

Willowbrook To Up Faculty

Dr. Jack Hammond, director of Willowbrook State School, announced that he received authorization to hire 23 teachers for the school's new \$1.5 million education unit.

Hammond said that half of the

new teachers would be recruited by September and the remainder in the following months. Salaries for the teachers will amount to \$165,000 yearly with an additional \$40,000 to equip classrooms in the new building, which has been under construction since last summer.

The school's authorization resulted from increases in the State Mental Hygiene Department's budget and recent legislation requiring that all children between the ages of 5 and 21 who are in state institutions receive similar

educational opportunities as local school children.

Dr. Hammond said Willowbrook will now be able to extend services to the more severely retarded. He also plans to lengthen the school day.

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State School Shares In Federal Grant

Willowbrook State School's share of a \$1,174,185 federal grant distributed among state institutions for summer educational enrichment programs is \$146,459, Dr. Jack Hammond, Willowbrook's director revealed yesterday.

The program, which Hammond described as "our version of Operation Head Start" will enable Willowbrook to "pick up children who have not been in school" and prepare them to enter in the fall.

The funds will provide payment for 23 teachers, two supervisors and one clerk.

With a class size of 10 pupils to a teacher, 230 youngsters will be involved in the program.

However, the bulk of the funds for the six-week program will go to the purchase of three

electronic teaching devices called "talking typewriters," which the school will keep permanently.

The Edison Responsive Environment Unit machines cost \$38,500 each. Their delivery is being awaited.

Pictures of words that are spelled out on the machine flash on a screen and the keys are struck.

State Schools Get A \$1-Million Grant For Teaching Aids

The first "talking typewriters" and "language laboratories" for general use in training retarded and emotionally disturbed children in state institutions will be installed this summer.

Governor Rockefeller's office announced yesterday that 34 computerized machines would be introduced in 18 hospitals and schools for summer programs under a \$1,174,185 Federal grant.

The machines, which will become permanent fixtures, will be used to teach reading, arithmetic, science and other subjects to 2,900 young people between the ages of 5 and 21.

The grant will also be used to hire 282 teachers and program administrators.

The "talking typewriter" — formally known as the Edison Responsive Environment — is a \$35,000 computer with a typewriter keyboard. When a key is struck the corresponding letter is printed and spoken. Pictures of objects spelled are projected on a screen.

The Chester Electronic Dialogue System, or "language laboratory," consists of a teacher-operated console and partitioned stations where pupils listen to lessons on earphones.

The machines will be installed at the Binghamton, Buffalo, Central Islip, Creedmoor, Hudson River, Kings Park, Marcy, Middletown, Rochester and Rockland State Hospitals and at the Newark, Rome, Syracuse, Wassaic, West Seneca and Willowbrook State Schools as well as at Craig Colony and Letchworth Village.

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