

education, research in cancer control, and the operation of tumor and cancer clinics.

The Bureau of Food and Drugs was organized in 1910. The chief of the Bureau is the State Commissioner for Food and Drugs. The Bureau inspects and samples all food and drug products manufactured or sold within the State to determine their purity, honesty of labeling and compliance with the Pure Food and Drug Act. It makes periodic inspections of places where food or drugs are produced, manufactured or sold (Code 1939, Art. 43, sec. 191).

Also operating within the Department are eight Divisions organized by the State Board of Health.

The Division of Industrial Health enforces the provisions for the prevention of occupational diseases as provided in the Workmen's Compensation Act. Periodic inspections of industrial plants are made to determine the extent and severity of health hazards and to recommend needed corrections.

The Division of Oral Hygiene is charged with the organization and supervision of county and school dental clinics. Educational work on the importance and maintenance of health is carried on through lectures, clinics, moving pictures and pamphlets distributed by the Division.

The Division of Hospital Construction and Administration administers the hospital construction program according to the State plan prepared under the Hill-Burton Act. Under this program Federal funds for construction are made available on a matching basis and are allotted according to a priority schedule which is part of the State plan. Preliminary studies of projected construction are made in cooperation with the sponsoring groups. Inspections are made during construction. This office also shares, with the Bureau of Medical Services, responsibility for administration of the chronic disease hospitals.

The Division of Personnel and Accounts purchases supplies, materials and equipment for all the bureaus and divisions. It exercises general supervision over all employees and accounts of the Department. The Division also supervises the finances of the County Health Departments and works with county and town officials in preparing joint budgets for local health work.

The Division of Public Health Nursing supervises the development of the nursing program; directs public health nursing technique, the recruitment of nursing personnel; and correlates the Department's nursing program with other public health nursing services operating in Maryland.

The Division of Legal Administration is charged with the investigation of all infractions of public health laws and administers the bedding and upholstery law.

The Division of Mental Hygiene is responsible for the direction of the non-institutional mental health program in Maryland. In cooperation with local health authorities, mental health clinics are operated in ten counties of the State.

The Division of Tuberculosis Services is the successor to the Maryland Tuberculosis Sanatoria Commission in the administration of the