

3,200-acre field providing for air travel to all parts of the globe. At a cost of \$15,000,000, Baltimore had one of the largest airports in the United States.

A great road and bridge building program began with the end of World War II. Agreements reached in 1947 to survey ground and water for a bridge over the Chesapeake made probable an ambitious scheme, talked of for over forty years. On November 3, 1949, the first actual work on such a bridge began, culminating in its opening July 30, 1952. The result is a four-mile structure (over seven if approach roads are considered) with suspension spans allowing for craft to a height of 187 feet. Nearly two thousand vehicles an hour can cover the six-minute trip. A year after opening over \$3,500,000 had been paid in tolls; the cost, covered by a bond issue, was \$45,000,000. By December, 1952, the Washington-Annapolis Freeway was opened between Routes 50 and 301; the new bridge across the Severn was opened in June, 1953, to provide a direct link between the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and the freeway. Eventually dual highways will run between the Delaware State line and the District of Columbia and Virginia. A portion of the Baltimore-Washington expressway between Jessups and the Baltimore City line is already open; the remainder of the road to the District line is under construction. Another fine road, connecting the District and Frederick, will replace Route 240. To further facilitate traffic, authorization has been given to build an under-harbor tunnel from Fairfield to Canton to cost \$40,000,000 for tunnel construction alone.

Various State institutions, particularly those for medical and mental care, have undergone great improvements. Two of the three authorized units of the chronic disease hospitals have been opened, one in Wicomico County and the second in Baltimore. A third is to be erected in Washington County. The University of Maryland has opened a 100-bed Psychiatric Institute in Baltimore and a 300-bed hospital for tubercular patients is provided at Mt. Wilson. Under construction are an institute for psychopathic delinquents and one for the criminally insane.