



Surrounded by toys is Mrs. Nettie Evans at the Willowbrook Developmental Center. The gifts, some arriving in response to an article in the Advance, have been pouring in and were given to the residents.
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Willowbrook residents are given gifts by Santa Claus who flew in on a police helicopter. Playing Santa is Charles Fleschner, a custodial employe at the New Dorp stationhouse.

Helicopter carries Santa to Willowbrook

About 1,500 residents of Willowbrook Developmental Center yesterday were treated to a visit from a Santa Claus whirled down to their field in a police helicopter. "Ho! Ho! Ho!" chortled police maintenance man Charles Fleschner through artificial whiskers as he emerged from the chopper. Santa, a custodial employe at the New Dorp stationhouse, walked over to a van parked at the edge of the diamond and began pulling out the gifts that Mrs. Willamay Thompson, vance, many individual Is-

The activity coordinator at Willowbrook. Earlier this month she personally called Police Commissioner Michael Codd to request the helicopter. When he agreed to that, she asked him to throw in a Santa as well. The gifts came from a variety of sources. In response to an article last week in the Advance, many individual Is-

landers and groups, including Sigma Phi Sorority, contributed large numbers of toys. The First National City and Chase Pesile Liquor Store in West Brighton collected over 500 items from its customers. Lionel trains, spring horses, and Christmas trees for every volunteer services at Willowbrook, said that his office was "hip deep" in toys for the residents. He estimated that about 2,000 gifts would be distributed at Willowbrook this week.

In addition, Willowbrook residents received presents

It's good news!