

# Choir Visits State School

The Youth Choir of New Dorp Moravian Church yesterday presented a sacred concert for residents of the Willowbrook State School as part of the institution's Palm Sunday Protestant chapel service.

Miss Grace Lissenden, organist and choir director of the New Dorp church, accompanied and directed the group. The Rev. Dr. Allen W. Schattschneider, pastor of the Moravian congregation, officiated at the service.

The choir sang "Blow Golden Trumpets," with a trumpet solo by David Schattschneider; "The traditional Palms" (Faure); the traditional Moravian "Hosanna Chorus" (Gregor) with Dr. Schattschneider as soloist; "Jerusalem" (Parker) and "The Heavens Are Telling" (Haydn) with Miss Pamela Parker and Miss Patricia Berra singing the duet.

Dr. Schattschneider told the 211 worshippers the story of the first Palm Sunday, using appropriate Gospel texts.

The Youth Choir, following the Willowbrook service, returned to the parish house for box suppers and then took part in the congregation's opening Passion Week service in the church.

# Willowbrook Expansion Plans Due

School Officials to Pass On \$5,000,000 Program; Census to Top 4,500

A \$5,757,000 expansion program at Willowbrook State School will move a step nearer reality next week when final plans for six new buildings, and additions and alterations to others, will be forwarded from Albany to the school's officials for approval.

Dr. Harold Berman, director of the school, confirmed today that a \$750,000 appropriation included in the supplemental budget bill signed early this week by Governor Dewey, will go toward construction of an extension to the school's present laundry. Another \$27,000, also included in the extra budget, will be spent on new electric feeder lines to meet boosted power requirements at the school.

Plans for six modern infirmiry-type buildings have been in the making since \$5,000,000 was appropriated to the state Department of Mental Hygiene in March, 1952.

Dr. Berman said that, after two years of conferences and study by mental hygiene officials and state architects and engineers, final plans for the buildings are nearly ready and may be in the hands of the school's officials early next week.

### To Add 1,000 Patients

The school director was unable to say how long it will be after final approval is given until construction begins. He said the only work done so far toward bringing the buildings into reality has been a series of test borings by state engineers on various spots on the huge Willowbrook tract.

Expansion of the institution will bring "mounting school needs," Dr. Berman said, and will overtax present laundry facilities, already hard-pressed by a school census of 3,500.

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nearly 3,500. The new buildings and extensions will boost the census to between 4,000 and 5,000, he said.

The present laundry was built to handle 56,000 pounds a week but is servicing more than twice that amount.

The \$740,000 addition, together with alterations to make the laundry a two-floor operation, will boost the capacity to more than 130,000 pounds a week, Dr. Berman said. New washing equipment and other machinery will be installed in the addition when it is built, he said.

Construction of the new buildings will bring to 34 the number of permanent structures in use by the school. The new infirmiry-type buildings will be H-shaped.

Dr. Berman said only one of the six new buildings will be a duplication of the present ward-infirmiry buildings. The decision to include a structure styled on the older building was based on a hope to speed construction.

The demand for space in state schools such as Willowbrook has mounted steadily in recent years.

Most admissions have been based on hardship cases, but the expansion, school officials say, will make admissions easier.

# Fish Rescue Task



The hands of Fred Koop, a Park Department employe, are covered with a thick coat of oil as he helps skim the fluid from the surface of Willowbrook Pond. A power house leak in Willowbrook State School is given as the cause.

# Oil Flows into Pond From State School

"Operation Fish Rescue" was the big job yesterday in Willowbrook Park.

Heavy fuel oil which leaked from the power house at Willowbrook State School flowed into a storm sewer and from there, via a brook, to the pond in the park.

The oil floated to the top of the water and rimmed the outlet end of the lake for a distance several feet from shore.

Fearing a shift in wind might spread the oil over the surface of the lake and kill the fish living there, Park Department employes rigged timber sweeps to skim the oil from the water.

### Discovered by Polevoy

The oil was discovered by Sergius (Guin) Polevoy, State game protector, as he was patrolling the area.

The viscous fluid had come from the school when a device used to heat the oil before it is burned leaked Friday night. The leak was stopped in short order but the warmed oil coagulated when it met the cold water in the sewer and apparently seeped slowly into the pond.

Hospital authorities were careful to point out that the sewage from the hospital buildings flows

in a different system and that the system which drained off the oil ordinarily carries only rain water.

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(Advance Albany Bureau)  
ALBANY — C. Ernest Smith of Emerson Hill, Staten Island was nominated by Governor Dewey today for reappointment as a member of the board of visitors of Willowbrook State School. The reappointment is for the full seven-year term. Early confirmation is expected by the Senate.