

habilitation than prisoners serving sentences in jails and penitentiaries. Many never knew what it felt like to have the sun shine on them, or to work off their energies in open air exercises or indoor games.

This Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital, in addition to maximum security features, has a gymnasium and excellent rehabilitation and recreational facilities. It is fully equipped with a complete laboratory, EEG and X-Ray, as well as dental, pharmaceutical and other supporting services. There is an admission ward, a diagnostic ward, an infirmary, residential wards and a special maximum security ward. The medical staff consists of four physicians, and consultant services are provided from nearby medical centers in Baltimore and Washington. All of the present methods of psychiatric treatment, including drug and shock therapy, group and individual therapy, are practiced here. An excellent ratio of staff to patients is provided to permit an active treatment program within the security requirements of the hospital. It includes a full-time staff of psychologists, social workers, and rehabilitation personnel. In addition to the basic nursing staff which is under professional direction and supervision.

That rich opportunities are present for training and research in the relationship of psychiatry to the law is attested by the presence of regular staff meetings of Professor L. Whiting Farinsholt, Jr., of the University of Maryland School of Law, who is your principal speaker today. The close integration of medicine and the law here makes it possible for the hospital to broaden its services to include patients referred by the courts of Maryland for pre-trial psychiatric evaluation to better determine their "responsibility" at the time the crime was committed, as well as to provide hospitalization for inmates of penal institutions who become severely ill and for patients in other mental hospitals who need to be placed in a maximum security situation for a period of treatment. We may safely expect that with the development of mutual understanding between representatives of psychiatry and the law, even greater improvements will come about.

As the Governor of Maryland, I am delighted to have the opportunity to participate in the dedication of the Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital. I am sure that this marks another pioneering effort of the State of Maryland to provide adequate care and psychiatric services for the mentally ill of our State.