

is one of the communities in the State which has been most active and vigorous in promoting its own industrial development program. With the increasing expansion of industrial activity—and particularly research and development activity—in and around Baltimore and Washington, Frederick is rapidly finding itself in the midst of a most exciting new industrial area. Moreover, as many of you know, there are at the moment some other important possibilities brewing here in Frederick. It is not appropriate now for me to discuss this in detail, but I hope there will be some interesting news in the near future. In any case, Frederick has many of the things which the new research-oriented industries are looking for. You have your own intellectual community, with Hood College and other institutions of learning, as well as a group of over 100 Ph.D.'s at Camp Dietrick. In addition you have the quiet and gracious atmosphere of a small community, and yet you are easily accessible to the large metropolitan centers of Washington and Baltimore with all of their research and cultural facilities. With the establishment of the Atomic Energy Commission, and the National Bureau of Standards and several private enterprises along Route 240, research institutions are practically knocking at Frederick's door. All of these factors add up to a climate for growth in which Frederick stands out as an ideal location for research and development enterprise.

In this connection I want to congratulate the Frederick Chamber of Commerce for its initiative in publishing its excellent "Community Audit." This kind of well-digested information is exactly what businessmen need.

In addition to the Chamber of Commerce, Frederick is fortunate to have such a competent Employment Security Office. It, together with the people at Hood College and Fort Dietrick, have been of vital assistance to our State Department of Economic Development. I might add, too, that the Area Development Department of the Potomac Edison Co. conducts one of the most effective programs of its kind anywhere in the United States. Over and over again I have heard of the value of the accurate surveys they make and of their willingness and ability to meet with, and work with, prospects that are brought into this part of the State.

The increasing interest and activity in Frederick concerning industrial development is reflected in many other communities throughout the State. I take special pleasure in this trend because the Economic Development Program has been of particular importance to me and to this Administration. When I took office as Governor in January of 1959,