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# Mass Meeting Called To Gain Volunteers

With a need for thousands of volunteers, especially in civil defense and hospitals, a call will be sounded tomorrow night for Staten Islanders, who have time to spare, from two hours and up each week.

The occasion will be a meeting at 8 o'clock in the Jewish Community Center, Tompkinsville, under the auspices of the Community Welfare Council. The session is open to any of the hundreds of men and women now doing volunteer work, plus others interested in thus devoting leisure time.

In extending the invitation to attend, Mrs. Julius Fichtmueller Jr., chairman of the council's committee on volunteers, commented, "Several thousand additional volunteers are needed by the borough office of the civilian defense organization to supply personnel for all units — police, fire, public works, medical, public health, welfare, evacuation, transportation and communication at report and control centers.

### 8,000 Medical Volunteers

"The most pressing immediate need is for a minimum of 8,000 volunteers for the medical emergency service.

"Aside from civil defense, the largest potential users of volunteers are large institutions on the Island—Farm Colony, Willowbrook State Hospital and Sea View Hospital. Farm Colony could absorb probably hundreds of volunteers to work as recreational aides with small groups in the wards and as friendly visitors, especially for old people who have no friends or relatives."

Recreational and occupational therapy volunteers are needed in the other large institutions.

Some types of work, requiring no or little training, for volunteers include committee member, child care or case work aide, fund campaign solicitor, hospital aide, librarian, arts and crafts instructor, motor corps aide, group leader, clerical worker, typist, file clerk, seamstress, receptionist—according to Mrs. Fichtmueller.

### Panel Scheduled

At tomorrow's meeting, the main talk will be given by Dan Harper, editor of The Advance. Then a pan-

el representing various types of community groups will discuss the program, with Vernon Stutzman, Staten Island Hospital administrator, as moderator.

Panelists will be Mrs. Robert E. Carew, representing civil defense; Mrs. Malcolm B. Carroll, representing Red Cross, in place of Samuel A. Turvey, originally scheduled to speak; Mrs. William Y. Daly, representing health and welfare agencies; and Isador Aberlin, representing group work and recreation.

Refreshments will be served by members of Staten Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women, and during this period various Island agencies will have representatives present to discuss problems of their particular groups.

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## Girl Scouts Mend Garments at School

A trip to mend garments at the Willowbrook State School was made Saturday by members of Girl Scout Troop 5-16 of Bethel Methodist Church, Tottenville.

Following the hospital visit, members toured the Staten Island Zoo under the leadership of Dr. Patricia O'Connor. The girls were accompanied by members of the church's Senior Scout Troop and Mrs. Thelma Halvorsen, leader, and Mrs. Ethel Schleuss, assistant leader.

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## Volunteer Work Told

Work done by the Girl Scouts in rolling bandages and sewing was told at a meeting of the Volunteers of Willowbrook State School in Building 32 yesterday afternoon by Mrs. George Zahn, president. By helping the school the Scouts also receive credits toward their badges.

Building 32 has been designated to be used by the volunteers as their headquarters and workroom.

Mrs. Ralph Siebert, treasurer, read the annual financial report.

The Auxiliary of the Willowbrook State School meets every Monday from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. to sew for the school.

The volunteers go to the school at least one day a week to work with the children. More volunteers are needed, it was announced. Mrs. Zahn of 81 Sturges street, Castleton Corners, is in charge.

The meetings of the volunteers were changed to the first Monday of each month. Mrs. Zahn presided.