

be known and treated as one who is sick. Except in speculation, we, of course, cannot go that far; but there is maybe a helpful hint, as to possible facts, in the idea. In many, many instances the offender is far more sick than he is criminal. How to ascertain that, if it is so, what action to take—these are considerations to which a proper Parole system of the future must address itself.

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## POULTRY DAY, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

July 26, 1939

College Park

**I**T was indeed a happy coincidence that the dedication of this splendid new Poultry Building and Plant should come just at the time when the foreign delegates to the World Poultry Congress were in this vicinity, on their way to Cleveland, thus making it possible for us to have them with us here today. Maryland is happy, and fortunate, to welcome such a distinguished group, and to have the benefit of their assistance and interest in the formal ceremonies attendant upon this dedication.

As Chief Executive of Maryland, I take great pleasure in extending to our foreign visitors, and to all who are gathered before me, the greetings of the State at large. The occasion is one of great importance; first to the University, because it will enable it to broaden the scope of its activities in this field, and thus increase its already great value to the poultry interests of the State; and secondly, to the thousands of Marylanders now engaged in one branch or another of the Poultry Industry, who will find their efforts towards advancement given added helps because of the new facilities now available for research.

That the Poultry Industry merits the best assistance the State can supply becomes evident when we consider that for the year of 1938 the value of poultry and poultry products on hand and produced in the State exceeded \$18,000,000, certainly not an inconsiderable sum. An industry of such vast scope must necessarily have its problems:—Problems, many of them, that can be solved only by expert investigation and fact-finding by agencies equipped and staffed for the purpose. Fortunately, here in our State University, under the able direction of Dr. H. Clifton Byrd and his assistants, we have such properly-equipped agencies, not only to tackle the Poultry Industry's problems, but also to delve into the many and important questions that arise continually to harass every field of production in the State.

Because so many of the investigations carried on in such buildings as we are dedicating here today, are of such a nature that they neither require nor invite publicity, a great proportion of our citizenry, I venture to say, have but the slightest conception of the vast amount of valuable work that is being done. Even though the State Budget may carry such an item, as it does for instance, of a \$5,000 appropriation per year for the fight against poultry disease, few residents of the State, except those actually engaged in raising poultry or handling poultry products, stop to realize how tremendously necessary such fact-finding agencies as these are in the life of today.