



TOUR STOP—Lt. Gov. Malcolm Wilson, left, participates in a therapeutic game with a youngster at Willowbrook State School. At right is Dr. Frank Glasser, the state institutions director.

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State's No. 2 Man Pays a Visit:

Tackle Problems, Wilson Urges Island

By GEORGE O. REDDY

Lt. Gov. Malcolm B. Wilson last night called upon members of the Richmond County Bar Association and Staten Island professional and civic leaders to take the leadership in solving the problem anticipated with the completion of the Verazano-Narrows Bridge.

He spoke at the association's 55th annual banquet in the Statton, West Brighton. He predicted that the next five years will find the Island

faced with greater changes than at any time in the organization's history.

Wilson said that the problems will result from the need for expansion of educational facilities, water supply and sanitation requirements because the county has most of the city's undeveloped land.

The lieutenant governor called upon the elected city and county officials to seek the counsel of Island residents and civic organizations in future planning for the borough.

He recommended that the Island be represented on the City Planning Commission so that the borough's unique problems might be better understood.

BECAUSE of their standing in the community and their training, Wilson asked for greater interest by the lawyers and other business and professional men who were in the audience.

"You should take a greater interest in the anticipated problems before they blow up in

your face . . . We are facing a critical time in the county, city and state," he declared.

Speaking as a veteran lawyer, Wilson called upon the attorneys to take a broader interest in bills which are presented to the State Legislature every year.

He said that the lawyers' interest in the enactment of laws should not end with the effects they have on the court but should be broadened into the community and the life of the citizen.

He said that because of their community knowledge, the lawyers were in a position to give assistance to the lawmakers.

WILSON also told of his tour of the Island, conducted before dinner. He visited, among other places, Willowbrook State School, where he said he was "tremendously inspired by the dedication of all the people and the excellence of work done there."

Wilson arrived on the Island shortly after 2 p.m. and was (Continued on Page 2)

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met at the St. George ferry terminal by Republican County Chairman John A. Gabarrino.

His first stop was at Willowbrook State School, where he visited the rehabilitation department and was briefed on the New research being done at the institution. He was escorted by Dr. Frank B. Glasser, acting director, after being greeted by members of the Board of Visitors.

Wilson also rode over the first stretch of the completed Staten Island Expressway from the Goethals Bridge to Victory Blvd., Willowbrook.

Later he conferred with the charter members, former County state engineers and was assisted by Judge J. Harry Tenney, stated that although the second stretch of the three-section A. B. Widdicombe, were given highway is behind schedule at present, they were confident that the entire length would be opened at the time of dedication.

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