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Willowbrook Addition

Gov. Rockefeller and Willowbrook State School authorities have announced plans for a new \$1 million intensive therapy center to be built on the school grounds.

The 33-room center will include classrooms, rooms for physical and occupational therapy and recreation rooms.

To alleviate some of the overcrowding the school has opened two prefabricated buildings, each of which will house 30 patients. Eight other buildings are under construction.

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MRS. LENA NORTON of 55 Kinghorn St., Annadale, was recognized as the outstanding employe of the year at Willowbrook State School.

She received her award from State Mental Hygiene Commissioner Allan D. Miller at the convention of the New York State Association for Retarded Children Inc. in Jamestown.

She was awarded \$50, a certificate and a name tag to be attached to a plaque at the school.

Mrs. Norton has been supervising nurse at the school for 10 of her 17 years employment. She is a member of the Catholic Nurses Association and St. Vincent's Alumni Association.

SUNDAY NEWS, OCTOBER 9, 1966

Rocky Urges Hostel Chain For Retarded

Jamestown, N.Y., Oct. 8 (UPI) —Gov. Rockefeller said today he will ask the 1967 Legislature to set up a program of hostels for the state's mentally retarded.

In a statement read to the meeting of the New York State Association for Retarded Children, the Governor said that if the mentally retarded have a stable home with their parents, they can manage quite well, but added, "many do not have such homes."

Provide Services

He said a "network of hostels will be a major element in providing a broad range of services needed by the retarded including expanded sheltered workshops, new community facilities, state school colonies, and eight small state schools located near the community."

Rockefeller proposed that the hostels be in the communities where the mentally retarded could live in studio apartments with housekeeping facilities.

There are more than 500,000 persons in the state who are in some degree mentally retarded, Rockefeller said.

The statement was read by Dr. Alan Miller, state mental hygiene commissioner.