

The Maryland State School for the Deaf is generally admitted to be one of the outstanding schools for the education of the deaf in the Country. One hundred and seventy-nine children are being trained in the institution and during the biennial period thirty-one students have been graduated. A majority of these graduates are now out in the world and self-supporting.

Your body of 1939 provided \$14,000.00 in the general construction loan for structural improvements to the institution and for equipment. Some additional improvements needed will be provided for in the next general construction loan.

PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION

In the field of Professional Aid, work by the Maryland Public Library Advisory Commission has been chiefly with schools, although community libraries are constantly supervised and improved. Efforts are being made to improve local and school service by direction and training, stressing the importance of acquiring a degree in Library Science from accredited Library Schools by the person appointed as librarian. All of the large high schools and many of the smaller ones have centralized school libraries, although they do not all have qualified librarians. This makes supervision more difficult and decidedly slower. Also many elementary schools have been centralized.

MARYLAND STATE PLANNING COMMISSION

With the growing complexity of our community relationships, it is necessary that thought be given to long-range planning of many public services. The State Planning Commission, under the chairmanship of Dr. Abel Wolman, has made and is making valuable contributions through studies of various problems. In the last two years, the following reports have been completed:

Economic Studies of Maryland

Recreational Areas Study

The Problem of Local Legislation in Maryland

Flow Data and Draft Storage Curves for Major Streams

The Maryland State Planning Commission and the Water Resources Commission of Maryland recently published a detailed and summary report of stream flow data for 22 major streams in Maryland for the period 1929-1939, inclusive.

Tentative Long-Range Airport and Airways Plan

Survey of Status of Local Planning in Maryland

Roadside Control

Public Works Expenditures of Maryland

This survey, made by the Maryland State Planning Commission and the State Department of Budget and Procurement, is a comprehensive long-term program of the capital needs of all State agencies. This survey affords the Governor, the Budget Director and the General Assembly the first comprehensive long-range capital improvement program as a guide for future capital improvement budgeting and financing.

The compilation of a complete Gazetteer of Maryland, containing detailed data and information on counties, cities, towns, villages, mountains, rivers, bays, elevations, locations, highways, etc., to be used as an official State reference manual.