

City to Sell State Land For Center

A large city-owned tract adjacent to Willowbrook State School, on which the state plans to build a \$200,000 rehabilitation center for delinquent girls, will be sold to the state for \$25,000.

The Board of Estimate yesterday authorized transfer of title to the several-acre wooded tract for this modest price after it was explained by the Real Estate Department that the project will provide a great saving to the city.

The center will accommodate girls ordered there by courts within the city, girls whom the city would otherwise have to provide facilities for.

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THE SITE is on the east side of Forest Hill Rd., opposite the property of the Willowbrook State School.

The home would be constructed and maintained by the State Division of Youth under its short-term Adolescent Resident Training Program and would accommodate 20 girls for four-month periods each, or a total of 60 a year.

The girls would be employed under proper supervision in the Willowbrook State School during the day and participate in group programs at the home in the evenings.

State School Graduates 21 As Nurses

There were 21 graduates yesterday as the new School for Practical Nursing at Willowbrook State School conducted its first commencement exercises.

The graduates were from facilities of the Department of Mental Hygiene throughout the state who were trained in practical nursing at Willowbrook during the past year.

The address to the graduates was given by Dr. Max Werner, a staff consultant in pediatrics at Willowbrook. Diplomas were awarded by C. Ernest Smith, president of the institution's board of visitors.

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A GREETING was given by Brian Dean, a graduate. Another graduate, Miss Ruth Jones, gave the farewell address.

Awards were presented by Dr. Harold H. Berman, Willowbrook's director, who presided. The class was presented by Miss Mary Kelly, principal of the school.

The Willowbrook band played under direction of Joseph Lombardi, music director.