

Today nearly six out of every ten beds in our psychiatric hospitals are occupied by those who have been in for five or more years. Our open-door policy is helping many of them to re-establish contact with the outside world. Our volunteers play an invaluable part in this. We see many of them coming to our hospitals—last year over 2,500 of them—individually and in groups. They bring the outside world to patients such as we have in the infirmary by their visits and parties, and by letters and remembrances at birthdays. And they help in little ways such as reading, or even writing letters. In many instances they take patients shopping, on visits to places of interest, to their homes. They help them find the right kind of clothes. They afford the personal interest that is vital to any other treatment that goes on in the hospital.

Thus the care of the mentally ill is something in which we all share. The professional and other staff in the hospitals provide the basics, but all of us can help with our understanding and knowledge. Together we make possible the development of a building, and the program it implies, such as we are here to dedicate this afternoon.

In closing, I want to commend the architects, contractors, subcontractors and all those whose efforts went into the construction of this building. You have created something of which you can justly be proud. I thank all of you who contributed in any way to it for your part. Earlier, I helped in the dedication of the Rose Garden contributed by Allied Florists; I note evidence of further contributions from them and thank them also. I thank all of you for being with us on this auspicious occasion. This is the second building in this department that I have been honored by having bear my name. I hope that my record in mental health will prove me worthy of these high tributes.

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#### ADDRESS, GOVERNOR'S DAY

#### MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL, LOCH RAVEN

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I am most grateful to the superintendent and the Board of Managers for inviting me again this year to attend these exercises at the Maryland Training School for Boys. That you have set aside a day in your calendar which you call Governor's Day is a pride to me personally and a high tribute to the office I hold. I always derive an immense amount of enjoyment from talking with youngsters of your age, and I am pleased