

Mental Hygiene Parley Set for Willowbrook

Top scientists in the field of mental hygiene from throughout New England and New York will gather at Willowbrook State School Thursday and Friday as the Northeast Regional Conference of the American Association on Mental Deficiency is held there.

Dr. Harold H. Berman, Willowbrook's director, who will be host to the annual meeting, will assume office as regional chairman at its sessions. He will succeed Bert W. Schmickel of Southbury, Conn.

Dr. Berman, an authority in the care and treatment of the mentally retarded as well as a leader in areas of research in the field, will present a scientific paper on "The Spastic Patient," together with Dr. Joseph Spielman of the Willowbrook staff.

Others of the Willowbrook staff who will present papers are Dr. Milton Jacobs; Miss Mary Kelly, instructor in nursing, and Dr. Kathryn Gasorek, research psychologist. Dr. Gasorek will preside over the section on psychology and sociology.

Dr. Berman said students of psychology, sociology and pre-medical subjects in the Island's colleges are being invited to the sessions of the conference.

A dinner meeting for association members and their guests will be held Thursday night at the Tavern on the Green, New Dorp.

Mrs. Berman is chairman of a committee for an afternoon tea and bridge party.

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STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE TUESDAY, MAY

MR. AND MRS. James Hennessy of 25 Meadow Ave., Dongan Hills, both employes of Willowbrook State School, retire tomorrow. They previously had been honored at a dinner by fellow employes.

For the past nine years, Hennessy has been a chauffeur in the school's transportation department. He has been with state's Mental Hygiene Department for 20 years. He's a native of Manhattan.

His wife, Kathleen, is the principal stenographer in the school's medical office. She has been at the school since it opened in 1947, and a state employe for 17 years.

Mrs. Hennessy was the founder of the Willowbrook chapter of the Civil Service Employes' Association, to which her husband also belongs. She also is a member of Staten Island Chapter, National Secretaries Association.