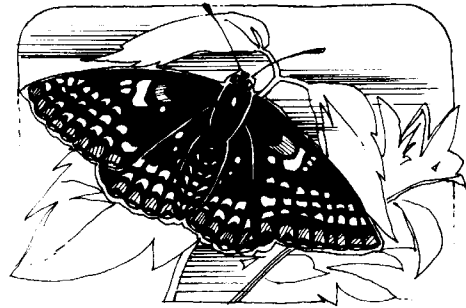


STATE INSECT. The Baltimore Checkerspot Butterfly (*Euphydryas phaeton*) is the official arthropodic emblem of the State (Chapter 253, Acts of 1973; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-301(a)).

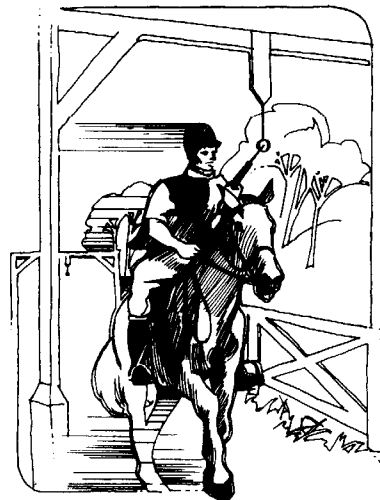


STATE SONG. The nine-stanza poem, "Maryland, My Maryland," was written by James Ryder Randall in 1861. A native of Maryland, Randall was teaching in Louisiana in the early days of the Civil War, and he was outraged at the news of Union troops being marched through Baltimore. The poem articulated Randall's Confederate sympathies. Set to the traditional tune of "Lauriger Horatius" ("O, Tannenbaum"), the song achieved wide popularity in Maryland and throughout the South. "Maryland, My Maryland" was adopted as the State song in 1939 (Chapter 451, Acts of 1939; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-307).

MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND!



STATE SPORT. The equestrian sport of jousting is the official sport of Maryland (Chapter 134, Acts of 1962; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-308).



STATE TREE. Maryland has chosen for its tree the White Oak (*Quercus alba*). The magnificent specimen represented here is known as the Wye Oak, located at Wye Mills on the Eastern Shore. It is owned by the State (Chapter 731, Acts of 1941; Code State Government Article, sec. 13-310).

