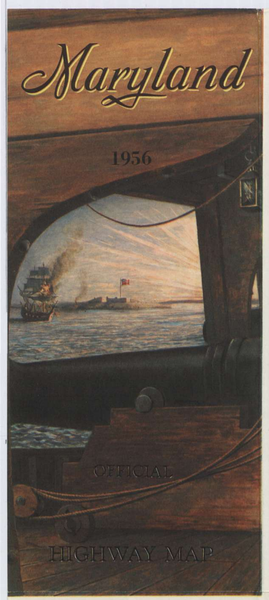

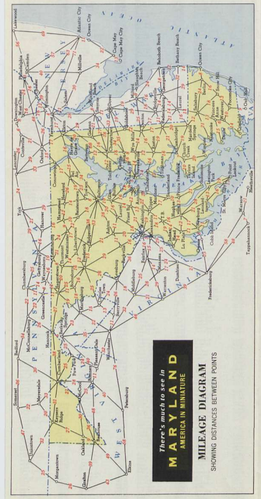

A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The people of Maryland send you this 1956 map of their splendid highway system with a cordial invitation to use it to see and enjoy Maryland, truly "America in Miniature."

From the mountains to the sea, from the tobacco farms of Southern Maryland to the fruitful Appalachian foothills, there's much to see in Maryland. Our splendid new highways will carry you safely from mountain-top sugar maple and hemlock groves to swampy cypress forests and the famed Calvert Cliffs, where nature has exposed the secrets of the ages. In Maryland you can cast for trout in a mountain brook or fish for giant marlin in the Atlantic Ocean.

Spanning the Chesapeake Bay, teeming with more than four hundred varieties of fin fish, Maryland's engineering marvel, the great Chesapeake Bay Bridge is less than fifteen minutes by dual highway from our "Historic State House" in Annapolis—the oldest Capitol in the Nation still in daily use. A scenic drive of an hour will take you to Fort McHenry, birthplace of "The Star-Spangled Banner", visited by three-quarters of a million persons annually.

Yes, there's much to see and do in Maryland, gateway to the Nation's Capital!

Maryland has engineered her roads with every possible precaution for your safety, and has built many attractive picnic areas and scenic over-looks for your convenience. Please help us to keep Maryland's highways safe and clean by observing all traffic rules and by placing travel trash in roadside containers placed conveniently for your use.

We welcome you to see and enjoy Maryland—"America in Miniature".

Theodore R. McKeldin
Governor of Maryland

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STATE ROADS COMMISSION

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FRONT COVER DESIGN

The valiant defense of Fort McHenry during the British attack on Baltimore, September 13, 1814, as it might have appeared from the deck of one of the attacking vessels. Riding at anchor some two miles below the Fort, and out of range of the defenders guns, the powerful British fleet had bombarded Fort McHenry for twenty-five hours. Marylander Francis Scott Key, who with Colonel John S. Skinner, American Government agent for flags of truce and exchange of prisoners, had visited the British fleet before the attack was launched, seeking the release of Dr. William Beane, a prisoner of the British. Granting Dr. Beane's release, the British required the three Americans to remain on board an American truce ship about eight miles below the Fort, until the outcome of the attack became apparent. "By the dawns early light" of September 14th Key saw the flag still proudly flying over the Fort. Made by Mary Pickersgill, of Baltimore, the 42 by 30 foot flag signalled the failure of the British attack. Inspired by the sight, Key made notes of his elation, and the next day, September 15th in Baltimore, he transcribed these notes into the original draft of our National Anthem, "THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER".

The back cover depicts the planting of the Colony on St. Clements Island, (now Blackistone) on March 25, 1633. The founders, under Leonard Calvert, brother of Cecil, second Lord Baltimore, had received their Charter from King Charles I on June 20, 1632. Their two small ships, the Ark and the Dove, sailed for the new land from Cowes, Isle of Wight, on November 22, 1633. Two days after landing on St. Clements, the colonists moved to the mainland, and on March 27, 1633, established St. Marys City as the first permanent Maryland settlement.

MARYLAND STATE POLICE

If in need of assistance, visit or call

Headquarters	US 140, Pikesville 8, Md.	Hunter 6-3101
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Leonardtown	County Health Building Leonardtown, Maryland	Greenwood 5-2101

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CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES

Each city, town, or geographic place shown in the above index can be located on the map by using the two numbers (coordinates) opposite the name. The first number refers to the vertical red lines, the second number to the horizontal red lines. These numbers (coordinates) will apply to any map regardless of scale upon which the State grid system (red lines) has been projected.

FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL RESERVATIONS

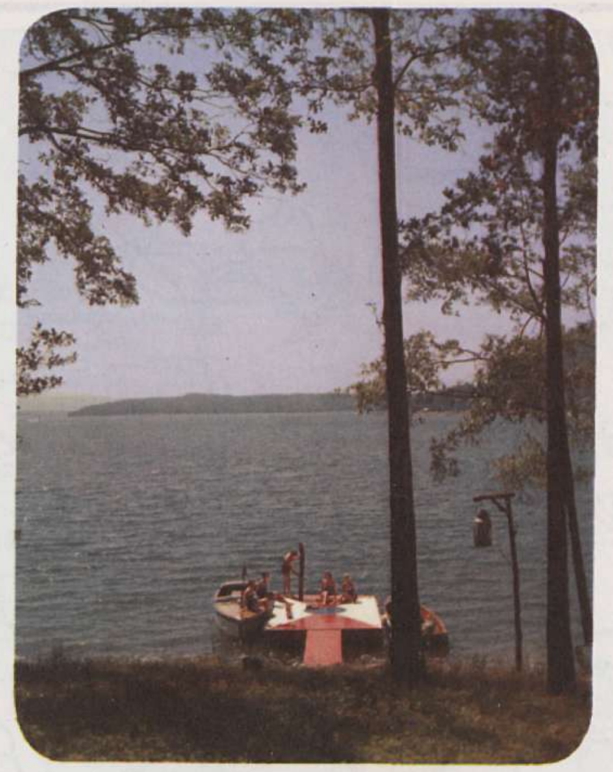
Fort McHenry, Baltimore, birthplace of ***"The Star-Spangled Banner"***

Visited by three-quarters of a million Americans annually

Sailing, sailing on the beautiful Chesapeake Bay

Herrington Manor State Park, in the heart of Garrett County's mountain top playground

Vista of beauty in Western Maryland mountains

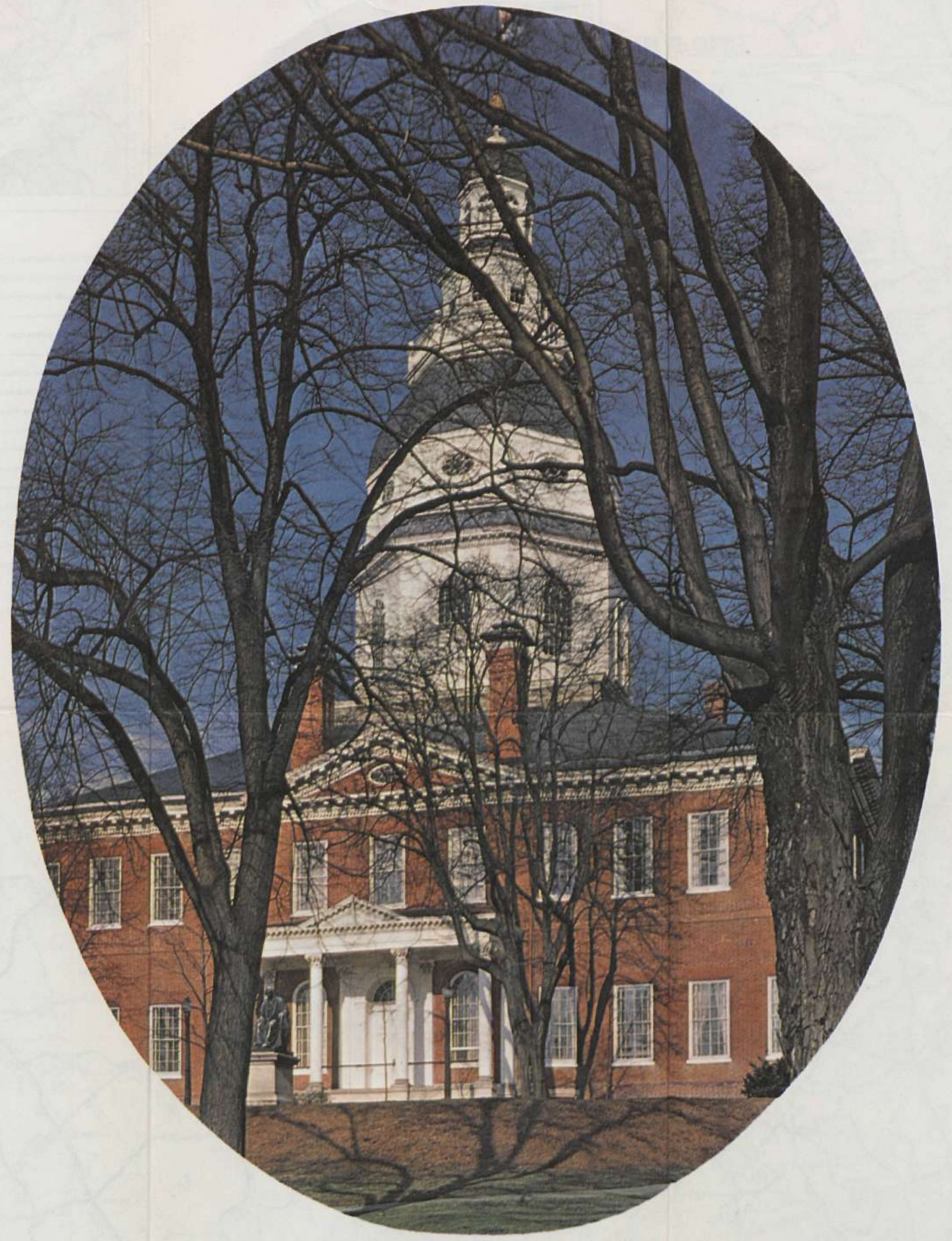


A peaceful cove on Deep Creek Lake, Maryland's popular mountain top playground

Maryland Peaches

Looking across the beautiful Severn River toward Annapolis, Maryland. One of America's truly great views

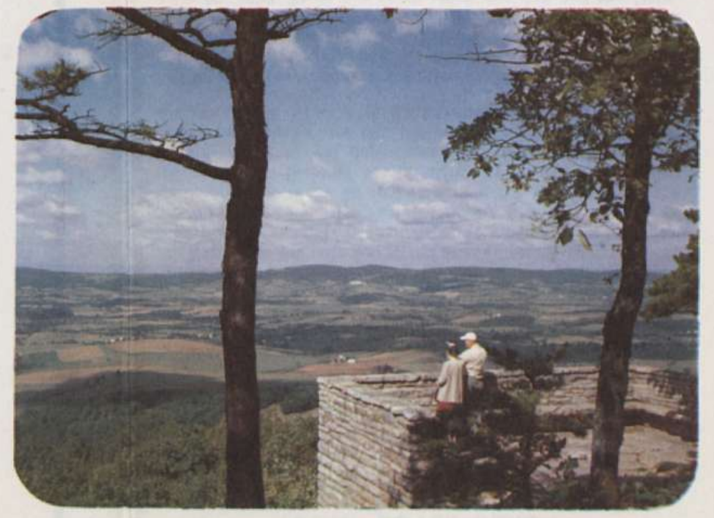
Maryland's courteous State Police are on duty 24 hours daily to render advice and assistance



Maryland's historic State House, at Annapolis, built in 1772

World famous races are features of Maryland's many fine tracks

Travelers in Western Maryland find new vistas of beauty at each turn of the road



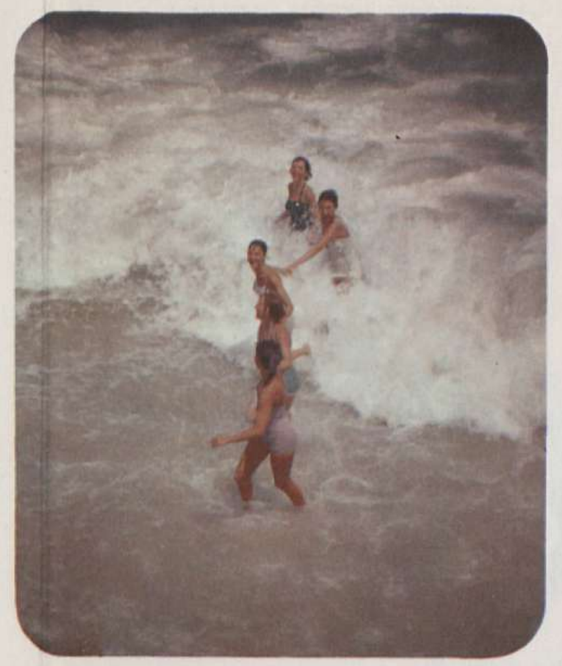
Beautiful Middletown Valley, from Gambrill State Park overlook, near Frederick, Maryland

Maryland's highways are beautiful, safe and modern

Chesapeake Bay and ocean beaches are among the nation's finest

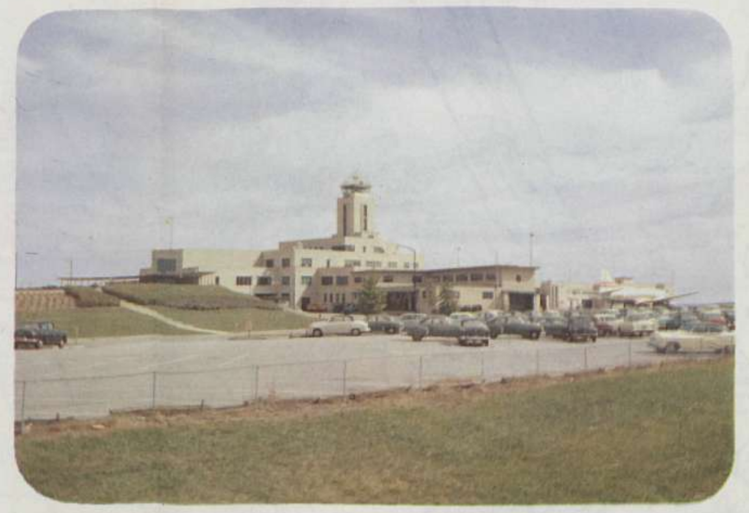
Baltimore is one of the world's leading ports

Presentation of the colors—a highlight in one of America's most colorful graduation exercises—The ceremony takes place during June Week at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland



Surf, sand and sun mean Ocean City to millions of pleasure seekers

The nets of commercial fishermen contribute much to Maryland's fine reputation for good food



Baltimore's Friendship International Airport. One of the most modern and complete facilities in the world

Deep sea "Fishing's Fine" at Ocean City

Maryland's Chesapeake Bay Bridge, longest all-steel over-water bridge in the world

Hundreds of attractive roadside picnic areas invite travelers in Maryland