

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

## Board of Correction

Reuben Oppenheimer, Chairman and Director, 1951

James H. Grove, Jr., 1955; James C. Anderson, 1952; Gertrude E. Horigan, 1952; Howard E. Crook, 1953; R. Emmet Bradley, 1953; John T. King, M.D., 1955.

Harold E. Donnell, Superintendent of Prisons

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The Department of Correction was organized in 1939 superseding the Board of Welfare and the Board of Prison Control in the supervision and administration of the penal institutions of the State. The Department is administered by a Board of Correction appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Chairman of the Board, who is also the Director of the Department, is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, while associate members of the Board are appointed for six terms. The Board has power to make such rules and regulations as are necessary for the government of the institutions under its control (Code 1939, Art. 27, sec. 743). The Superintendent of Prisons acts as executive of the department by a directive of the Board of Correction.

The Department supervises and operates the State Use Industries, which provide employment to the prisoners in the various penal institutions. The goods manufactured in the State Use Industries shops are for sale to the various agencies of the State of Maryland, the Federal Government, the District of Columbia, and the States and Territories of the United States as well as to the political subdivisions thereof. Manufactured products are also available to religious and charitable institutions providing the goods are used for their own use and are not for resale. In addition to the State Use Industries, employment of prisoners is also provided in the Public Works program of the State. The earnings of the prisoners are credited to their account and are payable to them upon release.

The Division of Classifications of the Department of Correction acts as a classification agency for each new admission to each of the correctional institutions. The Division secures information and data concerning the prisoner to classify him properly as to his abilities and to aid in his rehabilitation. The use of the indeterminate sentence, in two of the State's correctional institutions—the Reformatory for Males and the Reformatory for Women—has made the work of this division increasingly important. All data collected by the division concerning an individual prisoner both at the time of his admission and during the time of his confinement are reviewed by the Board of Correction previous to recommending him for parole or probation.

The Department of Correction is further responsible for making an annual inspection of the county jails of Maryland, making recommendations for their improvement (Code 1947 Supp., Art. 27, sec. 791).

Expenditures, 1949 .....	\$32,500.16
Appropriation, 1950 .....	37,101.00
Staff: 9.	