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## Work Starts on State School Prefabs

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ALBANY — A start has been made on the construction of 10 prefabricated buildings to relieve overcrowding at Willowbrook State School for the mentally retarded. The buildings, to cost about \$1,570,085 each, will include dormitory space for 20 residents, an activity room, a classroom, and bath and sanitary facilities. They are scheduled to be completed in August.

Study for the use of the buildings to relieve overcrowding at the school was initiated late in 1955.

In making the announcement today, Gov. Rockefeller stated: "The importance of strengthening center hub which will house ex-screening and placement; sala-

ving the programs at our state animation and treatment rooms has and supervisory offices. The ward personnel one full grade, and the establishment of a permanent office to intensify the recruitment program.

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