

Kermit Hunter's

*“Wings of
the Morning”*



STORY OF THE
MARYLAND COLONY

ST. MARY'S COUNTY
FESTIVAL THEATRE
Great Mills, Maryland

DATES: Aug. 16 through 31, 1974
Tues. thru Sun. nights at 8:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Department of
Recreation and Parks

St. Mary's Outdoor
Drama Association



The play opens

at the dock area at Cowes, Isle of Wight in England on November 22, 1633 where an unlikely combination of Protestants and Catholics has assembled to sail for the New World, in two vessels - the Ark and the Dove.

The religious theme is set as the settlers stop at the Island of Montserrat. The action continues in the Virginia Colony, and at the site of St. Mary's City.

The conflict with the Virginians over religion is found throughout the play. Despite the serious theme, *Wings of the Morning*, has humor, dancing, and song, as the historical significance of the founding of Maryland is presented in drama and pageantry.



"Wings of the Morning"



"IN EUROPE our ancestors built fortresses, with moats and drawbridges, symbolizing differences between men.

"We intend to build an open city, symbolizing the brotherhood of man, the freedom of the human spirit."

The play will adhere strictly to the historic events that made St. Mary's City the first spot in the New World where religious freedom was established by law. The first place where women were citizens.

Religious freedom -- Representation -- Women in Government

Welcome to the sacred soil of Maryland

America's newest outdoor drama, *Wings of the Morning*, was written by Dr. Kermit Hunter, by special commission with St. Mary's Outdoor Drama Association.

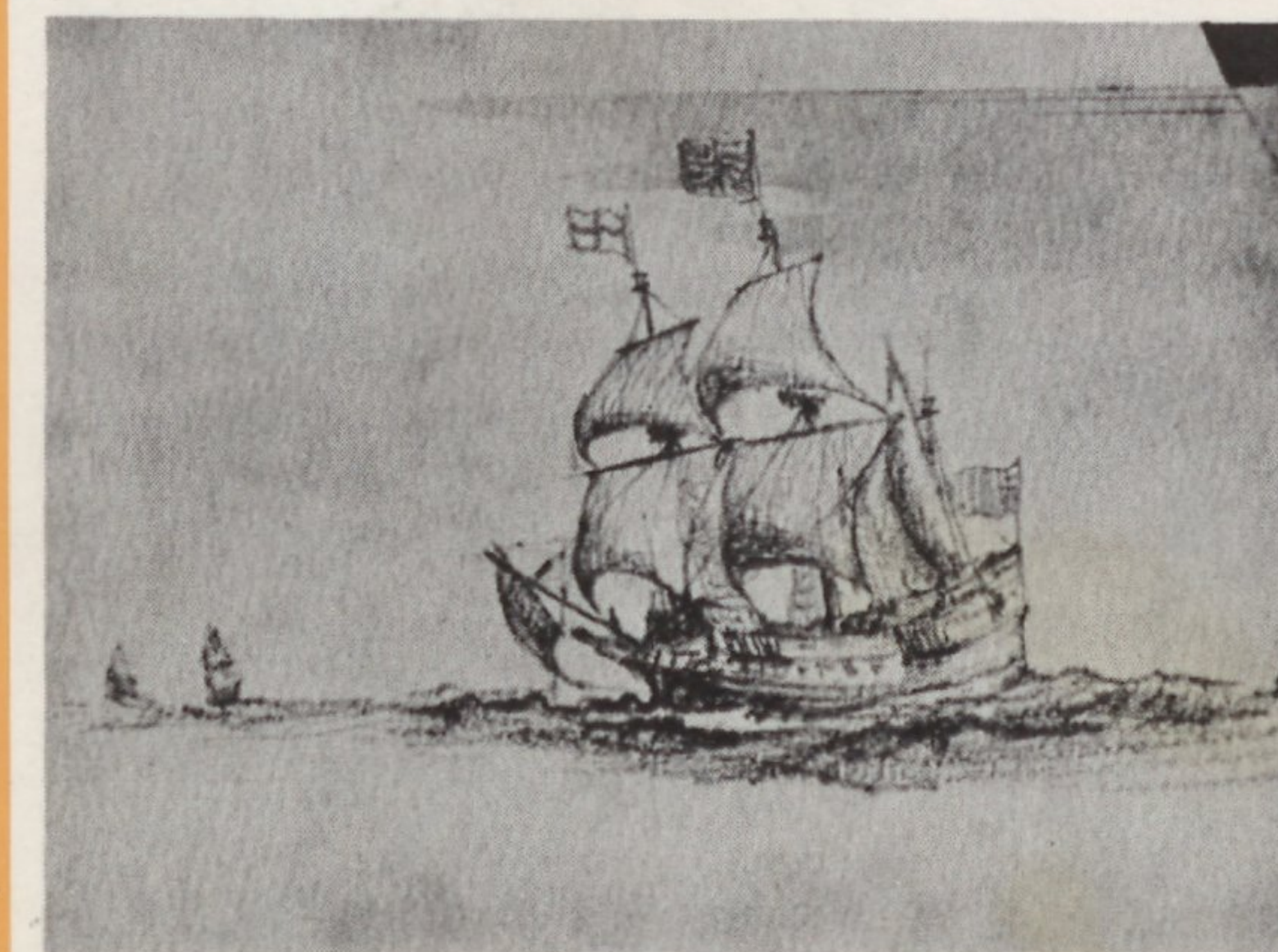
Dr. Hunter, Dean of Arts of Southern Methodist University is author of more than thirty outdoor dramas, and has had more plays produced than any other American playwright.

With a cast in excess of 45, the drama will be presented in the new St. Mary's County 500 seat amphitheatre, at Great Mills Park, under the auspices of the St. Mary's County Department of Recreation and Parks and the St. Mary's Outdoor Drama Association.

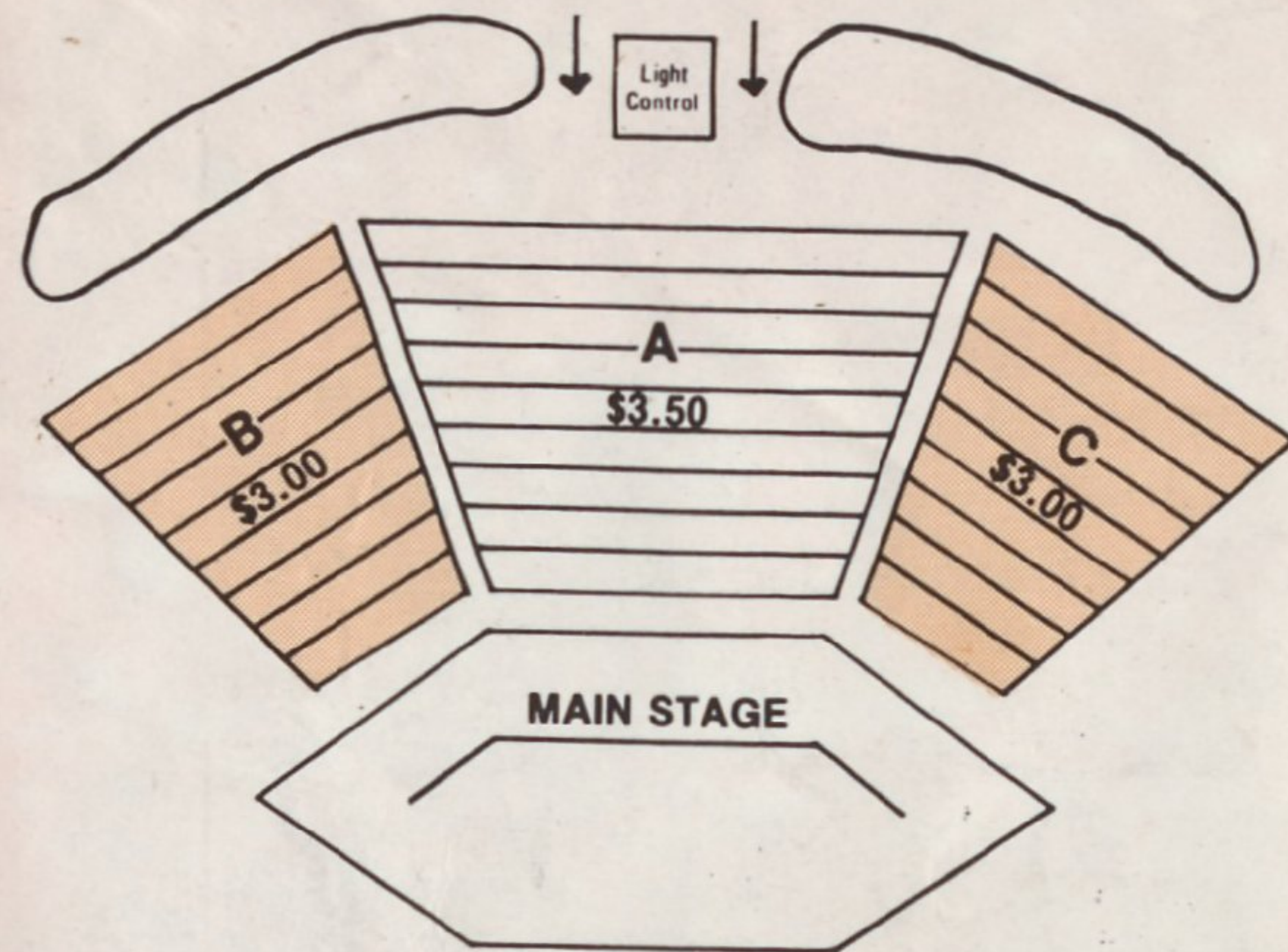
John K. Gabbert, artistic director

E. C. Atkins - executive director and recreation supervisor

"THOUGH I take the wings of the morning and fly to the uttermost parts of the sea, even thou art with me." Father Andrew White



"Wings of the Morning" Festival Theatre



ADVANCE RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

To insure best seats and avoid standing, tickets should be purchased in advance. Tickets are available at the Recreation and Parks office, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Leonardtown, Maryland; the phone number is 301-475-9121, Extension 49 or 50. Ticket order form below may be mailed to "Wings of the Morning", Route 1, Box 7, Leonardtown, Md. 20650. Tickets are also on sale at the Festival Theatre and businesses in the Lexington Park area.

TICKET PRICES:

All Seats: Center Section A \$3.50
 Adults; Side Sections B & C \$3.00
 Children; Side Sections B & C \$1.50
 Infants, in arms, no charge in all sections.
 Special rates quoted upon request for tours, schools, churches, scouts, and other such organized groups.

ST. MARY'S OUTDOOR DRAMA ASSOCIATION

The nation's newest outdoor symphonic drama was written by special arrangement with the St. Mary's Outdoor Drama Association, a non-profit organization, to perpetuate the memory of the founding of Maryland in 1633. Your membership contribution of \$5 individual, \$7.50 family or \$25 organization, will insure the continuing success of "Wings of the Morning." Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Outdoor Drama Association.

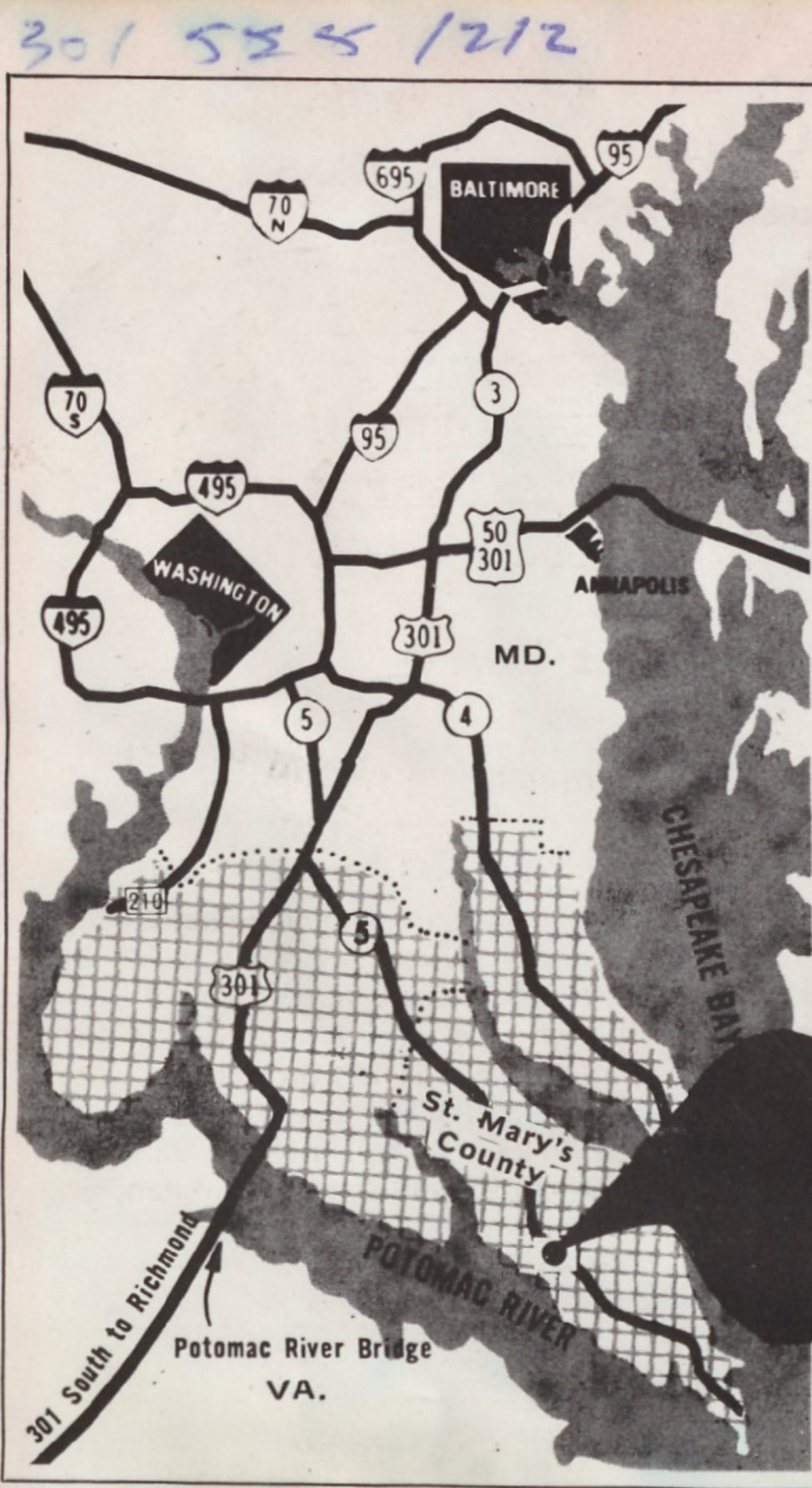
TICKET ORDER FORM

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TICKETS FOR "WINGS OF THE MORNING"

Enclosed is a check () money order () for \$ _____
 Number of tickets: _____ Adult _____ Children
 Section Requested _____ Performance _____
 Make check payable to "WINGS OF THE MORNING"
 St. Mary's County Dept. of Rec. and Parks

We wish to give you the seats you want; therefore, reservations will be made as near your selection as possible. Allow ample time for mailing tickets. If it is too late to mail tickets to you, we will hold them at the Box Office. Refunds cannot be made unless tickets are returned or reservations cancelled by 8 p.m. on the date of performance. We will hold unpaid tickets until 8 p.m. on the date of reservation.



ST. MARY'S COUNTY FESTIVAL THEATRE

GREAT MILLS MD.

St. Mary's County is located along the shores of the Potomac and Patuxent Rivers and reaches southward to the Chesapeake Bay. The land is gently rolling, and is indented with hundreds of creeks and inlets.

**EXPLORE YESTERDAY —
 ENJOY TODAY
 ENRICH YOUR TOMORROW
 in St. Mary's County**



STATE OF MARYLAND
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21404
 August 1974

301-475-9121
 863-8923
 6-7:

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARVIN MANDEL

I am delighted to extend greetings to the members of the St. Mary's Outdoor Drama Association on the occasion of your production of the play, "Wings of the Morning."

Certainly, all Marylanders share a deep sense of pride for the rich heritage of our State, and I salute your desire to bring the historical significance of the founding of Maryland to the public through this production.

Your hard work and dedicated efforts play an important role in helping to preserve this heritage and represent a significant contribution to the educational and cultural advancement of all our citizens.

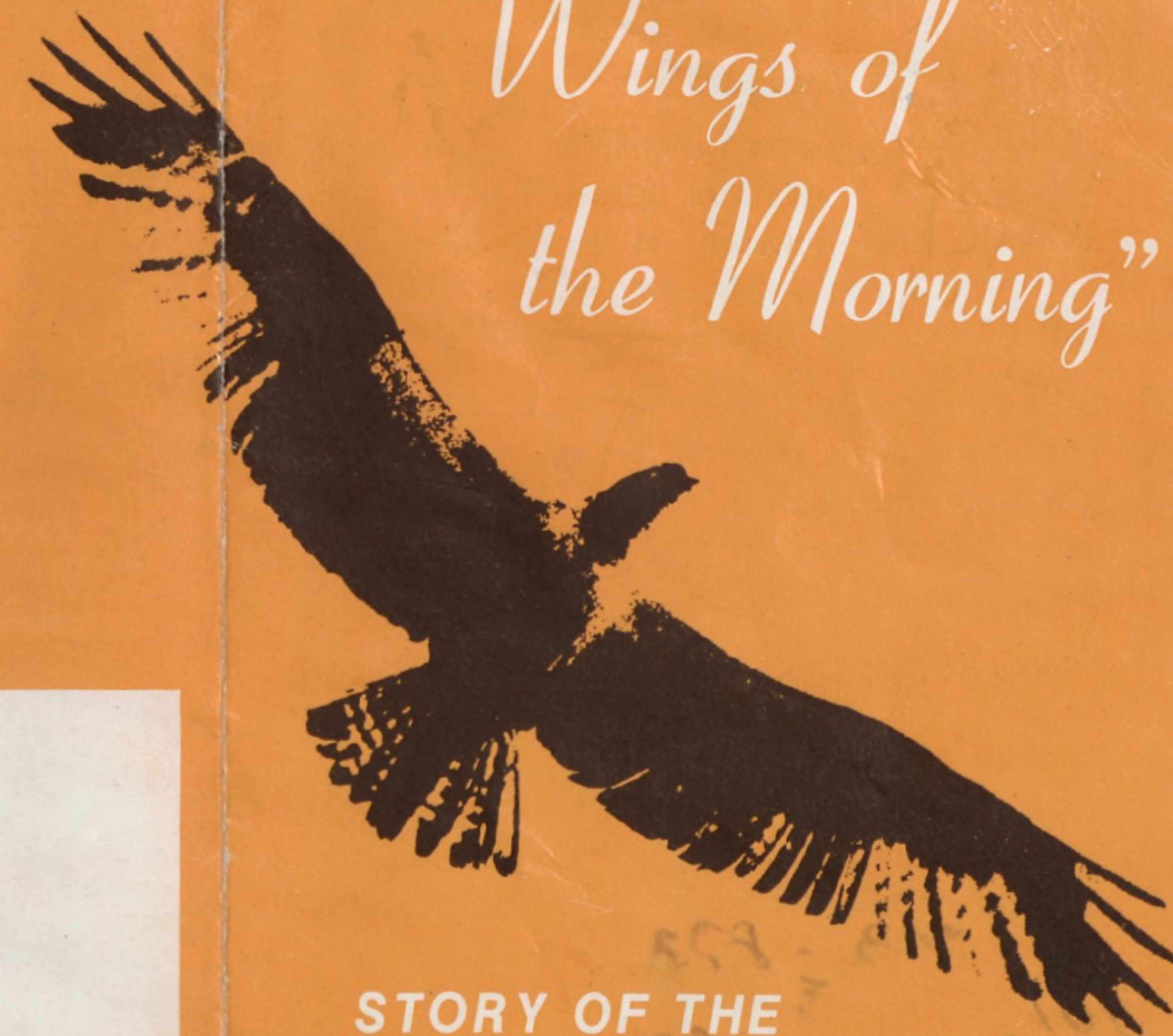
Please accept my best wishes for your success.

Sincerely,

Marvin Mandel
 Governor

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