



Aerial photo shows the overall appearance of the Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation, which the State Department of Mental Hygiene has under construction off Forest Hill Rd., Willowbrook. The center, which will be used for the study of causes of retardation, is due for completion by the end of the year. Staten Island Advance Photo

New Hope Glistening For Mentally Retarded

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Two minutes after you walk into the community store at Willowbrook State School you're sitting at a table with five patients ranging in age from about 16 to 60. They are discussing the future:

"Right now I'm doing gardener's work," said one impeccably dressed young man, "but I don't like it. I think I'll try for a porter's job."

Teen-age twin sisters, both of whom work behind the counter at the store, plan to go on for additional training.

A woman of 60 says, "When the couple I work for went to Europe, I had full charge of their two teen-age sons. I made them take a bath every night and they didn't like it."

These are the mentally retarded, the ones who are sup-

Initially, they return to Willowbrook after their day's work. When it is determined that a satisfactory adjustment has been made, the patient is

found living quarters and is discharged from the institution. Federal studies have shown that mentally retarded workers have higher than average

attendance records and stay on the job longer.

A poster in Gilson's office reads, "We're Homeward Bound!"

Possibly 300 Causes Involved, But Cure Awaits Discovery

There are between five and six million mental retardates in the United States suffering from more than 100 disabilities resulting in curtailed intelligence, misshapen bodies, psychotic tendencies, hideous facial features, faulty skin pigmentation—and often death,

can give an answer. The chemistry problem is widespread in medicine. There is evidence that some cases of schizophrenia have a chemical cause. The kind of temporary psychoses caused by minute doses of LSD is only a demonstration of a possibili-

ty. As a result, the milk sugar cannot be expelled by the body and builds up to alarming proportions, surrounding the brain cells with sugar. If unchecked, galactosemia results in death within two years in most cases. Those children who do survive are blind and idiotic.