

## Many Willowbrook Pupils Seen Fit for Outside Jobs

Many of the residents of Willowbrook State School who have had job training and learned various skills can fill places in Island business and industrial plants, Vincent P. Lombardi, the school's music director, told the Staten Island Lions Club yesterday.

He spoke after the school's dance band, with ten members, and four vocalists had entertained the club following a luncheon in the Meurot Club. The musicians and singers were given an ovation.

Each of the 5,000 children at Willowbrook has a potential,

Lombardi said, and music is only a small part of the educational program. He introduced Kenneth Clark, educational director, and said that the children are also taught reading, writing, social skills and academic subjects, according to their abilities.

Many of them, he stated, would make loyal and hard-working employes in less skilled jobs. He added that one retail organization on the Island already has a young man from Willowbrook in a job, and that he has proved so satisfactory that he has already been given a pay rise. Lombardi said the youth does stock ordering and keeps the store clean.

He urged businessmen who can use such help to contact Clark at Willowbrook.

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## Open House Program at State School

Willowbrook State School will stage "Operation Friendship," an open house program featuring ceremonies and guided tours, next Wednesday beginning at 1 p.m., it was announced today.

The program, which will open in Building 3, will include a welcome by Dr. Harold Berman, Willowbrook director, and an assembly program by children under direction of Vincent Lombardi, director of music.

Dr. Martin Lazar, assistant director, will present 15 certificates to employes who have completed a course on fundamental supervision at the institution. A psychiatric and achievement award will be presented by Dr. Frank B. Glasser, also assistant director.

Another highlight will be a panel discussion and a question-and-answer period for visitors. The panelists will be Dr. Milton Jacobs, assistant director; Mrs. Lorraine Kuhn, social worker; Lombardi, and Irving Lesnick, a member of the Benevolent Society affiliated with the institution.