

and recreational purposes, and improvement of the timber stands, to enhance their timber value.

State Parks of 3,700 acres are operated, of which three have been developed for intensive use by the CCC camps, and the other two are in process of development.

For the past two years, the nursery has distributed each year at the cost of growing, about 1,000,000 forest tree seedlings and transplants for forest planting, and about 5,000 larger trees for roadside planting.

With 90 per cent of the forest land in private ownership and the increasing use of State and private lands by the public for recreation, as well as the public values of forest land for watershed protection, wildlife conservation and timber production, the education program, through illustrated lectures, exhibits, bulletins and news articles, has contributed largely to forest protection and a better understanding of forest problems and values.

Maryland Geological Survey—The Geological Survey, charged with gathering information by field investigation and acting as a bureau of information regarding the mineral wealth of the State, has made field investigations during the last two years that include the completion of the study of the geology of Howard, Charles and Washington Counties. During the same period the Survey has issued geological maps of Charles, Frederick and Howard Counties and has now in process of publication the geological maps of Washington County.

Topographic maps of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard and Montgomery Counties have been revised, maps of Baltimore and Howard Counties have been reissued, and those for Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties are nearing completion.

Maryland State Weather Service—During the past two years the number of sub-stations in Maryland has been materially increased, including airway and climatological.

Tables and charts were prepared by counties for the Department of Agriculture Yearbook and for State publications. Assistance was given to agencies, including aviation, planning State activities. Several hundred copies of records were certified for use in State courts. Work in checking and compiling State data for the revision of Bulletin W, Climate of the United States by Sections, which is to be printed in 1941, was begun. Studies and graphs were made of Baltimore wind directions by velocities for the years of record.

Thirty volumes of "Unusual Maryland Weather" have been assembled from the Monthly Climatological Report and will be bound. "Degree Days" have been worked for all the stations in Maryland.

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE

When, after many years of discussion of the matter, your body made provision in 1939 for the purchase by the State of Morgan College, it sounded a distinct note of progress in the field of higher education for our colored citizens. Such action had been recommended by the very able Commission headed by Mr. John E. Semmes, which had made a study of the proposal, and it is thoroughly to the credit of your able body that this long-discussed purchase finally was consummated.