



Teachers of Building 7 are teaching students on their work.



Despite brain damage, residents can learn simple arts like weaving.

achieved, even though the school—as no one has tried to deny—is badly undermanned.

Through patience and tender care, the school staff has taken children who are both deaf and dumb and suffering from cerebral palsy and taught them to walk and to work.

2,000 Can't Walk

To try to care for the 5,200 retarded persons at the facility, 2,000 of whom are so disabled they are unable to walk, there are somewhat more than 2,000 employees.

These include full-time, attending and consulting physicians, registered and practical nurses, teachers, attendants, and rehabilitation, occupational and physical therapists.

Added to this are maintenance crews, cooks, cleaners, clerical staff and laundry workers.

Employment of this staff brings the annual cost for each resident to \$7,704, according to Dr. Jack Hammond, the director.

Hold Classes

Although the school is understaffed by more than 600 attendants, the employees manage to operate classes in which palsied children are taught to walk and the deaf to speak.

Spastic residents, whose motion belie their ability to turn out rugs on hand looms, needlepoint, and wall decorations.

John Mokbel, an occupational therapist in Building 7, said he and one other therapist handle 62 residents. Although this is admittedly too many for each instructor, Mokbel pointed out that they manage to interest the retardates in 32 different projects.

Had to Cut Back

John LeFevbre, director of Building 7, said that an experimental team program which had achieved "tremendous results" had to be curtailed because of the cutback in staff caused by the state's job freeze.

"The children respond to love," said Miss Hillis, "and the progress some of them have made because of the care of the employees at Willowbrook is little short of amazing."

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