

recognition also to the Lions Club of Hurlock, to the Hurlock Volunteer Fire Company, to American Legion Post No. 243, to the Woman's Club, to the Chamber of Commerce, to the churches, to civic organizations and to the townspeople and to all others whose contributions made this project possible.

I should like to close these remarks with a quotation from an English writer of some fame who said:

"Look to your good health; and, if you have it, praise God, and value it next to a good conscience. *For health is the second blessing that we mortals are capable of—a blessing that money cannot buy.*" . . .

ADDRESS, DEDICATION OF
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER
ROSEWOOD TRAINING SCHOOL
OWINGS MILL

November 29, 1960

With the dedication of this new vocational rehabilitation center, we are closing another dramatic chapter in the history of Maryland's effort to treat and cure persons afflicted with mental illness or mental handicaps. This project, boldly conceived, represents a gigantic stride forward in a program designed to improve the lot of these unfortunate members of our society. All who had a part in its planning and execution deserve the praise and the gratitude of the people of the State. Much of the progress we have made in Maryland in the field of mental health is summarized in the history of this institution.

When the Rosewood State Training School was established in 1889, its purpose was to protect the afflicted child, keep him clean and care for his bodily needs. But times changed, and as years went on the concept of Rosewood's role in the community changed. The idea emerged that mentally retarded children between the ages of six and sixteen had trainable assets which could be developed. Rosewood was provided the staff which could develop these assets, and it came to be regarded as a training school for these youngsters, and not solely a custodial institution.

However, it soon became apparent that many children of sixteen or seventeen years of age would be unable to return to the community when they reached this age limit. Some would have to remain under