

These, Too, Are Our Children...

Willowbrook State School, location of a famous Army hospital in World War II and subsequently a Veterans Administration institution, is home to almost 5,000 mentally retarded "ever children."

Some are only a few weeks old. Others are adults. But no matter how long they live, mentally they will ever remain at the dawn of life.

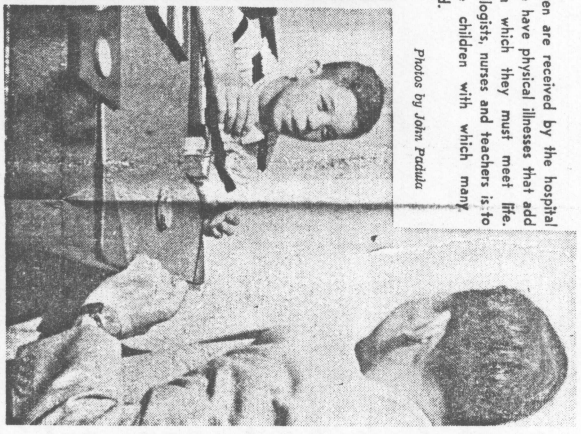
It's the task of Dr. Harold H. Berman, noted psychiatrist who is director of the state institution, and

his staff, to bring as much direction as possible to the lives of their patients.

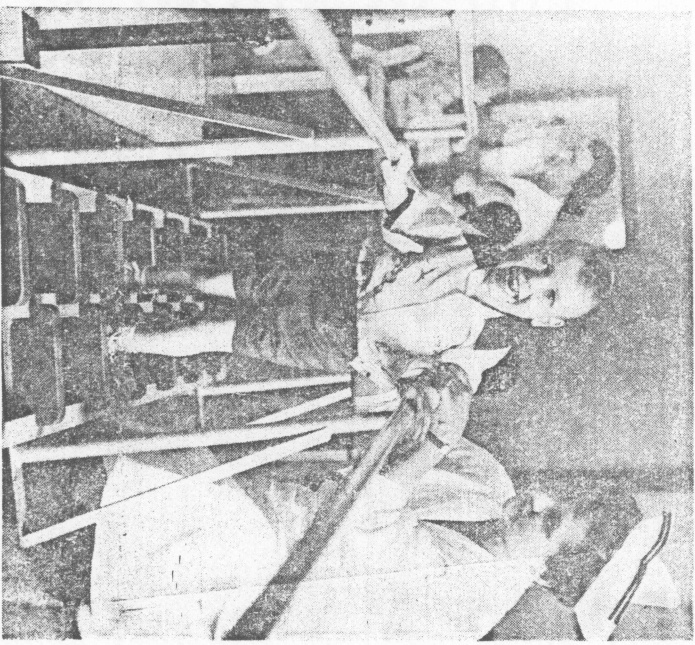
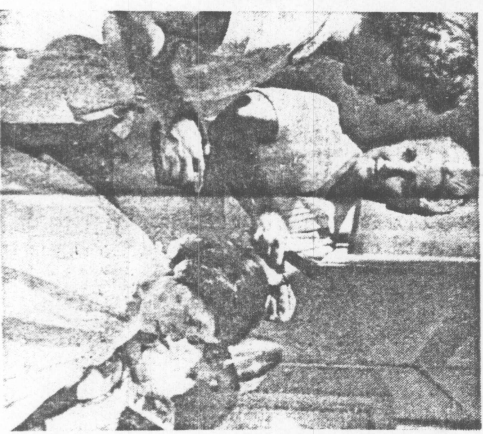
Many of the children are received by the hospital shortly after birth; some have physical illnesses that add to the handicaps with which they must meet life.

The work of psychologists, nurses and teachers is to bring out talents in the children with which many of them are richly endowed.

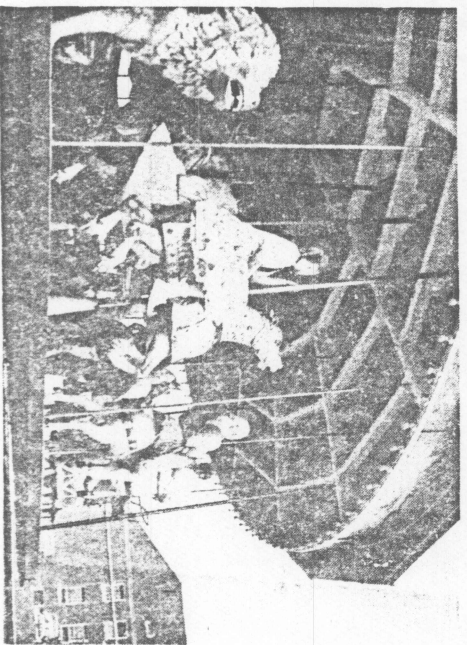
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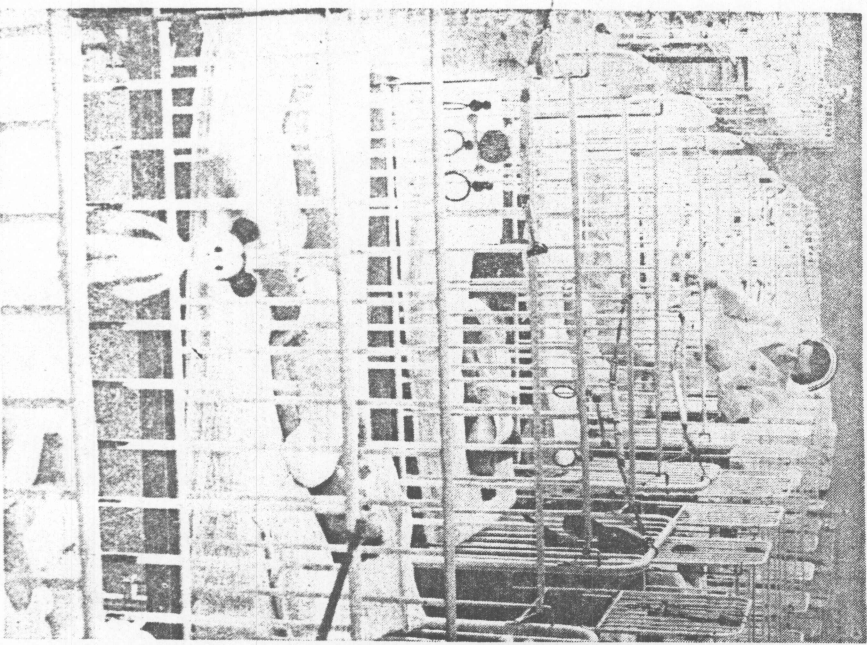
Periodic tests measure a child's aptitude.



A spastic paralysis sufferer is taught how to walk. It's not easy.



A ride on the newly acquired carousel is an exciting event.



Children in the school's expanding nursery need constant care.