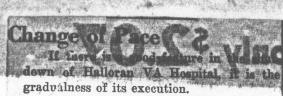
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Jampaigns to retain Halloran prevented sorry treatment of veterans and a heavy, blow at the borough's economy.

Time was gained for more suitable arrangements for the transfer of ailing patients. Time was gained so that the hospital's annual payroll of nearly \$7,000,000 was not lost immediately. The growing Willowbrook State School had a chance to take up the slack.

This doesn't mean that the loss of Halloran won't be felt.

Just what the consequences will be for borough veterans can't be determined fully at this time. It does seem that provision for their medical care will have to be arranged by other means.

The employment aspect also needs study. VA technical and medical personnel will go to other institutions, meaning that the borough will lose some of its newer residents. For others, greater adjustments are at hand, either looking for other employment or catching on at Willowbrook.

The shutdown of Halloran is almost the equivalent of a large borough industry moving out, but the situation has a greater "human" element. At least the Willowbrook State School will expand almost as quickly as Halloran VA Hospital closes down.