNIAL



SUGAR MAPLE

STATE CAPITOL - CHARLESTON

BEAR

GLASSWARE AND POTTERY

STATE SEAL

HARPERS FERRY

CARDINAL

RHODODENDRON

1863-1963







HISTORY

ONCE IN 100 YEARS—a state stands on the threshold of a second century!

West Virginia became the 35th state to join the Union on June 20, 1863; born out of the emotional, social and economic conflicts of the Civil War. Virginia's secession in 1861 brought to a climax the differences that long had existed between the hardy settlers in the northwestern mountain area and the planters of the Virginia tableland. . . .

Delegates from Western Virginia opposed Virginia's secession in 1861. They continued that opposition on their return home from Richmond. At a convention held at Wheeling the same year, they set up the Restored Government of Virginia. That government, in turn, a year later, gave its consent, as required by the United States Constitution, to creation of the new state of West Virginia. Congress passed an enabling act and President Lincoln signed the proclamation admitting West Virginia into the union on June 20, 1863. Arthur I. Boreman, a dedicated Unionist, became the first Governor. . . . William Wallace Barron is West Virginia's Governor in the Centennial Year.

West Virginia, once a wilderness, now on the eve of her second century has emerged a full-fledged state. Encompassed within her borders are the giants of industry, the bounties of natural resources, the scenic wonders for tourists. . . .

West Virginia has spanned the century of growth and looks to the second century with emphasis on space and science.

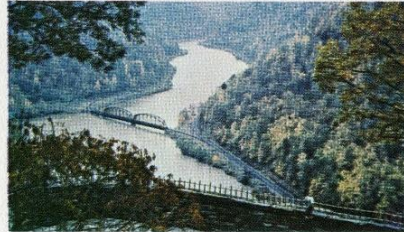


ONCE IN 100 YEARS

A CELEBRATION



HISTORIC WEST VIRGINIA AWAITS YOUR VISIT



SCENIC WEST VIRGINIA OFFERS SPLENDOR TO THE VISITORS . . .

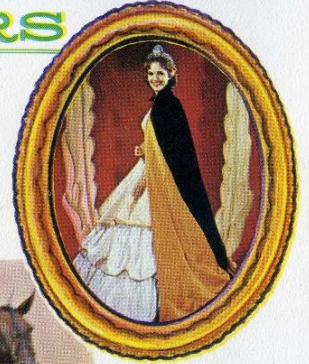


WINTER WONDERLAND WRAPS YOU IN BEAUTY IN WEST VIRGINIA . . .



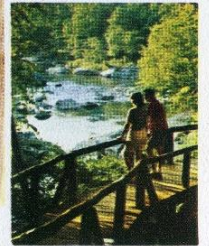
A CENTENNIAL QUEEN

QUEEN—MISS NANCY GRACE CONWELL

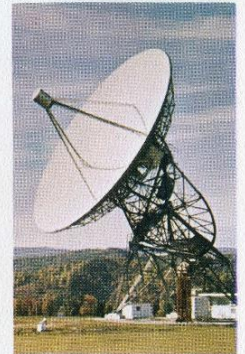


THOROUGHBREDS AND THRILLS ARE YOURS IN WEST VIRGINIA . . .

THE SERENITY OF SUMMER IN WEST VIRGINIA



THE "BIG ONES" NEVER GET AWAY FROM YOU IN WEST VIRGINIA . . .



THE SECRETS OF SPACE ARE PROBED IN WEST VIRGINIA . . .

HISTORY AND HERITAGE
A comprehensive display of historical material, including the priceless historical document, Lincoln's West Virginia Statehood Proclamation-loaned by the National Archives and Records Service.

TOURISM & RECREATION
Includes exhibits of historical West Virginia springs, spas and resorts, scenic beauty of state parks and wide range of recreational opportunities.

AGRICULTURE
This display depicts development of farming in state, diversification of crops and contribution of West Virginia farmers and farm organizations.

NATURAL RESOURCES
This car contains exhibits with emphasis on the state's conservation program and complete story on West Virginia coal, oil, natural gas and forestry products.

INDUSTRY
Many of the industries contributing to the state's expanding economy are featured in displays on chemicals, steel, aluminum, glass, electronics, ship and aircraft manufacturing.

ARTS AND CRAFTS AND FOLKLORE
A pioneer room setting complete with furniture of a century ago—with today's contrast, the modern art piece, "The West Virginia Moon"

EDUCATION
Historic development of West Virginia educational institutions from the early one-room schools to the ultra modern ones of today, special sections, too, on scientific education, vocational training and physical handicapped programs.



CENTENNIAL EVENTS IN '63

We have listed a few of the outstanding Centennial Events and ask that you write the Centennial Commission Office for complete details.

West Virginia Centennial Arts and Sculpture Exhibit—introducing "West Virginia Moon".

Centennial Honorary Citizens Day.
West Virginia Day, Southern Music Educators Conference—Eleanor Steber, guest star.

Centennial Sports Greats Banquet.
Special Session of the Legislature in Wheeling—Recreation of historic events of 1863 at Wheeling, site of the first capitol.

Coronation of the Centennial Queen, Miss Nancy Grace Conwell.

The Forum of the Future—Vice President Johnson and four speakers in panel discussion.

Centennial Parade of Flags—President Kennedy reviewed presentation at the White House.

Centennial Special Exhibits Train ceremonies in Washington, D.C. Train tours state thru September.

Pearl Buck Dinner—Dinner honoring nationally known West Virginia authors; Pearl Buck, guest speaker.

Statehood Day—President John F. Kennedy, guest speaker.

Centennial Commemorative Medallion and Centennial Stamp issued.

Centennial Showboat, "The Rhododendron"—complete with melodrama—tours West Virginia.

National Youth Science Honor Camp dedication, Green Bank, Pocahontas County, site of the world's foremost center of radio astronomy.

Centennial Year production of "Honey In The Rock", outdoor drama at Beckley.

Series of state-wide concerts by the American Wind Symphony and Pittsburgh Pops Orchestra.

Fairs, Festivals, Parades, Regattas, Civil War Exhibits—time schedules available.

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