

The Commission having the matter in charge satisfactorily completed its negotiations with the officials of the institution and now Morgan State College is a part of the higher educational program of the State.

The State paid to the Board of Trustees of Morgan College \$225,000.00 for all the physical property at its present location. Subsequently, the Board of Public Works, according to law, appointed the following as members of the Board of Trustees of the new State institution: Judge Morris A. Soper, Chairman; Judge Benjamin Johnson, Willard W. Allen, Carrington L. Davis, Bliss Forbush, Josiah Henry, Jr., Ivan E. McDougle, Carl J. Murphy and H. Milton Wagner, Jr.

During the current year the college has enrolled 424 students, of whom 194 are male and 230 female. The boarding students number 140, which is the total which can be cared for, and the day students number 284. A dormitory for girls, to accommodate 70 students, is being constructed so that more of these students can be cared for on the campus.

### PENAL INSTITUTIONS

There are three penal institutions in the State at present, the Maryland Penitentiary, the House of Correction for Men, and the House of Correction for Women. By the fall of this year the fourth institution, the Maryland State Penal Farm, will be ready for complete occupancy.

The Women's Prison was completed last year and can care for a maximum of 150 women. Formerly operated as a separate unit of the House of Correction, this new Women's Prison is being operated directly under the Board of Correction. Plans are being made to provide work for the inmates with relation to an industrial project.

The completion of the Penal Farm will mark a forward step in penology in this State. Accommodations will be provided for approximately 900 inmates. This group should be first offenders and the younger element of the prison population, and a proper vocational, academic, moral and religious program should be developed to care for this group, as well as whatever industrial program is possible. Farm activities most likely will need to be increased. The institution has been built by inmates and during the past year an average of 354 men have been engaged on this project. Much money has been saved the State because of this method of construction.

*Maryland House of Correction*—During the past two years, facilities at this institution have been greatly improved. A good start has been made on soil erosion control, and farming has been reorganized in conformity with Federal requirements. The population, during the year, averaged 1,346. Three more State Use Shops were placed in operation for the manufacture of soap, tobacco products and for the repair of automobiles.

During 1940, earnings in the State Use Industries and Road work at this institution totaled \$77,075.00. An average of 100 men have been employed on the roads.

Unemployment at the penal institutions is a constant problem and every effort has been made and will be made in the future to increase the variety of manufactured products which can be used by other State Agencies.

Farming operations can also be extended to advantage, and vegetables and other products raised which can be used by the State institutions.