

verted into a Senate Office Building and a new building will be erected for offices for members of the House of Delegates. Still in the planning stages are a structure housing the ancillary agencies of the Legislature and an annex to the Hall of Records Building.

In Baltimore, a complex of three new State office buildings was completed in 1960: one for the State Roads Commission, another for the Department of Employment Security, while a third brought together a number of State agencies that had formerly rented space in various areas of the City. Future planning calls for an innovative State governmental center that will not merely provide office and parking space for State agencies and their employees, but will also be "an integral part of the community in which it stands" and have "life after working hours because it contains facilities for shopping and amusement within its boundaries, so that it will attract activities in the evening." Construction has already begun on a building that will include a three-level parking area and a total of 350,000 square feet of office space.

The Department of Motor Vehicles, now the Motor Vehicles Administration, which was formerly located in Baltimore moved into a newly-constructed Headquarters Building near Glen Burnie in 1962.

History and Culture

Apart from the State buildings, the past decade has witnessed remarkable changes in the face of Baltimore. Charles Center, a 32-acre urban renewal project, has revitalized the heart of the business district, artistically as well as economically. Nearby is the Baltimore Civic Center erected in 1962. It is being used mainly as a sports arena, although it can accommodate such wide-ranging cultural activities as symphony concerts, and personal appearances of "The Beatles." In the same block is the Morris Mechanic Theatre, opened in 1967. Its imaginative use of rough-surfaced concrete has attracted wide attention.

Marylanders have always taken pride in their history. The Maryland Historical Society, established in 1844, has done much to foster this interest, perhaps most notably by publishing the *Archives of Maryland*. Since 1935, the Hall of Records Commission, operating as the State archival agency, has collected in its vaults practically all of the most valuable records of Maryland, both State and local. It turned out to be by far the most significant accomplishment of the Tercentenary Commission, which was established for the purpose of devising ways to commemorate the three