STATE INSTITUTIONS

The selections presented are principally devoted to commemorating the completion of new physical facilities for disadvantaged Maryland citizens. During the Governor's first term there were expansions of hospitals for the criminally insane, penal institutions, mental rehabilitation facilities, juvenile delinquents and others. These additions were accompanied, in many instances, by the inauguration of new programs and techniques. The great increase in the demand for these new services required increasing expenditures of State and private funds. The Governor expressed an awareness of the difficulty of obtaining State allocations to adequately satisfy these demands.

REMARKS, DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL CANTEEN, SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

SPRINGFIELD

September 10, 1959

I cannot find words which I would consider adequate to express the gratitude of the State of Maryland for this generous gift of the Woman's Auxiliary, and other friends of the Springfield State Hospital. The best I can say, for myself personally and for all the citizens of Maryland, is that we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Springfield Hospital and the State Department of Mental Hygiene of course are pleased to add this new building to the plant they must maintain to minister to the health and needs of our fellow-men who suffer from mental illnesses. In the friendly, comfortable and cheerful atmosphere of this Memorial Canteen, I envision patients conversing and taking refreshments with their families and friends to the betterment of the health of the patients and the improvement of the peace of minds of their families and their friends. Certainly, this is a most valuable contribution to a most worthy purpose.

This canteen, I think, will serve many useful purposes besides being a pleasant place for patients, visitors, staff members and volunteer workers to relax and enjoy themselves. In the first place, it will serve as an enticement for the people of the State to come to Springfield and observe what we are doing here in the treatment and care of the mentally ill. I wish it were possible for more of the citizens of the