

Because of the staggering cost involved, our plan was to make the improvements in separate stages. The 1939 Legislature appropriated \$85,000 for new construction and equipment. This amount has been used as follows:

\$40,000 for power house and equipment

\$20,000 for laundry building and equipment

\$25,000 for gymnasium building and equipment

These additions represent a definite step forward.

Feeling that, even with the limited facilities available, more improvement could be effected by different and wider representation on the Board of Managers, I exercised painstaking care in the appointments to the Board. The selection of the new members met with general approval and it is significant to observe that greater recognition was given to the colored race than had heretofore been the case.

Additional progress can be reported in the educational department of the school. A Director of Education was appointed and soon thereafter a Supervisor of Physical Education and a Secretary to the Educational Department. This is the nucleus of the personnel for the educational program which is being built up. In general, the plans for the future of the school are that the operation will be placed more and more on an educational and vocational basis, thereby decreasing the emphasis which has been placed on the custodial work of the institution in the past.

We must face the fact that further improvement is needed at this institution and the next Budget will include additional sums both for construction and for the operation of the institution. As said before, the plan calls for advancement in stages, but it is believed that with additional facilities to be provided the institution will be in a position to train these colored boys in the vocations for which they are fitted, with the object of adjusting them to the community in which they will live and make of them useful citizens.

#### STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

The State Department of Health is regarded by competent observers to be one of the best-organized agencies of its kind in the entire Country. Over a long period of years it has pioneered in many outstanding and useful developments in public health administration. Maryland was the first State in the Country to establish full-time health departments in every county of the State under the joint auspices of State and county administration.

Every effort has been made to secure members of the State Board of Health who are outstanding in their respective professional fields of endeavor. The professional staff, both in the central offices and in the counties, is well trained and competent and the efforts of the Department have been effective in a constant reduction in deaths and in the incidence of communicable diseases.

The communicable disease record of the State continues to occupy an enviable position in the United States. For the eleven months prior to December 1, 1940, there has been reported from the twenty-three counties of Maryland a total of only 12,614 cases of communicable diseases. During the same period, there were reported 9,913 deaths, from all sources.

*Typhoid Fever*—The typhoid fever rate may be said to have declined to almost the irreducible minimum. For last year, up to December 1, 94 cases of typhoid fever were reported with 8 deaths. The great improvement in public water supplies and the constant vigilance over milk supplies have prevented