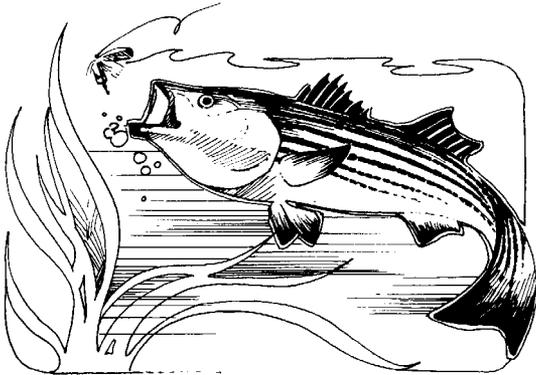
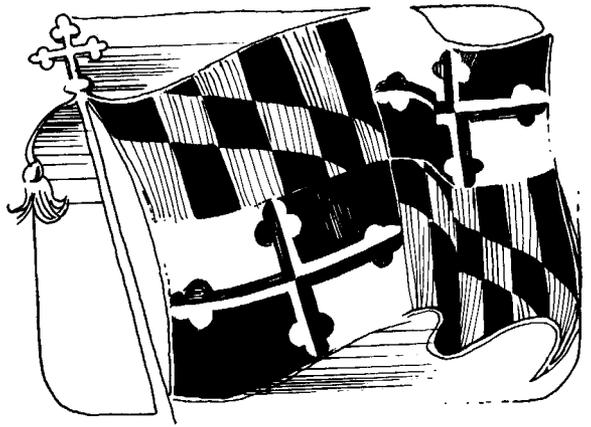


**STATE FLAG.** Maryland's flag bears the arms of the Calvert and Crossland families. Calvert was the family name of the Lords Baltimore who founded Maryland, and their colors of gold and black appear in the first and fourth quarters of the flag. Crossland was the family of the mother of George Calvert, first Lord Baltimore. The red and white Crossland colors, with a Greek cross terminating in the foils, appear in the second and third quarters. This flag was first flown in its present form on October 25, 1888, at Gettysburg Battlefield for ceremonies dedicating monuments to Maryland regiments of the Army of the Potomac. It was officially adopted by Chapter 48, Acts of 1904. Chapter 862, Acts of 1945, requires that if any ornament is affixed to the top of a flagstaff carrying the Maryland flag, the ornament must be a gold cross bottony (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 72-74).



**STATE FISH.** By Chapter 513, Acts of 1965, the striped bass or rockfish (*Roccus saxatilis*) was designated as the official fish of the State of Maryland (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 71A).

MARYLAND, MY MARYLAND!



**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 pro-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 1957, Art. 41, sec. 79).