

State School To Conduct Open House

Willowbrook State School will conduct an open house program Wednesday afternoon and evening in conjunction with Mental Health Week.

The afternoon session will begin with a musical performance by the Willowbrook children preceding a series of tours designed to illustrate the methods of treatment used in making the mentally deficient more self-sufficient.

Tours will be conducted through the various buildings housing recreation areas, class rooms, training centers and the nursing and medical centers.

Classes for the deaf and the blind, the gymnasium, pool, golf course and bowling alleys, plus the school for practical nursing, will be open for inspection.

The evening session, beginning at 7 o'clock, will be devoted to films and exhibits dealing with the various research and rehabilitation projects at the school. A panel discussion and interviews with employers and parents of the mentally retarded will be featured.

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Retardation Talk Planned

The Lutheran Church Women of Christ Church, Great Kills, will sponsor an open meeting on mental retardation tomorrow at 8:15 in the parish hall.

Robert Gilson, director of the social service department of Willowbrook State School, will speak. A fellow in the American Association of Mental Deficiency, Mr. Gilson holds a baccalaureate in sociology from City College and a master's degree from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., and is a doctoral student at New York University.

He is a lecturer in social work at Wagner College and supervises social work.