

# Seniors Offer Aid At State School

Many of Staten Island's senior citizens are not in the group of sit-home-and-let-others-help-us category. They are rather in the let's-get-out-and-help-others grouping.

And get out and help others is just what they'll be doing tomorrow when a contingent of some 45 men and women from the West Brighton Day Center board a chartered bus at 10 a.m. for a visit to Willowbrook State School.

Organized by Mrs. Jack Hammond, director of volunteers at the school, and Mrs. Janet Sainor of the Community Service Society, the seniors will volunteer four hours a week helping in occupational therapy and other areas at Willowbrook. This is the first service of its kind to be tried at the school.

The volunteers were reached through several neighborhood meetings sponsored by the Community Chest and Council's committee on aging, the Department of Welfare, the Social Security Administration and the Community Service Society.

## Willowbrook Adds Volunteers

Willowbrook State School still needs 1,000 or 2,000 volunteers, but the institution is edging toward its goal.

Six volunteer workers joined the 140 volunteers at the Victory Blvd. institution after an article about the volunteer program appeared in the Advance.

It may seem like a drop in the well-known bucket, but it will mean that more of the 6,000 patients at the school for the mentally retarded will receive additional attention.

Mrs. Jack Hammond, supervisor of volunteer services, noted that volunteer workers are needed desperately.

Men and women who can do anything from supervising children's games to speech therapy are welcomed, said Mrs. Hammond, who may be contacted at the school.