

Extra Funds In Budget for State School

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ALBANY — The Willowbrook State School on Staten Island will cost the state an estimated \$8,632,349 for the fiscal year starting April 1. Gov. Rockefeller's 2 billion-dollar-plus budget revealed today.

This is an increase of \$249,980 over the \$8,382,369 appropriated for the 1959-60 fiscal year. Actually, the school operated on a re-adjusted budget of \$7,645,552.

Personal service will come to \$6,903,974, a cut of \$131,183 from the recommended \$7,235,077. Maintenance and operation will cost \$1,728,375, an increase of \$45,500 over the \$1,682,815 set aside for the current year.

Budget items show that \$931,340 will be spent on food, a \$35,490 increase; \$78,530 on medical, surgical and laboratory supplies and expense, up \$7,810, and \$302,300 in fuel, light and power, up \$3,990.

The appropriation for office supplies and expense has been increased from \$1,170 to \$11,720, and that for clothing and clothing materials reduced \$1,160 to \$134,840.

Nurse's Life Is Described

Miss Mary A. Kelly, assistant principal of the school of nursing at Willowbrook State School, and Mrs. John H. Randall of the Women's Auxiliary to the Richmond County Medical Society were guests at a meeting of the Future Nurses Club of Totenville High School.

Miss Kelly discussed various aspects of nursing and the requirements of different hospitals and schools of nursing.

She pointed out that there is a career in nursing to fit everyone's desire—from Army and Navy nursing to rehabilitation center nursing.

Members of the club were especially interested in the pictures which she showed concerning her work at Willowbrook.

State School Converts 'Annex' to Palsy Use

A one-story brick "annex," attached to the main hospital building at Willowbrook State School by the Army during World War II, is being reconverted for use as a cerebral palsy unit, Dr. Harold Berman, the institution's

director, said today. Dr. Berman said the building's interior is being modified so as to permit its use as a therapy center for more than 1,000 of Willowbrook's physically handicapped and mentally retarded patients.

The work is being done through a special \$70,000 state appropriation for the job.

The annex was constructed by the Army, Dr. Berman said, while the institution was in use as Halloran General Hospital during World War II. At that time, it met the special need of providing a first floor operating room at Halloran.

Cerebral palsy patients at Willowbrook will make use of the unit on a "rotating basis" after

the reconversion is completed, Dr. Berman said.