

ital improvements for Boys' Village. These improvements have included ten new cottages, an administration building, a new staff dormitory, new employee houses, extensive replacement of utilities such as water and heating, as well as considerable site improvements and necessary equipment for the various buildings.

As Boys' Village moves into a new era of operation with a modern functionally designed physical plant, there is reason for optimism. Today we all can point with some pride to the manner in which the State of Maryland can and does face and resolve major problems. It is my hope that all of you can accept the invitation of Mr. Veney to tour the new educational building and the new campus. The transformation of Boys' Village in the past several years has been dramatic. For the first time in its history, Boys' Village will be able to operate with a carefully designed classroom and shop building which can serve up to 300 boys. The classrooms, shops, remedial reading clinic, offices, library and music rooms will make it possible to plan for a special all-day educational program designed to prepare and train each boy for return to the community and to the community schools.

It is my understanding that in the years to come Boys' Village will serve boys 13 and 14 years of age under criteria formulated by the State Board of Welfare. These boys of compulsory school attendance age will require a highly individualized, remedial and special educational program. The building we dedicate today will provide the management and the State Department of Welfare with an invaluable tool in planning the proper educational program for each boy.

I might point out, however, that despite the importance of the educational program for the boys, this program is but one of a variety of programs the institution must provide. The programs of cottage life, religion, recreation and so on, must all be coordinated and integrated with the educational program under the direction of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Director of Medical and Clinical Services in order for Boys' Village to effectively rehabilitate boys.

The second building included in today's dedication is the new Howard H. Murphy Admission Cottage which is under construction and is expected to be ready for operation this summer. This special function cottage is of a special design and reflects the importance of proper planning in the construction of additional facilities for training schools such as Boys' Village. The cottage will provide for 25 boys