

State to see inside our mental institutions. I think they would gain a broader understanding of what we are trying to do. Secondly, this attractive canteen, decorated and equipped to resemble the restaurants scattered along our highways, will help the convalescent patient to reorient himself to the life outside into which he is to go as a result of the treatment he received at this hospital.

As I survey this scene, I see more than just a building of bricks and mortar and steel. I see in it, rather a symbol of the charity, the kind-heartedness, the brotherly love that fill the souls of good men and women everywhere. This canteen, as we know, bears the stamp of uniqueness. Now a State building, it was erected and equipped with no State funds. It is staffed and serviced without money from the State treasury. Instead, it was built from funds left to the hospital by persons who wished to express their appreciation for the care rendered a beloved relative or friend, from monies left to commemorate the distinguished deeds of Auxiliary members or from funds earned by the Woman's Auxiliary through benefit parties or other of its numerous activities. In no other State hospital in Maryland can such a project be found, I am told.

You will forgive me, I am sure, if I seem extravagant of praise, but here, indeed, is a remarkable situation. It appears extraordinary especially to those of us who find ourselves engaged in the task of providing the public services the people demand and collecting from the people the money to pay for them. Human nature being what it is, the demands of the people of the State invariably exceed their willingness to pay, with the result that we who are charged with the responsibility of balancing the two are compelled, often to our personal and political discomfiture, either to deny their wants or make them dig deeper into their pockets than they would like to.

Here in Springfield we find citizens not asking of, but giving to, the State. Here we find men and women concerned about the problems of mental health and taking upon themselves the responsibility of doing something about it. In a democracy such as we have, this is a most encouraging sign. It represents a will of the people to do for themselves and not just to stand by and wait for gratuities, from the State or elsewhere. I was touched deeply, as I know you were, by that statement in the will of George Glendenning, the great Marylander who, in bequeathing \$32,000 to this hospital—money used to erect this building—said:

“This bequest is made because of the splendid care they gave my father when I was unable to help him.”