

institutional protection, perhaps for life. Something more had to be done for adults. The physically handicapped and deformed child who was also mentally retarded needed help, too, and the medical aspects of the institution had to be expanded to meet these needs. By 1950, age restrictions here were removed, and Rosewood became not only a school for the mentally retarded but a medical and psychiatric hospital as well. The long term colony here, of which this new building is a part, is a good example of intelligent planning for the future. Its 400 resident patients are adults whose needs and development demand programs and facilities different from those provided the youngsters. This building we are dedicating today offers an excellent opportunity for developing the trainable assets of the adult.

The energies of the State, in this program, must be directed for the next ten years toward the development of the already known assets of the retarded individual, as well as those assets not yet discovered. To accomplish this will require coordination with other established State agencies. The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation has for some years been working with Rosewood in an effort to help patients build a niche for themselves in the community. The Department of Employment Security has lent a helping hand in finding jobs for patients. To obtain better results labor and industry must be induced to work more closely with the Institution to enable it to direct its training toward their standard of employment.

In addition to all of this, we must educate the community to accept our patients at the level of their abilities and tear down this wall of prejudice which shuts them off from equal opportunities now available to the handicapped in general.

As we meet here today, I have no doubt that the future will establish the value of this vocational rehabilitation center as an instrument by which we can meet our social obligation to prepare these patients for discharge to their home communities.

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It is more than just a pleasure for me to be with you on this occasion. It is a privilege and one that I have been looking forward to ever since Mr. Troy asked me to present these awards. More than that, it is inspir-