

## Willowbrook Sends A Few Patients to New Upstate School

The state's institutions for the retarded, which have been under almost ceaseless fire the last two weeks, will get a slight lift today with the opening of a new facility upstate.

Sunmount State School near Tupper Lake in the Adirondacks will have a 500-bed capacity and will serve patients from a five-county upstate area.

A few of the first 30 patients to be admitted today will be from Willowbrook State School. Conditions at

the Staten Island facility and Rome State School have been the object of scathing criticism.

The opening of Sunmount is not expected to make any measureable contribution to alleviating overcrowding at Willowbrook.

Willowbrook serves patients from the metropolitan area. It has 1,400 patients more than its intended capacity.

## State to Open Willowbrook Service Bids

The State Department of Public Works will open bid proposals Wednesday for utility pipe connections and street light alterations on the grounds of Willowbrook State School.

According to State Superintendent of Public Works J. Burch McMorran, contracts will be let for the installation of sewer, gas and water line service connections around the Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation on Forest Hill Rd., on the grounds of the state school.

In addition there will be contracts for electric work to rehabilitate street lights to provide illumination at intersections within the school property.

The bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Public Works' Administration Building, The State Campus, Albany.