

**Q.** The city was to erect a pumping station at the corner of Woodrow Rd. and Carlton Blvd. The building is half finished and weeds are growing around the place. No work has been performed in some time. How come?

**A.** One of two contractors for this project failed to meet the firm schedule for work and has been suspended by the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity. The department is now conducting an investigation which it believes will spur resumption of the work and completion of the building by spring. It points out that the contractor was required to post a security bond when given the contract and that the insurance company has guaranteed completion of the job.

**Q.** Can you do something about a neighbor who races the motor of his car for 15-minute periods when he starts it in the morning and when he returns from work in the late afternoon? The noise wakes the entire neighborhood.

**A.** Police report that the area was checked for five consecu-

five mornings before 7 a.m. and at 4 p.m. in the afternoons and at no time was the motor of this vehicle operated at a rate to create excessive noise. Police said the vehicle is not used at night, only in the day time.

**Q.** Can you have the storm sewer cleaned on Sharvott Ave. under the railroad bridge? To my knowledge it has never been cleaned. Every time it rains water ponds there.

**A.** The Highways Division has been directed to clean the catch basin at this location, the borough president's office reports.

**Q.** There are wooden walkways throughout Willowbrook State School, which connect buildings. These walkways need painting and are a fire hazard. Can you investigate?

**A.** The management of this institution reports that these catwalks are all out of doors, are not used by patients, are in good condition and not fire hazards. However, plans call for them to be replaced shortly with concrete walks, the management reports.

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## Training Aide Course Set at State School

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ALBANY — A new position of training aide in the state schools for the mentally retarded has been announced by Dr. Arthur W. Pense, deputy commissioner of mental hygiene.

The first group of aides will get special training at Willowbrook State School on Staten Island, starting March 13.

Qualifications for the new position are permanent employment as an attendant with at least six months of experience in an institution for the mentally defective; high school graduation or an equivalency diploma, and demonstrated ability to relate with children and to organize children's activities.

During the demonstration period, there will be one position at each of the five state schools having this type of patient.

Dr. Pense explained that the addition of training aides to state school staffs is expected to demonstrate the value of this category of personnel in alleviating serious shortages of qualified persons to teach the mentally retarded, especially those with severe mental impairment.

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