

ments for land acquisition and improvements—for Gunpowder, Patuxent, Patapsco, Elk Neck, Rocky Gap, Seneca Creek, Greenbrier, Shad's Landing and many others.

In closing, let me assure you of my continued interest in developing to their full potentiality Maryland's Park and recreational resources. I extend to each of you here my sincere congratulations for the interest you have shown in initiating sound programs for our parks and recreational areas and for the concern you are showing for the good health and enjoyment of the citizens of this State. It is my hope that each of you will leave this conference with renewed inspiration and dedication to the task of improving our recreational resources. Through these activities you are contributing to the moral, physical and cultural betterment of us all.

ADDRESS, DEDICATION OF RECREATION AREA AND COMMUNITY HOUSE

UNION BRIDGE

October 6, 1963

Mr. Mayor, members of the Town Council of Union Bridge, Mrs. Shriner, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

Let me begin by expressing my gratitude and appreciation for this opportunity to join with you here today in the opening of this handsome new community house and splendid new recreation area. You have built here on this picturesque site a building and a recreational facility that will broaden and enhance the lives of the people of Union Bridge in this generation and in the generations of the future. That it will be a tremendous asset to the community, as a place where young and old can gather for pleasure and relaxation, and for the pursuit of their common purposes as neighbors, goes without saying.

This lively and prosperous little town is a much better place in which to live and to enjoy the fruits of life as a result of what has been done here on these lovely acres. I am impressed in particular by the fact that this building, and the land which has been developed around it for sports and recreational use, is the creation of people working together for common ends and mutual objectives, manifesting the true spirit of neighborliness and good will that characterize the best in civilized human beings. As the Governor of your State, I am proud of your achievement, and I hasten to pay tribute to the imagina-