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The medium security facility at Leesburg (now Bayside) State Prison was opened for occupancy in 1970, its cornerstone having been laid in 1969. The facility's design by Kelly and Gruzen, Architects, won them the 1962 *Progressive Architecture* Tenth Annual Design Award for best public-use structure not yet built. The architects envisioned the facility as eliminating, as much as possible, an oppressive sense of confinement. It was hoped that, through a pattern of interlocking courtyards formed by separate inmate housing units, the facility would achieve "a secluded and orderly group of spaces similar in character to a monastery."

This volume was part of the personal effects of Dr. Lloyd W. McCorkle (1913-1984), Commissioner of the Department of Institutions and Agencies from 1963 to 1971. It contains seventeen interior and exterior views of the medium security facility at Leesburg--apparently taken about the time the facility was first put into use. Included at the beginning of the volume are a photograph of the general layout of the facility, and a copy of the January 1963 *Progressive Architecture* award article.

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