

which will indicate the adequacy or inadequacy of medical and hospital care in the counties. The survey will, of course, be directed especially to that group of the population which cannot afford to pay the cost of necessary medical, hospital and nursing service. The Committee making the survey is under the Chairmanship of Dr. Maurice C. Pincoffs, who is giving unselfishly of his time to this important work.

Finally, a survey made recently by the Department of Public Welfare indicates that a number of chronically ill people in county almshouses are without proper medical and nursing care. There are probably others in homes equally in need of care but without resources for this provision. The Commission which I appointed to consider this matter is actively at work, and I am hopeful that a plan will be developed for the establishment of one or more hospitals for the treatment of these unfortunate people. The number in any one county is not large enough to justify the necessary facilities, but by pooling resources adequate and proper care can be provided.

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## HAMPSTEAD ROTARY CLUBS

October 24, 1940

Hampstead

**T**HE State administration has been putting its house in order that everything might be in readiness should the occasion demand. Our National Guard has been recruited to a point where it is close to authorized strength. Its officer personnel has been reviewed and strengthened. Our roads, so vital to any proper functioning of defense forces, are being brought into shape as quickly as possible, and vital new roads have been projected, ready for construction and completion just as soon as authority comes from the Federal Government in Washington.

Through the State Council of Defense and Resources, which I appointed late in July to coordinate our State's activities with defense moves in Washington, there are being assembled information and detailed plans, that will cover every possible phase of State participation in national defense.

You, of course, realize that defense of any part of America, of any state or groups of states, is not, and cannot be a local matter. Defense requires concerted national effort. That is why Maryland was alert to be among the very first to set up machinery for cooperating with, and supplementing defense activities inaugurated in Washington.

If a greater emergency should arise, there will be no scurrying around in Maryland trying to find out what we have to offer for defense, trying to line up our resources at the last moment. As a result of weeks of conscientious work and study by the various committees under the State Council, Maryland will have at her fingertips complete information regarding her industries, her manpower, her military and naval advantages, her roads and transportation facilities so organized that hospitalization of a permanent and mobile nature will be available at almost a moment's notice. In cooperation with the Selective Service Headquarters in Washington, and supplementing our very splen-