

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1955

Construction to Start Next Week On New State School Building

Heavy construction equipment is scheduled to be moved onto the northeast portion of the Willowbrook State School tract by early next week for a start in the opening phase of the school's projected \$7,000,000 construction and expansion program, it was made known today.

Dr. Harold H. Berman, director at Willowbrook, said an immediate start in construction of the first of six buildings there was an outgrowth of a conference between state officials and contractors at the school early this week.

Berman said state engineers and architects, who met with representatives of the Maran Construction Company, Manhattan, reviewed construction specifications and studied the site of the first building, to be situated opposite Building 13 in the northeast sector.

The \$800,000 building, an infirmary-dormitory structure, will be patterned after similar H-shaped buildings now situated at Willowbrook, but will incorporate specification changes and recommendations made by Department of Mental Hygiene officials and architects in talks over more than three years.

HOWEVER, much of the time spent in conferences and studies has been devoted to the incorporation of specifications into plans for the remaining five buildings to be constructed there.

Berman said these buildings will be the most modern and well-equipped in existence. They will be among the first buildings expressly constructed to suit the needs of small children and infants, and in keeping with mental hygiene recommendations.

The \$7,000,000 program, to be financed by the state through approved appropriations to the Department of Mental Hygiene, was undertaken to meet the growing need for greatly enlarged facilities for the mentally retarded.

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Purim Parties Set By Jewish Council

Staten Island Section, National Council of Jewish Women, will hold a Purim party tomorrow at Willowbrook State School and another Monday at the Farm Colony. Both will begin at 2 P.M.

Co-chairmen of the Willowbrook party are Mrs. Abraham Gluckman and Mrs. Milton Klaw. Assisting are Mrs. Reuben Gelman, Mrs. Benjamin Goldfarb, Mrs. David Robinson, Mrs. Joseph Werb and Mrs. Irving Wohl.

Gifts and fruit will be given to Farm Colony residents by a committee headed by Mrs. Bella Weinman. Others on the committee are Mrs. Joseph Dunn, Mrs. Nathan Berman, Mrs. Jack Rubin and Mrs. Joseph Siegel. Rabbi I. Edward Kiev, chaplain at the institution, will assist.