

It is necessary also constantly to provide additional beds for mentally ill patients. The State operates four institutions for the care of the mentally ill, and two institutions for the feeble-minded. About 8,000 patients are in these institutions. The increase in the population in the mental disease hospitals averages 300 per year. To provide for this increased population, the following allotments to the institutions were made from the bond issue.

Crownsville State Hospital, for additional buildings.....	\$500,000
Eastern Shore State Hospital, for alterations, additions and equipment for additional patients.....	78,000
Springfield State Hospital, additions and equipment.....	200,000
Spring Grove State Hospital, for building for 200 additional patients and equipment.....	285,000
Rosewood State Training School, for additional building for 100 patients and for equipment.....	400,000
Total.....	\$1,463,000

With the additional buildings, much greater hospital facilities will be afforded and in order to secure adequate care during the period of hospitalization, I included increased appropriations in the budgets for these institutions.

It is highly important too that our training schools be of sufficient size to meet the needs of our community and that they be adequately equipped and staffed for efficient operation.

For the Montrose School for Girls, a bond issue appropriation gives \$75,000.00 for the construction and equipment of a vocational building. At the Training School for Boys, \$3,000.00 was provided for needed equipment and additions to the buildings. For the Training Schools for Colored Boys and Girls, funds totaling \$90,000.00 were appropriated for badly needed buildings and equipment.

In the penal system, women prisoners are committed to the House of Correction and they have been housed in a portion of the general institution set aside for that purpose. This arrangement has not been satisfactory, and I included in the budget an appropriation of \$51,000.00 to pay the cost of operating buildings built especially for housing women prisoners. This arrangement will be helpful in solving some of the problems in connection with the administration of our institutions for the care of women prisoners.

One of the most frequent causes of death in our State is pneumonia and it is a good investment of public funds to exercise all means of control of this dread disease. In the last few years, treatment of the disease by drugs and sera has saved many lives but these savings have been confined to that portion of the population able to pay the comparatively high cost of the remedies. I believe all our citizens are entitled to these benefits, and I included in the budget an appropriation of \$10,000.00 to the Health department for the purchase and distribution of remedies for the treatment of pneumonia to those persons unable to pay the cost of the same. It is believed that many lives will be saved during the coming winter because these remedies for the treatment of pneumonia are, for the first time, made available to all.

In the field of public welfare, legislation was enacted creating a Department of Public Welfare in order to increase efficiency and to systematize procedure. In this Department was placed the administration of the Social Security program providing for care to the needy aged, aid to dependent