

Bids to Be Opened Jan. 6 for \$800,000 Willowbrook Dormitory

Plan Changes Delay Start of School Work

Construction of a new \$800,000 dormitory at Willowbrook State School won't begin until late January or early February, it was announced today by Cornelius J. White, state architect.

While a Pleasant Plains resident said bids for the new building would be opened in a few weeks later than originally anticipated, they were advertised yesterday.

White said the delay was due to a last-minute revision in plans and to the necessity of making sure money was available. The new design was completed in a half year ago, but that doesn't mean they are always at hand, White said.

Speedy Action Promised
The architect, an official of the State Public Works Department, promised speedy action on contracts once the bids are opened. He said Feb. 1 was a likely target date for groundbreaking.

Earlier, it had been hoped to begin construction by the end of December.
The new dormitory is the first of six to be erected soon at Willowbrook in a \$3,750,000 expansion program. The first structure will be patterned on present dormitories; the five to be built later will be of a new design.

In announcing the bid opening, White greeted State Senator-Peter Edward V. Curry for the Pleasant Plains district. He said the Public Works Department will be pleased to permit an early start at the first dorm. Curry traveled to Albany Nov. 10 to press for action at the request of Island building trade unionists.