

pate either directly or indirectly, since county boundaries will not be considered in admitting students into training.

SCHOOL SURVEY IN COUNTIES

As a result of legislation in 1939, I appointed the following five members of the Maryland State School Survey Commission:

Henry M. Warfield, Chairman, Baltimore County
R. Paul Smith, Vice-Chairman, Washington County
Mrs. H. Ross Coppage, Secretary, Baltimore City
J. H. Caulk Kemp, Talbot County
Mrs. Julian Waters, Montgomery County

The Commission selected Dr. Herbert B. Bruner, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, to direct the work of the survey. The members of the professional staff of the State Department of Education and of each county were requested to make a report of the existing situation and recommendations for desirable changes to meet the changed environmental conditions for youth. All the State and County school officials were busy in the latter part of the school year 1939-40 surveying social and educational conditions in the State and in their respective counties. The report of the Commission is to be made to this Legislature.

THE TEACHERS COLLEGES

Since the fall of 1938 all entrants to State Teachers Colleges including those from Baltimore City at Towson and colored students at Bowie are required to complete a four-year course before they will be eligible to graduate in 1942 and take teaching positions in Maryland elementary schools.

The enrollment in the four Teachers Colleges, one at Towson, one at Frostburg, one at Salisbury for the training of white teachers, and one at Bowie for the training of colored teachers, has increased in total from 856 in 1939 to 1,067 during the current school year, and the graduates have increased in number from 135 in 1938 to 155 in 1940. All the county graduates from Towson, Frostburg and Salisbury since 1936 have been appointed to teaching positions in the counties. With the present enrollment the graduates of the Teachers Colleges are practically sure of securing teaching positions.

The additional facilities which became available at Bowie have made possible great improvement in the environment and training facilities afforded the students there who will become the teachers of the colored school children in the Maryland counties.

The four institutions for the training of teachers are now four year colleges offering degrees in education.

Beginning September 1939, St. Mary's Female Seminary-Junior College took its present form; a four year junior college, comprising the 3rd and 4th years of high school and the 1st and 2nd years of college. In 1939-40 a curriculum for recreational leadership was put into effect.

The year 1939-40 brought the appropriation by the Legislature of \$85,000.00 for the construction of a badly needed gymnasium and recreation building (to house, also, an art studio, class room, storage room, workshop and garage), now nearing completion, and the celebration of the Seminary's first hundred years of existence.