



State School Children To Perform

Performances by residents of Willowbrook State School on May 16 will give testimony to the work done by the Benevolent Society for Retarded Children and other organizations and agencies working to combat mental retardation.

The performances will highlight the 14th annual luncheon of the society in the Grand Ballroom of the New York Hilton Hotel, Manhattan. The luncheon will benefit the Staten Island institution.

Miss Carol Knox, a television performer, will narrate a performance of "Guys and Dolls" by 20 resident children from Willowbrook. The Willowbrook Band will present a 30-minute concert.

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STATE SEN. William T. Conklin, chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Mental Retardation and Physically Handicapped, will be guest of honor. Sam Cook Digges, administrative vice president of CBS Films, Inc., will be master of ceremonies. Irving Silverman, former society president, is chairman.

The society, a chapter of the New York State Association for Retarded Children and a member of the National Association for Retarded Children, was founded in 1949 by parents of children at Willowbrook State School. It aims to help develop the potential of children, treat the basic condition and train towards self-reliance.

Various committees provide indoor and outdoor recreational activities, material for therapy and facilities that help the retarded child become self-reliant.

PLANNING BENEFIT—Left to right, State Sen. William T. Conklin, Carol Knox and Sam Cook Digges, administrative vice president of CBS Films, Inc., discuss plans for the 14th annual

luncheon of the Benevolent Society for Retarded Children set for May 16. The luncheon benefits Willowbrook State School.