

State School Notes

April 5, 1956

1st Founders Day

Staten Island Advance

Pins for 25 years' service with state agencies were presented yesterday by Dr. Harold H. Berman, director, to highlight Founders Day, observed for the first time at Willowbrook State School, which was opened April 1, 1947.

Honored were Dr. Frank B. Glasser, Mrs. Florence Goodfield, R. N., William B. Killen, Carl Weismann, Arthur Nielson, Michael Nolan and Mrs. Helen Pierce.

Frank Packard and Joseph Poepfel were given awards and checks by the Merit Award Board of New York State for the invention of a can opener which has proven a money saver.

Certificates of achievements awarded by the New York State Department of Civil Service for successful completion of a course

in fundamentals of supervision went to the following:

Miss Margaret Barton, Mrs. Edna B. Clark, John Hagan, Mrs. Frances Laub, John LeFevre, Mrs. Hannah Little, Mrs. Florence McKee, Mrs. Florence E. Mitchell, James O'Connor, Mrs. Louise Paxamadis, Mrs. Mary Ryan, Miss Maria Salvatore, Mrs. Dorothy Smarsh, Mrs. Alice Spices, Mrs. Alyce Teichmann and Mrs. Stephanie Winton.

MORRIS PIERCE and Dominic Setaro were awarded instructor's certificates by the Civil Service Department.

After the presentation refreshments were served and dancing was provided for employes and their families. The school band played for the dancing.

Dr. Berman said that plans are under way to observe the event each year.

The committee on arrangements included Dr. Martin Lazar, L. W. Hale, Fred Carroll, Vincent Lombardi, Mrs. Lulu Larsen and Mrs. James Hennessey.

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Joseph DeGrandis, president of the Employes Union at Willowbrook State School, spoke of the growth of the union since its formation two years ago at its dinner last night in the Plaza Casino, West Brighton.

"In this union we are interested in improving Willowbrook State School for the benefit and betterment of its patients," he said.

Among the Island political leaders who spoke, pledging their support to the efforts of the union movement, were John Marchi, Republican designee for the State Senate, and James W. Nugent and Edward D. Caiazzo, Democratic designees for State Assembly.

The union made a donation of \$125 to the March of Dimes, which was accepted by Miss Catherine Petrocelli, an Island division chairman.

Elaine Roberts sang the National Anthem, accompanied by Vince Catanese and his orchestra, which also played for dancing. The Rev. Edward Banks, chaplain at Willowbrook, gave the invocation and pronounced benediction. J. Joyce Klinger was toastmaster and James Kane was master of ceremonies.

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Union to Hear Party Chiefs

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 Staten Island political leaders will speak at a dinner of the Employes Union of Willowbrook State School tonight in the Plaza Casino, West Brighton.

Addressing the group will be County Republican Chairman Eugene A. Burke, County Democratic Chairman Jeremiah A. Sullivan, County Liberal Party Chairman Timothy Costello, State Senator Edward V. Curry, Assemblymen Edward J. Amann Jr. and Lucio Russo, Paul Lafayette, president of the Retail Clerks District Council of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey, and Joseph DeGrandis, president of the union, Local 413.

J. Joyce Klinger, Staten Island chairman of the March of Dimes, will be toastmaster and receive a donation to the fund from the employes. He will be introduced by Eugene Perry, chairman of the dinner committee.

The Rev. Edward Banks, Catholic chaplain at Willowbrook, will give the invocation and pronounce benediction. Elaine Roberts, vocalist, will sing the National Anthem. John O'Brien will be master of ceremonies for the entertainment program.

Rotary Gives Party At State School

The Staten Island Rotary Club staged a party for patients at Willowbrook State School Saturday afternoon. Featuring the festivities were two motion picture films on baseball and wildlife.

The party, part of the club's

community welfare service program, was under the direction of William C. Urbach.

He was assisted by Manuel Johnson, Charles E. Gylan, Joseph C. Gioia, James Matruillo, Arleigh B. Williamson and officials at the school.

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