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6-Ply Groundbreaking to Start \$7 Million State School Building

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Simultaneous groundbreaking for six buildings tomorrow at Willowbrook State School will mark the start of a program that has been five years in the making. The work will bring into existence what officials of the State Department of Mental Hygiene

say will be five of the most modern infirmaries for the mentally ill in planning the project. He said the buildings will be erected in the northeastern section of the Willowbrook property, and would increase the capacity of the facility by 700, to bring its total enrollment well over 5,000.

Start of the long-awaited project, to be built to meet the mounting needs of mentally retarded children and adults, was announced by Dr. Harold H. Berman, Willowbrook's director.

The five new infirmaries — which follow a recently completed \$800,000 infirmary, modified after existing buildings of this type at Willowbrook — will incorporate "the most modern features in existence" for the handling of mentally

retarded patients, officials say. Mental Hygiene officials as well as State architects, together with Dr. Berman and his staff, developed planning for the new infirmaries over a five-year period. It took \$122,000 to put the buildings into blueprint, officials say.

The general contract has been awarded to H. R. H. Construction Corporation, Manhattan, at a cost of \$1,782,000. Six other contracts for heating, sanitation, electrical power, recording, food refrigeration and food

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McKee Trade School Opens Power Course

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