

GRADY SERVES THREE YEARS

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Mayor Cites Achievements
In Released Summary

Mayor Grady released a summary yesterday of his first three years in office.

On the third anniversary of his inauguration, he cited what he considered his Administration's achievements.

The Mayor said one of his first efforts had been "to cut any and all frills from the city budget."

Changes Made

"Personnel changes were made, mergers of departments which were performing overlapping duties were accomplished and department heads throughout the Administration were told to hold the line of expenditures and on budget requests."

The summary said the Mayor "effected a merger of the city and Park Police (and) closed the vastly outmoded Public Free Bath Commission. . . ."

"The Mayor, resisting temptation in the form of ready revenue, promptly rejected any idea of continuing the controversial manufacturers' tax on the city's business men.

Programs Started

"In doing so, Mayor Grady realized that the lifting of this tax would result in new businesses coming to Baltimore and would influence existing businesses to remain here.

"Programs were started to attract middle and upper income residents back into the city, with urban renewal leading the way in this field.

"A major effort is under way aimed not only at attracting middle and upper income homebuyers to the city but also designed to foster confidence in investors who will finance privately-owned apartment buildings and other modern residential properties.

"The year 1961 showed that these efforts are beginning to meet with success. There is not only a renewed interest in apartment building within the city, but for the first time developers are beginning to view locations on the edge of downtown as desirable sites for high rise apartments.

Accelerated Pace

"The renewed interest is also spurred by the progress of downtown commercial construction in the Charles Center area. In addition to the Charles Center, there is of course the Civic Center which is expected to open shortly. . . ."

"Under the Grady Administration there has been more major construction in the downtown Baltimore area than at any time since the general rebuilding which followed the Baltimore fire of 1904. . . ."

"The accelerated pace of city construction in the fields of urban renewal, highways, school buildings and other public improvements can be measured by the figures on city acquisition of property for such uses.

"In 1958, the city acquired 662 properties with a value of somewhat less than \$5,000,000. In 1961, the city acquired more than 2,500 properties with a total value of almost \$22,000,000. . . ."

"There has been an upsurge of investment in new plants and plant expansion during the past two years. General Motors, Armco, Western Electric, United States Gypsum, Proctor and Gamble and other major corporations have shown renewed faith in Baltimore and its future by building or expanding facilities here."

The Mayor also cited efforts to make full use of available Federal funds for various road programs and other projects.

Among other achievements, he cited "use of meter maids for minor parking violations thus freeing patrolmen for more serious police work; a vastly improved system of snow removal; completed plans and provisions for a central repair garage for municipally-owned vehicles; improved facilities at the Baltimore city jail. . . ."

"Also, appointment of a Mayor's Neighborhood Conservations

Committee to intensify efforts to prevent blight and decay in the city; a commission for the aged to deal with the problems of our senior citizens; a program for beautifying downtown Baltimore, including tree and flower planting along downtown areas and the reconstruction of bridges along heavily traveled streets. . . ."

"The Mayor provided policemen and firemen with incentive pay increases. He has continually strengthened the Civil Service System and has appointed men of high caliber to positions in the city Government."