

This is an institution of minimum security, to which can be assigned those offenders whose conduct in prisons of greater security has earned them the privilege of completing their sentence on the farm. The institution is being built with inmate labor—with a saving to the taxpayers of the State. Since the beginning of construction in 1931 it has been the practice to maintain the inmates from funds appropriated for construction, on the theory that similar costs of maintenance of workers would have been included in the price had construction been done by non-prison labor. This principle, I believe to be reasonably sound and I am recommending its continuance, but only until construction has been completed. After that time, a maintenance budget should, of course, be provided in the usual manner.

TRAINING SCHOOLS

Maryland Training School for Boys

Allowance from the General Construction Loan of \$30,000.00 is recommended for this institution for additions to and equipment of buildings.

Maintenance:

1940 Budget Appropriation.....	\$139,625
1939 Budget Appropriation.....	132,520
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Increase 1940 over 1939.....	\$ 7,105

This increase provides for the employment of an assistant field supervisor, and for small necessary increases in expense items, which are essential properly to maintain the institution.

Cheltenham School for Boys

This institution has only recently been acquired by the State. It was formerly operated under private auspices. It is the only institution of the State for the care and training of delinquent colored boys. The present population is 420. Certain improvements and additions to the plant are urgently needed, and I am recommending from the General Construction Loan the following allowances, and for the purposes indicated:

For addition to power-house and equipment, \$40,000.00; for laundry building and equipment, \$20,000.00; for new gymnasium building and equipment, \$25,000.00—aggregating \$85,000.00.

In maintenance, I have reduced the 1940 and 1941 appropriations by (\$10,227) and \$15,577, when compared with the present fiscal year.

Montrose School for Girls

This institution, located near Woodensburg, Baltimore County, cares for 110 delinquent white girls. A vocational building, with appropriate equipment, is urgently needed to extend and improve the training facilities of the institution. This, of course, is the objective of the State in maintaining training schools for those who have come into comparatively minor conflicts with the law. Experience has amply demonstrated the validity of this principle. I am, accordingly, recommending an allowance of \$63,000 from the General Construction Loan for the construction and equipment of a vocational building, and for the purchase of other necessary equipment.