

# State school expands educational program

An expanded summer education program at Willowbrook State School, financed by the largest federal grant ever awarded to the school for that purpose, is under way at the state institution for the mentally retarded.

The final portion of a Title I grant of \$314,853 was awarded the school just one week before classes were scheduled to start the first of this month.

After some fast checking, Mrs. Hannah Glasser, director of education, and Miss Louise A. Halloran, program director, rounded up a staff of 159—the largest ever employed in the summer education program, now in its third year.

Last year the staff totaled 107, and the year before that only 26. Of the 159 employed this year, there are 70 teachers, 70 teaching assistants, 7 supervisors, 2 psychologists, 4 stenographers, an account clerk, an assistant librarian and 3 motor vehicle operators.

The 700 students in the six-week program attend reading clinics and classes in art, music and speech and go on field

trips throughout the metropolitan area, upstate New York and New Jersey.

Activities are scaled for youngsters who have never attended school before or who need remedial help. Extra projects for the multiple handicapped are also in progress.

Part of the grant allowed 19 graduates of Willowbrook to go on an overnight trip to Washington, D.C., the first time such an outing was staged for the children. It proved such a success, said Mrs. Glasser, that the school hopes to make it an annual event.

Funds also covered audio-visual equipment and electronic gear for hearing and speech therapy. Special typewriters with a key-punch board have been purchased so students may be taught key-punch skills at the school. Previously, they traveled to Manhattan for the training.

# 75 jobs allocated for youths in poverty areas

Young people 16 and over, whose family income falls below the city's established poverty level, may apply for 75 Neighborhood Youth Corps Jobs at the Killside Improvement Project, 5422 Arthur Kill Rd., Tottenville, until Friday.

Mrs. Jocelyn Bobin, project director, reports that her agency was granted 75 new positions to fill and that young peo-

ple who meet the income requirements should register for jobs as soon as possible.

The annual income level of a family of five must not exceed \$3,800; for a family of six, \$4,300, and for a family of four, \$3,300.

Killside jobs include positions for office clerical work, payroll traineeships, recreation aides, arts and crafts teaching

aides, lot-clearing workers, survey-takers, work at Richmond-town Restoration, and others. The New York State Em-

ployment Service office, St. George, is taking applications for 60 new Youth Corps jobs at Willowbrook State School.