

2 Area Towns Annex County Land in 1959

Two area towns—Fairfax, Va., and College Park, Md.—started 1960 with more land than they had in 1959.

Fairfax ballooned its 2½ square miles to 6 square miles, engulfing 4000 more people to bring its population to 11,000. College Park, a town of about 18,500 persons, took in 126 acres of vacant land.

Annexation of county land by Fairfax resulted from a suit filed by the Town two years ago and decided finally last month. Fairfax County officials are seeking legislation to prevent further "fragmentation."

New residents of Fairfax Town — now extending to Kamp Washington and beyond Fairfax Circle including Country Club Hills, Greenway Hills, Fair Oaks, and Fairmont Estates—won't have to pay town taxes until Dec. 1. But they're receiving town services now.

The town tax rate is 45 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. Garbage collection and street lights are provided free. Water rates are 25 per cent lower than County charges, and town auto tags cost \$5 instead of the \$10 County fee.

College Park's annexation of the undeveloped land off Metzerott rd. east of University blvd. and behind the University of Maryland golf course was authorized by a Town Council resolution passed in November.

About 475 homes are planned on the site. Mayor Charles R. Davis said the town probably would not have to extend many services in the area before adoption of the budget for calendar 1961. The proposed 1960 budget of \$296,071, carries a 25-cent tax rate.