

Testimony heard in assault case

Further testimony was given yesterday in Criminal Court on the case of two ward attendants of Willowbrook State School charged with assaulting three severely retarded boys at the institution on Dec. 3.

Judge Royal S. Radin heard testimony from William Kelly who stated that he was a witness to the assaults.

He demonstrated to the court the hard blows he said the defendants, Barbara Slaton, 21, of 163 York Ave., New Brighton, and Rita Garner, 17, of 177 Continental Pl., Mariners Harbor, had struck to the three patients ranging in age from 10 to 12.

The patients were reported to have suffered bruises and cuts and a bloodstained broomstick was said to have been recovered as evidence.

A doctor who said he examined the patients on Dec. 4, reported that the X-rays taken proved negative. He also said he could make out no serious abrasions.

The case was adjourned until 2 p.m. this afternoon.

Testimony not upheld in child abuse case

Two doctors testified in Criminal Court yesterday that they could find no evidence of injury such as Edward Kelly has testified was inflicted upon three severely retarded boys at Willowbrook State School by two ward attendants there.

The testimony was part of the third day of the trial of Barbara Slayton, 21, of 163 York Ave., New Brighton, and Rita Garner, 17, 177 Continental Pl., Mariners Harbor.

Kelly, who was incorrectly called William Kelly in the Advance yesterday, has said that he was a witness to the alleged child beatings last Dec. 3. He said he had seen one alleged victim struck with a severe blow to the head and one struck about 18 times about the arms and legs. The doctors

stated that they had found blood specific and Ristich had not investigated. but the cause was "unknown medically."

Dr. Miodrag Ristich, director at the institution, said that Kelly had made a general complaint prior to the incident that child abuse was being committed, but he had not been

Paul LeMole, attorney for Rita Garner, moved that the case be dismissed because the prosecution had failed to establish a case. Judge Royal S. Radin reserved decision on the move until court convened this morning.

Jury set in Willowbrook child abuse case

A jury that will hear the case of two ward attendants at Willowbrook State School charged with assaulting three severely retarded boys last December, was selected yesterday in Criminal Court.

Barbara Slayton, 21, of 163 York Ave., New Brighton, and Rita Garner, 17, of 177 Continental Pl., Mariners Harbor, were arrested Dec. 6 by officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, which had been conducting an eight-month investigation into alleged child abuse at the institution. The three boys, ranging in age from 10 to 12, were reported to have suffered bruises and cuts, and a bloodstained broomstick was said to have been recovered as evidence. The first witness for the prosecution, William Kelly, testified as having observed the assaults. The case will be continued today by Judge Royal S. Radin.