

New Director Starts State School Duties

Dr. Jack Hammond takes over as director of Willowbrook State School, the state's largest institution for the retarded, just a month shy of his 48th birthday.

Dr. Hammond was named to the \$18,570 post after serving as an assistant director at Rome State School since 1959. The institution he is in charge of has 6,000 patients, 2,000 employees and an \$11 million yearly budget.

A native of New York City, Dr. Hammond recalls occasional forays to Staten Island as a child but not much about the forays. He said he doubts that he could find his way to the St. George ferry terminal, much less around the rest of the Island at this time.

HE AND HIS WIFE, Elizabeth, have three children; a son, Robert, a senior at Yale University, another son, David, and a daughter, Susan, both high school students.

Dr. Hammond says he feels his new job is a "tremendous responsibility." He said he is busy getting acquainted with the many aspects of the sprawling institution.

Mrs. Hammond, formerly supervisor of volunteer services at Willard State Hospital and Rome State School, is planning to expand the existing volunteer services program at Willowbrook in the fall.



WELCOME ABOARD—Dr. Jack Hammond, right, newly-appointed director of Willowbrook State School, is welcomed to the institution by Ernest C. Palcic, left, senior business officer, and Dr. Frank B. Glasser, assistant director.