

as custodial areas. Increasing emphasis is being placed on research in this field.

At Rosewood State Hospital, the Esther Loring Richards and the Jacob E. Finesinger Children's Centers were opened in 1958 and 1961, respectively, to provide psychiatric treatment for children with serious emotional, psychiatric and neurotic illnesses as distinct from those who are mentally retarded.

The Clifton T. Perkins State Hospital, a 300-bed facility, costing nearly three million dollars, began operating in 1960. It inaugurated in Maryland a program of psychiatric therapies combined with rehabilitative procedures for all adult male patients who require maximum security.

Patuxent Institution, now an autonomous agency, began operating under the Department of Correction in 1955, as an experiment in the use of indeterminate sentences in the treatment of defective delinquents.

Medical facilities have also been expanded in recent years. Three chronic disease hospitals have been constructed: Deer's Head State Hospital in Wicomico County (1950), Montebello State Hospital in Baltimore City (1953), and Western Maryland State Hospital in Washington County (1957). Pine Bluff State Hospital (taken over by the State in 1928) is used for the treatment of tuberculosis. A 300-bed addition to Mt. Wilson State Hospital in Baltimore County has more than doubled its capacity for persons afflicted by tuberculosis and other airway-obstructive diseases.

In 1955, the Department of Public Welfare started an experiment in the rehabilitation of delinquent youth. In cooperation with the Department of Forests and Parks, it opened a forestry camp at Green Ridge near Flintstone to which boys could be sent from the Training Schools to work on conservation projects. The apparent success of Green Ridge led to the opening of a second camp near Lonaconing in 1957 and a third at Meadow Mountain near Grantsville in 1958. A fourth camp is now occupying temporary quarters at the old Cullen State Hospital, while new buildings are being constructed at Backbone Mountain. In addition, the Department has established the Maryland Children's Center in Baltimore County near Arbutus (1959), and the Thomas J. S. Waxter Children's Center in Anne Arundel County near Laurel (1963). Children adjudged delinquent by the courts are sent to one or the other of the Centers to be studied for not more than thirty days and then returned to the courts with recommendations.