

# Willowbrook

## Suit Trial Nears End

A \$500,000 negligence suit against the state by the parents of a 6-year-old retarded boy who allegedly died of malnutrition in 1962, after spending 13 days in Willowbrook State School, came closer to disposition yesterday, as final briefs were being readied for submission.

As the three-day trial in the Court of Claims ended yesterday, Herman B. Glaser, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson of Selden, L. I., referred to staffing as a major problem of the Staten Island state school.

Selden claims his son, Edward, died as a result of negligence by the institution's staff.

Glaser maintained during the trial that the child was injured in a fall and had developed a respiratory infection. When Anderson visited his son in April, 1962, the father stated, he "appeared to be on the verge of death."

Anderson subsequently secured a release for his son. Within minutes after young Edward was taken home, he died.

## Sale Scheduled At Willowbrook

The occupational therapy department at Willowbrook State School will conduct an annual sale of articles made by patients Wednesday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Building 5.

Proceeds of the sale will be used to purchase material for use in the occupational therapy classes. Such articles as Christmas aprons and ceramic, needlework and woodworking items will be sold.

Signs will be displayed directing visitors to Building 5.