

**Mental Health Conference
Set at Willowbrook School**

Nurses and physicians from five schools of the state Department of Mental Hygiene will gather with members of the Willowbrook State School next Monday for the first of two sessions of a work conference slated for May at the Willowbrook school.

The conference will begin Monday and run through May 8. It will be repeated May 19 through 23. It will be directed by Miss Lillian V. Salsman, director of nursing service for the state department.

Facilities to be represented are Letchworth Village, Newark, Rome, Syracuse and Wassaic State Schools, all in New York State.

**Open House
Planned at
State School**

Willowbrook State School will hold open house Monday afternoon in joint observance of Mental Health Week and National Hospital Day, it was announced by Dr. Harold H. Berman, director.

Tours of the school to show the program in action will be conducted at 1 and 2 P.M., starting from Building 2. Features will include displays of material used to examine patients, work done by children and patients in occupational therapy, reading and science materials, recordings of speech corrective classes, a musical play, a concert by the recently organized band and a patients' softball game

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**Willowbrook School Patients
To Present Musical Play**

Weeks of preparations at Willowbrook State School will be climaxed Sunday at 8:30 P. M. when the curtain goes up on a four-act musical play, "Holiday Mood," to be presented by the school's patients.

Parents of the children and residents of Staten Island are being invited to attend the event, which will be presented in the school's auditorium. A showing for patients and employes of the school was scheduled this afternoon.

The play, one of the most ambitious projects of its kind ever undertaken in a facility of the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene, is the result of careful planning, intensive rehearsals and utilization of a variety of talents among the patients.

Songs, Dances Billed

The first act depicts the spring season, and features three scenes, "Park Shenanigans," "Irish Jig," and "Easter Parade." The theme of the second act is based on the various military patriotic holidays, and

features service songs and a drill team of 16 patients in uniform.

The fall season is heralded in the third act. It shows a schoolroom with a music class in session and includes singing, individual dance acts and jitterbugging.

The fourth act revolves around a winter scene. It features a Mexican dance done on roller skates, comedy skating and individual skating routines. Carolers appear for a Nativity scene. The finale features group singing of "God Bless America."

The production is under the supervision of the recreation department of the school, and is a result of the work of John J. Siano, recreation instructor, and Santo J. Lagano and the Misses Elsie P. Olivieri and Phyllis R. Lipkin, assistant recreation instructors.

**100 Tour State School
During Open House Program**

More than 100 persons toured Willowbrook State School yesterday in joint observance of Mental Health Week and National Hospital Day, school officials said today.

Features of the open house program were displays of material used to examine patients, work done by children and patients in occupational therapy, reading and science materials and other phases of the school program.

A concert was presented in the school's auditorium by the recently-organized band, and a musical play, featuring children and patients, was seen on the stage.

The visitors were greeted by Miss Florence Goodfield, chief supervising nurse, who was in charge of the program. Dr. Harold H. Berman is director of the school.