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Club hears talk

on retardation

Various types of mental retardation and ways of categorizing retardation by intelligence tests were discussed by Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond, director of volunteer services at Willowbrook State School, at a meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Staten Island yesterday in the Staaten Restaurant, West Brighton.

Plans were set for a card party April 19 in the Staaten.

The next meeting will be April 16 at 8:30 p.m. also in the Staaten.

Tuesday, April 16, 1968

CIVIL SERVICE LEADER

Nursing Courses Open To Mental Hygiene Aides

Employees of the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene working at either the State hospitals for the mentally ill or the State schools for the mentally retarded, who have been employed for a minimum of one year in the titles of attendant or staff attendant, may apply for admission to the School for Practical Nursing at Willowbrook on Staten Island, which is operated by the Department of Mental Hygiene.

Initial requests for consideration for admission should be made to the Chief of Nursing Services at the institution where employed. Upon arrival of the director of the institution, applications for admission will be forwarded by the institution to the School for Practical Nursing at Willowbrook. Successful applicants may request educational leave with pay while attending the School for Practical Nursing. Lodging and meals are provided at the School for Practical Nursing at nominal cost.

The School for Practical Nursing at Willowbrook emphasizes the basic nursing knowledge and skills appropriate for giving competent and understanding care to the patient.

The one year course of study includes instruction and practice under the direction of the faculty, in the school and in general hospitals. The school is approved by the New York State Education Department. It has also been approved to train veterans under Public Law 89-357, 89th Congress.

Men and women practical nurse students learn to give nursing care to subacute, convalescent and chronically ill patients. They also learn to participate in the care of the acutely ill, as members of the nursing team. Students have the opportunity to learn to care for children, adults and elderly persons with physical and/or emotional problems, as well as to care for maternity cases and newborn

infants.

Upon successful completion of

the educational program, the graduate is eligible to take the State Board examination to become a licensed practical nurse in New York State. The graduate is also eligible for appointment to a practical nurse position in institutions of the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene.

As a licensed practical nurse, men and women numerous career opportunities in a variety of fields and agencies, for example, private duty, industry, public health, nursing homes and community hospitals, if they should leave State employment.

The School for Practical Nursing at Willowbrook is located at Willowbrook State School, Staten Island. It is in the New York City Metropolitan Area, which offers activities that appeal to a variety of tastes and interests.

Those employees interested in applying should contact the Chief of Nursing Services and Training or the director of the institution where they are employed.