

Willowbrook Schedules Open House

An open house program in conjunction with the national 14th annual observance of Mental Health Week will be held next Wednesday at Willowbrook State School, Dr. Harold Berman, the institution's director, announced today.

The program, entitled "Operation Friendship," will feature an auditorium program, exhibits and demonstrations and guided tours in the surgical-medical building, the academic school, therapy departments and other areas. The program will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday.

A feature of the auditorium event will be presentation of a state Department of Mental Hygiene citation to Anthony Fontaino of 148 St. Mary's Ave., Rosebank, a staff attendant.

The award goes each year to an employe designated as the institution's most outstanding psychiatric aide. Fontaino later this spring will again be cited in Albany at a testimonial in honor of citation winners from Mental Hygiene Department institutions throughout the state.

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THE auditorium event at Willowbrook also will feature a concert by the institution's band, under direction of Joseph Lombardi, music director.

A greeting will be given by Dr. Berman. Dr. Bernard Tesse, an assistant director, is in charge of the open house program.