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Willowbrook Aide Named

State Facility Gets
2nd Assistant Director;
3 on Staff Promoted

Dr. Martin Lazar, former supervising psychiatrist at St. Lawrence (N. Y.) State Hospital, has been named assistant director of the Willowbrook State School, Dr. Harold Berman, the school's director, announced today.

Dr. Berman also announced the promotion of three physicians at the school and three new psychiatric appointments. All promotions and appointments were made by the Department of Mental Hygiene.

Dr. Lazar becomes the second assistant director at Willowbrook. Dr. Frank Glasser serves in the same capacity.

Dr. Lazar, a graduate of the University of Glasgow, interned in England. He was first appointed to St. Lawrence State Hospital in 1937 as assistant physician.

Dr. Herbert Schein, who has served as senior psychiatrist at Willowbrook, has been promoted to supervising psychiatrist.

Two resident psychiatrists promoted to senior psychiatrist are Dr. Joseph Spielman and Dr. Mark Eisenstadt. Newly appointed to the same post is Dr. Ernest Valentine, a former rotating resident physician at Richmond Memorial Hospital.

Appointed as resident psychiatrists are Dr. Ossy Noe and Dr. Bernard Tesse.

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Three Events Interest Borough Residents

The Spanish Festival sponsored by the Benevolent Society for Retarded Children, Inc. It was held on the lawn of the Willowbrook State School in Staten Island. The lawn was colorful with gay pennants strewn from tree to tree. A troupe of Spanish and Latin-American entertainers performed. These performers were invited to the festival by the president, Irving Lesnick. Three of the Willowbrook children entertained with a "mock" bull fight which proved exciting as well as funny. Then a buffet supper was served for the youngsters, who enjoyed the novelty of outdoor dining. After the supper the children themselves entertained. Dressed in costumes, they sang and danced. About 375 youngsters participated in the event. From the smiles on the face of the director, Dr. Harold Berman, we know that he enjoyed it as much as the children.

The party was arranged by (Arthur) Siano, recreational director, and his assistant, Miss Sarah Bertschi. They were assisted by a committee including Mrs. Florence Redler, Mrs. Bertie Gordon, Mrs. Pearl Miaskoff, Mrs. Mary Boyle, Mrs. Anne Goldfish, Mrs. Minna Kauchner and Mrs. Ray Friedenberg.

At the present time the organization is working hard for the first annual luncheon to be held at the Astor Hotel, Manhattan, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18. Proceeds of the event will go to medical research, rehabilitation and a therapy program for the children of the school.

AN UNUSUAL EVENT held last week was