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## S A L I E N T F A C T S

### N. J. STATE HOME FOR BOYS

1. The Home was opened by proclamation of Governor Marcus L. Ward on June 28th, 1867 as the New Jersey State Reform School.
2. The name was changed to the New Jersey State Home for Boys by legislative enactment.
3. The original property consisted of 490 acres. This has since been increased to 725 acres.
4. The farm maintains a herd of 75 Holstein cattle.
5. About 500 acres of farm land are under cultivation, producing last year \$52,000 worth of food and farm products.
6. In addition to preparing and serving close to 2,000 meals daily, the Food Department last year preserved about 7,000 gallons of fruits and vegetables.
7. Delinquent boys, between 8 and 16 years of age, are committed to SHB by judges on indeterminate sentences because of stealing, truancy, incorrigibility, etc.
8. Many boys have lost one or both parents, or their parents are inharmonious, or separated, or in poor economical condition.
9. New boys are placed in Reception Cottage for about four weeks, during which time they are examined by the psychologists, the educational director, the disciplinarian, the dentist, and the doctor makes psychiatric examinations, gives a physical examination, and administers immunization treatment.
10. The above mentioned specialists and the Superintendent, with the information they have obtained, together with the parole officer's investigation of the boy's home, and in the presence of the boy, determine what work the boy is to do, what cottage he is to live in, and to what grade in the school he is to be assigned.
11. The Parole Board, made up of the specials mentioned above, together with representatives of the Central Parole Bureau, meet once a month and pass upon the fitness of boys for parole. The parole officers supervise the boys while on parole.

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12. The time a boy stays in SHB, before parole, depends upon his work and conduct as judged by his officers, and whether he has a suitable home to go to.
13. A boy may be recalled at any time by the committing judge.
14. Average total stay of a boy in SHB is 15½ months. SHB is responsible for boys on parole, through parole officers, until they become 21 years of age.
15. Average number of on roll 506 – 303 white, 203 colored.
16. Average age of boys, 14½ years – range 8 to 18½ years.
17. Average mental age, about 11 years – range 5 to 16 years.
18. Each cottage houses from 30 to 45 boys, and is presided over by a cottage father, a cottage mother, and assistant cottage father, and a night watchman.
19. Approximate average ages of boys in cottages: Cottages 7 and 11, 12 years; Cottages 8, 9 and 10, 13 years; Cottages 2, 12, Hamlet and Reception, 14½ years; Cottages 1, 2 and 4, 15½ years.
20. Boys go to school a half day and work a half day. Some boys work all day. School has all grades, from the 1st to the 10th.
21. The boys work in the following vocations: Farming, dairying, creamery, gardening, poultry, plumbing, auto-mechanics, wood-working, printing, shoemaking, tailoring, sheetmetal, manual training, painting, papering, electric work, boiler firing, masonry, plastering, carpentering, laundering, baking, canning, cooking, sewing, darning, waiting tables, making beds, etc., etc.
22. Boys rise, 6.00; breakfast, 6.35; to work, 7.20; to school 8.20; dinner, 11.55; to work and school 12.50; recall, 4.25; supper 5.00; go to bed 7.30.
23. At any one time in SHB, 3/4 of the boys are Scouts – Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Sea Scouts. Scouting in institutions started at SHB by Superintendent Derrick in 1921.
24. The SHB Hospital staff consists of a resident full-time physician, a dentist, a technician, and 5 resident nurses.

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25. The 23 teachers in school teach all academic subjects from the 1st to the 10th grade, and also auto-mechanics, advanced woodworking, printing, Scouting, physical training, tailoring, shoemaking, mechanical drawing, typing, mimeographing, orchestra, band, weaving, hooked rug making, applied art, manual training, sheet metal, clay modeling. The school also directs the work done in all maintenance shops.
26. Very few Protestant parents of our boys attend church or Sunday School effectively. Most parents know little about the Bible, and have taught their children less than they know. Consequently, very few boys can tell any of the great stories of the Bible or what the Bible is all about.
27. Not more than one or two SHB boys in over a hundred ever belonged to a YM, or a Scout troop before coming to SHB.
28. About 205 white boys and 11 colored boys are Catholic; 184 colored boys are Protestant; 104 white boys are Protestant; and 2 are Hebrew.
29. The colored Chaplain conducts services every Friday evening in the Chapel for colored boys.
30. The Catholic Chaplain hears confessions every Saturday in the cottages, celebrates Mass every Sunday morning and conducts Sunday School every Sunday afternoon in the Chapel.
31. During the college year, students of Princeton University teach the 15 Protestant Sunday School classes at 9.30, and obtain speakers for the 2.30 Chapel services.
32. For bad behavior, boys lose their SHB citizenship, and are sent to Segregation Cottage, placed under close supervision, and assigned to hard work all day.
33. The Hamlet is a little institution in a beautiful woodland where twenty emotionally disturbed boys live.

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