

State School Aide Calls for Understanding

Much hardship is brought on parents of mentally retarded children by the lack of understanding among average citizens, Miss Elizabeth Smith, senior social worker at Willowbrook State School, told Staten Island's Rotarians yesterday.

She said the public should be more aware that the condition may strike "among the rich as well as the poor," and that "It shows no respect to race, color or creed."

Miss Smith said the birth of a mentally retarded child can have the effect of destroying family solidarity. In all cases, she said, it is a "blow to family life."

Every citizen, she said, has "a stake" in state schools for the mentally retarded, since they are tax-supported and "meet a vital need in the community as a whole."

The speaker was introduced by James J. Mallen, chairman of Rotary's program committee. Borough President Baker was a guest at the meeting. Godfrey H. Carstens, Rotary president, presided at the session in the Meurot Club.

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Twenty-five psychologists taking advanced clinical studies at NYU toured Willowbrook State School the other day. Dr. William K. (Dongan Hills) Lyle, course instructor, said the group was most interested in, and conversed with, the school's handling of its patients.

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Carnival Day Set at School

Carnival Day will be celebrated tomorrow at Willowbrook State School in honor of Jerry Vogel, a Manhattan music publisher.

Several years ago, Mr. Vogel began providing candy for the patients in Manhattan State Hospital. Gradually, he took it upon himself to supply all mental hospitals in the metropolitan area with candy. Recently, due to the expansion of his hobby to include institutions throughout the country, it was incorporated under the name of the Jerry Vogel Foundation, Inc.

Each month candy arrives at Willowbrook State School for all the children. In order to acknowledge the kindness of Mr. Vogel, Jerry Vogel Carnival Day has become an annual event.

This year, for the first time, Mr. Vogel will attend the carnival and bring with him Jerry Bergen, comedian, and Karl Weiss' five-piece Dutch Band.

Pony rides, a ferris wheel, the



Comedian Jerry Bergen flouts his medals and flashes a laugh-provoking smile as he entertains patients at Willowbrook State School during annual Jerry Vogel Carnival Day.

whip, hayrides and refreshments will be provided for the children.

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