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At the Seventy-fifth Annual Meeting and Dinner on February 24, 1961, the members expressed the strong desire to hold an appropriate celebration to mark the 75th Anniversary of the existence of the Society, the only one of its kind in the United States. An Anniversary Committee, consisting of William T. Snyder, Pastor Fritz O. Evers, Otto H. Franke, Francis W. Pramschuer, Sr., and C. William Schneidereith made preparations for such a celebration in the Fall of 1961. On October 8, 1961 the Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration was held in the Auditorium of the Maryland Historical Society to which the general public was invited. After Pastor Edward F. Engelbert spoke the Invocation, the Honorable George L. Radcliffe, President of the Maryland Historical Society, commended, in glowing words of praise, the Society for its work in collecting, preserving and publishing material relative to the activities of Americans of German descent. Then Professor A. E. Zucker, our President, introduced Dieter Cunz, Chairman of the Department of German, Ohio State University, who gave a most stimulating and informative address on "The Germans in Maryland." Dr. Cunz, author of *The Maryland Germans* (Princeton, 1948), was "For many years the inspiration and the prime mover of the activities and growth of the Society." In recognition of his never-ending efforts and his wholehearted devotion to the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland, Professor Cunz was elected in 1958 to lifetime membership in the Society.

Since the publication of the last *Report* the guest speakers at the Annual Meetings of the Society were:

- 1960 Professor Augustus J. Pahl (University of Maryland)
"Alexander von Humboldt"
- 1961 Charles F. Stein (Author of *The History of Calvert County*)
"German Heritage of Colonial Maryland"
- 1962 Professor A. E. Zucker (University of Maryland)
"General de Kalb and His Time"
- 1963 Professor George F. Jones (University of Maryland)
"The Colonial Germans in Georgia"

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