

37 Children Confirmed at State School

There were 37 boys and girls confirmed at Protestant ceremonies yesterday in Willowbrook State School.

Island pastors taking part were the Rev. Dr. Joseph DeRogatis of Olivet Presbyterian Church, West Brighton; the Rev. George Watson of First Presbyterian Church, Stapleton; the Rev. Henry Reinwald of Mariners Harbor Reformed Church and the Rev. Prescott Laundrie, Protestant chaplain at Sea View Hospital.

Mrs. Florence Francis, president of the Willowbrook Protestant Altar Guild, presented Bibles to class members. Certificates of confirmation were given by the Rev. Dr. J. Murdock Palmer, Protestant chaplain at the school.

The Rev. Richard Shamel, pastor of the New Dorp Moravian Church, offered benediction. Tim O'Malley sang several songs.

More than 200 parents, clergy and staff members attended a reception that followed the ceremonies.

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Civil Service System Praised At State School Open House

It took the assassination of President Garfield in 1883 by a frustrated job-seeker to establish the Civil Service, Vincent R. FitzPatrick stated at an open house yesterday in Willowbrook State School.

FitzPatrick, Grasmere attorney, told how the establishment of the Civil Service Act created the difference between elected officials, who depend on the ballot to stay in office, and employees who, once accepted for a job on the basis of merit

are not victims of political maneuvering.

State Senator John J. Marchi announced his intention to remain ever watchful for reform possibilities in the Civil Service administration and for keeping the merit system alive.

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MRS. HELEN KERNER, vice-president of the Benevolent Society for Retarded Children, expressed her understanding of parents' interest in their individual children, especially if these are retarded.

The speakers were introduced

by Dr. Harold H. Berman, director of Willowbrook State School.

THE AWARD of Psychiatric Aide of the Year was presented by Dr. Berman to Miss Alma Peacock of Meiers Corners for her "untiring efforts and outstanding abilities and interest in the care and welfare of her patients."

For developing a type of water cooler in the school's heating plant which can save the state hundreds of dollars in maintenance costs yearly, Paul Kempe of Bulls Head and Edward Sommergren of Port Rich-

mond were presented merit awards by C. Ernest Smith, president of the school's Board of Visitors.

Approximately 800 persons attended the affair which included

guided tours through the various facilities, a buffet and band concerts in the morning and afternoon, conducted by Vincent and Joseph Lombardi, brothers, music teachers.