

Aid to Retarded Worthy Cause

Being a lawyer rounding out 50 years as a member of the bar, I was keenly interested in reading in The Advance recently of the happy conclusion of a suit brought in Municipal Court. The action revolved around a horse trading or horse training agreement allegedly made between the parties.

After listening to the testimony, the presiding justice, John J.

Kelly, impressed by the impassioned manner in which it was presented, called the parties involved into his chambers, with a view of arriving at an amicable settlement.

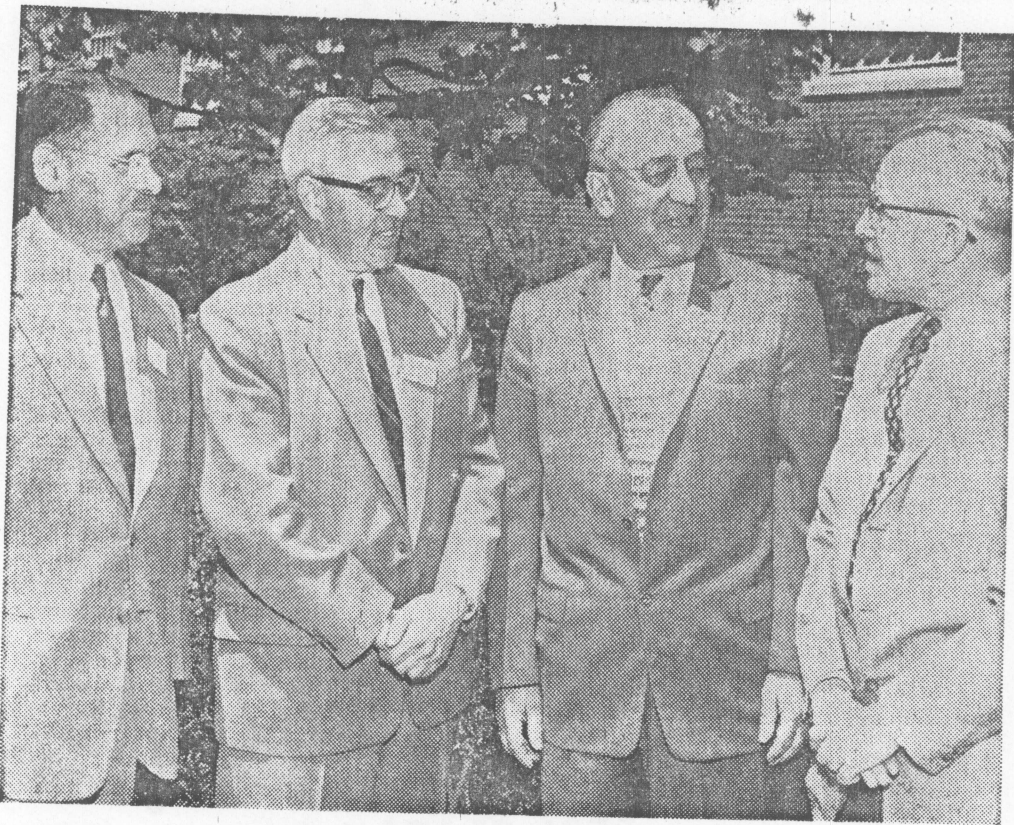
Under his tactful and judicious negotiations, a sum was agreed upon with the stipulation between the parties that the award should be paid over to charity. The Staten Island Aid to Retarded Children group was selected as the recipient and a worthier object could not have been named. This greatly to be desired culmination may well serve as an incentive to the settlement of other litigation along similar lines.

Lest it be suspected that I am writing with a press agent motivation, I do not know any of the parties involved but, as a member of the Benevolent Society for Retarded Children, I am familiar with the laudible service rendered by it and by the Staten Island organization mentioned above, especially in the assistance they render to Dr. H. H.

Berman in his superhuman accomplishment as director of the Willowbrook State School, a service recognized not only in this country, but internationally.

He is truly demonstrating the truth of the maxim that "Mental Ills can be Cured" and The Advance is to be congratulated and commended for the favorable publicity accorded from time to time to him and his capable and efficient staff.

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MENTAL HEALTH LEADERS — Dr. Harold Berman, director of Willowbrook State School, as chairman of Northeast Region, American Association on Mental Deficiency, welcomes nationally-known figures in the mental health field to conference in the school. Left to right are Dr. Isaac N. Wolfson, director of Letchworth Village; Dr. Arthur W. Pense, state deputy commissioner of mental hygiene; Dr. Berman, and Dr. George F. Efling, director of Wassaic State School.