

During the past year the number of inmates exceeded the number of cells in the main prison, and after due consideration it was decided to use the entire annex as an open dormitory for men, and one hundred men have been thus accommodated.

Mention should be made of many improvements which have been made about the Institution, such as the remodeling of the Hospital, by the putting in of hard wood floors, larger windows, and a better ventilating system, also an up-to-date operating room, thereby making it possible to give the sick or injured the best of care.

Outside the walls many changes have been made, with some additions which have added much to the value of the State Property. A greenhouse one hundred feet long has been built at a small cost to the State under the care of a competent florist and gardner. This has proven an asset. Also an additional root cellar has been constructed to care for the large quantity of winter vegetables raised. The horse barn at the west of the Prison has been remodeled and made into a garage and storehouse. The old hen house near the barn has been torn down and much of the lumber taken to the Farm for building new poultry houses. The old sheds and ice house at the east of the Prison have been removed and a new ice house erected near the garage.

New concrete walks and curbing have been laid the entire front of the State Property, with all necessary cross walks. This, with the putting in of a new lawn, has added greatly to the appearance of the grounds. The work was all done by the inmates under the supervision of a competent cement worker.

Our garden has been enlarged, and twenty acres of ground has been cultivated for the raising of vegetables for the Institution.

At the State Farm much work has been done toward improving the property. New sheds have been built around the horse barn for the storage of farm machinery and tools. Care is being taken to improve the herd of cows and young stock, and at this time we have thirty head of pure bred Holsteins, and it is our purpose to continue to improve the herd until all are pure bred and registered. Equal care is being given the swine, and we now have a number of O. I. C. and Berkshire pure bred animals which are being reared for breeding purposes.

It is expected that the Electric line to the Farm may be completed this year which will eliminate the danger from fire in and about the barns, and will also furnish power when needed.