The Maryland State School for the Deaf was established in 1868. The Governor appoints the members of the Board of Visitors for an indefinite term (Acts 1867, ch. 247; 1868, ch. 409; 1880, ch. 19). All scholarships are free to deaf children of the State. The average enrollment over the past ten years has been 165. The aim of the school is to make deaf children self-supporting members of society. Academic courses extend to the equivalent of junior high school in addition to vocational training for boys and for girls. Speech and lip reading, aided by the use of multiple hearing aids, are taught to all. The use of individual hearing aids is encouraged, and audiometric tests are made periodically and form a permanent file.

 Appropriations
 1953
 1954

 General Fund
 \$252,564
 \$249,345

 Staff: 57.

## MARYLAND WORKSHOP FOR THE BLIND

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Chairman and Counsel: John G. Schilpp, 1955 Frederick A. Dolfield, Treasurer, 1955; Charles M. See, 1955; Henry P. Irr, 1955. Associate Members: Francis M. Andrews, C. Warren Bledsoe.

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The Maryland Workshop for the Blind is a State Institution, incorporated in 1908. Control is vested in a Board of five Trustees, three of whom are appointed by the Governor, with Senate approval, and two are elected by the Board of Directors of the Maryland School for the Blind.

The Workshop is conducted for the training and employment of all adult blind citizens of Maryland. It operates through departments—Industrial, which manufactures medical items, textile materials, brooms, mops and also chair caning; Home Service, which provides training for the blind in their homes and aids them in their personal adjustment to blindness; and the Vending Stand Department which licenses and establishes vending stands in many of the public buildings of the State. In addition to these services, the Workshop is a distributing agent for the U. S. Government owned talking book machines and provides white canes, without charge, to blind persons (Code 1951, Art. 30, secs. 6-8, 10, 11).

Appropriations 1953 1954 General Fund \$58,004 \$57,242

## UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AND STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

The Board of Regents and State Board of Agriculture Chairman: William P. Cole, Jr., 1958 E. Paul Knotts, 1954; Mrs. John L. Whitehurst, 1956; Charles P. McCormick, 1957; Harry H. Nuttle, 1957; Edward