

at maximum and was constructed after the Boys' Village management and the State Department of Public Welfare had given extensive study to the matter. Rather than construct another standard boys' cottage. It was definitely determined that the total Boys' Village program would be greatly improved if this new unit were designed to perform an admission-diagnostic function.

The implications are rather important as one looks to the future and considers that the juvenile population in Maryland will increase over 50 per cent by 1970, and that the only alternative to building new institutions for the care of delinquent children is to organize more effective prevention programs or to shorten the length of stay of children in institutions. Boys' Village has been singularly successful with respect to shortening the length of stay. In 1951, for example, boys remained on the average over a year, while in 1961 this length of stay average has been successfully reduced to approximately 8 months. It is felt that the new admission cottage will enable Boys' Village to maintain this average length of stay, and perhaps even further reduce it. Boys coming into the Howard H. Murphy Cottage will remain about four to six weeks and will undergo certain tests, will be oriented to the program while a special program is planned for and with them based on their needs and the resources of the institution.

With the completion of the Howard H. Murphy Cottage, Boys' Village will become a ten-cottage training school. With its modern physical plant, and under the dynamic direction of its Superintendent, this State institution will rank as one of the outstanding institutions of its kind in America. Boys' Village, along with the Maryland Training School for Boys, Barrett and Montrose School for Girls, the State Forestry Camp for Boys, the Maryland Children's Center, and eventually the Southern Regional Detention Center—soon to be placed under construction—will give to Maryland a family of juvenile institutions. These institutions should give Maryland one of the finest institutional systems in America for the care and treatment of children who have appeared before the courts of the State and for good reasons have been removed from the community for special care and training before being returned as junior citizens.

At this point I should like to make a personal observation. I am delighted that the Board of Boys' Village is naming the new cottage the Howard H. Murphy Cottage. Mr. Murphy has rendered assistance to the State government in Maryland in many areas. He well deserves the kind of honor that the Board of Boys' Village is conferring upon him today. I want to join with his many other friends in saying