

Willowbrook School, Borough's Largest Employer, Has Jobs Open

Willowbrook State School, Staten Island's largest employer with more than 2,400 authorized employe positions and an annual payroll exceeding \$9 million, announced yesterday that some jobs are still open following Gov. Rockefeller's Oct. 12 authorization of 84 new posts along with an allotment of \$430,000.

According to Dr. Jack Hammond, Willowbrook's director, between 33 and 60 per cent of the additional jobs have been filled. The complement calls for 36 in occupational therapy, 23 in recreational therapy, 13 teachers and 12 in physical therapy.

Positions are also open for attendants, he said. An attendant is a state civil service position which pays \$75 a week and which requires the equivalent of an eighth-grade education, he said.

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AIDES IN occupational and physical therapy receive \$3,700 a year. High school completion is required of an occupational therapy aide who also has better advancement opportunities, according to Hal Margosian, personnel director.

A physical therapy technician receives \$4,375 annually, and a therapist's salary is

\$5,835. An occupational instructor's yearly pay is \$4,135, and a therapist gets \$6,353.

In nursing positions, a practical nurse is salaried at \$4,135, a staff nurse at \$5,359 and a head nurse at \$5,996.

According to Margosian, it is possible to reach the top pay scale at the end of five years.

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BENEFITS, he said, include 11 paid holidays a year, annual

increments, health insurance opportunities, paid vacations, sick leave, personal leave, eligibility for a non-contributory retirement system at the age of 55, social security and promotions through competitive exams.

Margosian said he recommends the jobs for people who want to work on Staten Island, are willing to work in shifts and who have a dedication for

working with mentally retarded children.

When he announced the additional openings for Willowbrook, Rockefeller said in seven years of his administration, there was a 69 per cent increase in appropriations for Willowbrook from \$7.1 million in 1959 to \$12.1 million in this year. Similarly, he noted a 47 per cent increase in authorized personnel up from 1,594 during the same period.

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STATE SUED IN DEATH OF RETARDED BOY, 6

The state will defend itself in court today against a claim that a 6-year-old retarded boy died of malnutrition after having spent 13 days in the Willowbrook State School on Staten Island. The father seeks \$500,000 in damages.

James Anderson, a school custodian, filed the suit in the Court of Claims. He contends that his son Edward died as a

result of negligence by the institution's staff.

Mr. Anderson asserted that when he visited his son April 12, 1962, the boy appeared "to be on the verge of death." He obtained his son's release and took him home to 40 King Avenue, Selden, L. I. Ten minutes after they arrived home Edward died.

According to Herman B. Glaser, Mr. Anderson's attorney, the death certificate listed malnutrition and dehydration as two of the causes of death.

Dr. John J. O'Donnell, a pediatrician in Smithtown, L. I. who treated Edward before he was

admitted to Willowbrook, testified yesterday that the father called him when the boy collapsed. He said that Edward, who was dead when he arrived, appeared "emaciated."

Last September, Senator Robert F. Kennedy described the patients in the institution as "living amidst brutality and human excrement and intestinal disease."

The Anderson case is being tried before Judge Caroline K. Simon, a former Secretary of State of New York.