

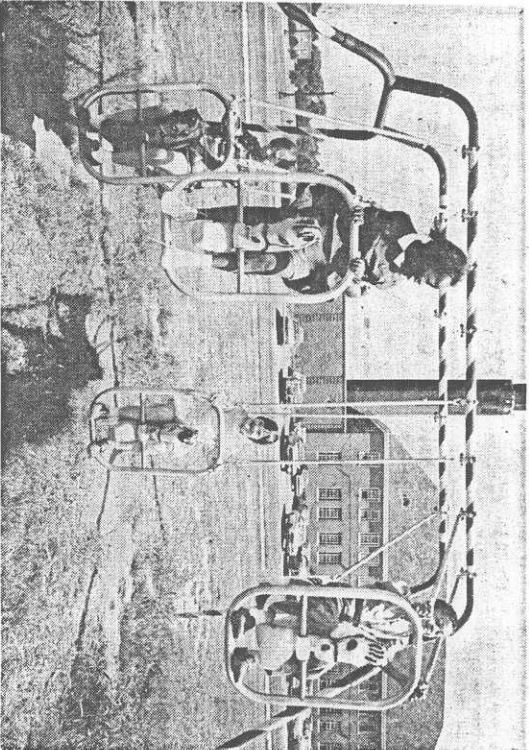
Staten Island Adventure

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Willowbrook children learning new skills

Special program with retarded a 'fantastic success'



Active play helps the youngsters' development.

"The progress of the children has been fantastic!" Those are the words of Dr. Jack Hammond, director of Willowbrook State School, in assessing the personality growth of 95 severely retarded children in the seven-month-old "Country Club" program in Willowbrook's Building 78.

And the self-care abilities of these youngsters, mostly aged 6 through 10, have reached a point where the attendants now say, "We have time to spoil them a little."

"These youngsters, with IQs in the 90's and low 80's, have learned to feed, dress and groom themselves. They are being to school to improve their skills in handling things, talking and getting along with others, and reading simple signs, and reading simple ingredients in the Building 78 program."

● The success of the hospital improvement program (HIP) in stimulating all these children to achieve basic self-care and the development of staff members, also "graduates" of the HIP program, who have recognized their ability to move the children a little further. (Continued on Page 14)



Care and training have made a success of cafeteria-style serving. Miss Elizabeth Linda Bonanno serves food while Mrs. Bernice Boldwin helps with the proper utensils.