

# For Young Children...

## New Buildings at Willowbrook

SMALL FRY MOVE INTO  
SPECIALLY DESIGNED UNITS



Treatment rooms facilitate the intensive medical and nursing care required by these children.

Young children began moving into new quarters at Willowbrook State School this past month in specially designed buildings where the most up-to-date equipment will be available to them.

Informally referred to as the babies' buildings, the new facilities are the first built in New York State specifically for severely retarded young children and will serve as the general pattern for future construction for this group of children. The new buildings, provided to meet an increasing need, will accommodate some of these children already at Willowbrook and also provide for patients on the current waiting list which includes 238 youngsters from New York City, Westchester and Long Island.

Designed to care for 800 children, the five new buildings will house 160 each in four ward units. Each unit for 40 will have its own indoor play area and outdoor covered terrace for airing the children in suitable weather. An open terrace for play activities also will adjoin each dormitory unit.

The new facilities, incorporating the most modern architectural features, are built on the modified cottage, one-story plan with a central food kitchen connected to each building by corridors. Cost of the buildings and the kitchen will be about \$6½ million.

Many special features are embodied in the new construction, making it possible for the doctors and nursing staff to provide the special care so necessary for these youngsters. Many of these children are chronically ill. A full-time doctor is assigned to each building in order to provide constant medical care.

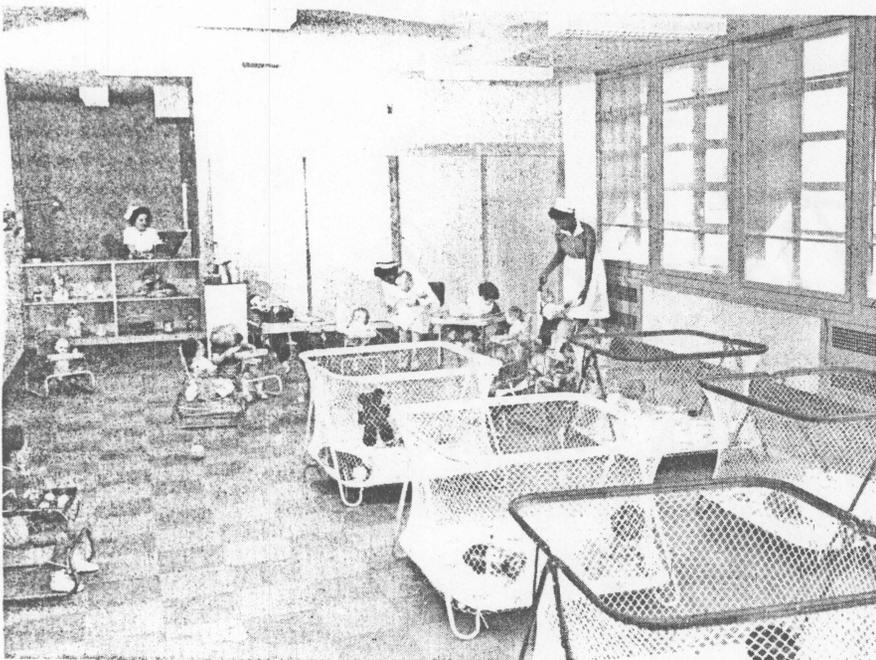
Large inward-swing windows extend along the two exterior side walls of the dormitory providing continuous sunlight for the young patients. Windows are built between 26 to 30 inches from the floor so that all patients will be able to look out at the surroundings.

Each ward has a dining area where those children who are able to feed themselves are served. Food, prepared in the central kitchen, is delivered through covered corridors in insulated carts to the serving areas in each building.

Special bathing facilities have been installed near each of the ward units with stainless steel tubs set at counter height. Linen and clothes rooms are adjacent and easily accessible to the bathing and toilet areas.

Improved forced air ventilation equipment has been installed to bring in fresh air and remove the used air from each dormitory and play area. In addition, all heating units on the wards are enclosed, providing protection against possible burns.

An unusual feature provided in each new building is a large, attractively decorated visitor's room for the accommodation of parents when they visit their children.



Large airy rooms are filled with sunlight and color and provided with a variety of modern equipment for babies and young children.