

Transfers Help Cut Overload at State School

To relieve the patient overload at Willowbrook State School, 70 patients a month are being transferred to Bronx State Hospital, a new institution under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Mental Hygiene.

This was announced last night by Ernest Palcic, business administrator at Willowbrook

School, during a talk before the North Shore Kiwanis Club in the Staaten, West Brighton.

Another 150 patients will be transferred shortly to Wassaic State School, near Poughkeepsie, Palcic said. However, he added, the 6,100 persons now at Willowbrook constitute an excess of nearly 2,000 over its current capacity.

The speaker also discussed the \$7,500,000 research center to be erected on the grounds at Willowbrook under a federal program initiated by the late President Kennedy. He said a "world-renowned research scientist" will be in charge of the center and should "do much to improve the lot of the mentally retarded."

Daytop Visit Bolsters Pride

My husband and I attended Daytop Lodge's first open house . . . and I'd like to say I'm very impressed by the atmosphere and the residents there. I have never felt more welcome in my life and more anxious to return for a visit . . .

The work that is being done now and the work that will be accomplished is really gratifying—and to know it is all being done on Staten Island, in a community where we'll be able to take part in their progress.

I know my husband and I would like to see Daytop flourish and be as proud of the name Daytop as we are of Willowbrook or any other institution that Staten Island has been credited for.

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