



**NEW SCHOOL**—Borough President Maniscalco, second from right, cuts ribbon at ceremonies opening a new nursery and kindergarten school for children of retarded development in the New Dorp Moravian Church building. Others, left to right are Mrs. Carl Meiners, president of Staten Island Aid for Retarded Children; Dr. Harold Berman, director of Willowbrook State School, and Miss Gladys Ruth Bell, teacher.

## School for Retarded Children To Open Monday; 24 Enrolled

The new nursery and kindergarten school in the New Dorp Moravian Church building, which was dedicated yesterday to children of retarded mental development, will be opened next Monday for 24 pupils.

Mrs. Carl Meiners, president of the Staten Island Aid for Retarded Children, announced the date after the exercises which featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Borough President Maniscalco and talks by Supreme Court Justice Edward G. Baker and Dr. Harold Berman, director of Willowbrook State School. Dr. Berman will be staff psychiatrist.

Miss Gladys R. Bell is the teacher-director; William K. Lyles, psychologist, and Dr. Jean Francisco, pediatrician. The teachers will be Mrs. David M. Delo, Miss Hilda Applebaum and Miss Gertrude Anger.

Mrs. Meiners explained that the nursery and kindergarten school, under the supervision of a qualified teacher-director cooperating with a team of advisers, will offer an individualized educational program.

The classes, planned in two sessions each day for two different groups, will be from 9 to 11:30 A.M. and from 12:30 to 3 P.M. The project is the result of many months of endeavor and research by the Staten Island Aid for Retarded Children, which realized the need of such facilities, according to Mrs. Meiners.