

## It's your opinion

### Keep children at Willowbrook

To dismantle Willowbrook Developmental School would be a crime. Why can't they let the unfortunate children have one beautiful spot of their own. It is beautiful in there, quiet and peaceful. The children can sit under the beautiful shade trees in the summer-time.

They have a merry-go-round and showers, also a swimming pool. To put these children out in the community, which would be a house, with a yard, and heavy traffic on the streets, would be cruel. The more normal children could cope with a situation like that, but what about the very retarded and those in wheelchairs? Are they really thinking of the children's welfare, or is the dollar sign dimming their eyes?

I admit the real estate people could make a bundle on 387 acres of such beautiful grounds. They have roads and sidewalks already there. All the builders would have to do is dig a hole and put up one of their two by fours, a house that is, smack up against one another. No garages, and a small yard in the back. I figure they could build a thousand or so, selling at \$49,995 each. The city would get a fortune in taxes.

Probably if they had a director who really loved these helpless children he could succeed in managing this vast project. Another thought has occurred to me. Have they ever thought of hiring a woman administrator? I believe that would be the answer; women have more heart.

I knew the wife of one of the directors; she was beautiful. She really was so concerned for all of them. If they could persuade Mrs. Jack Hammond to come back and take on that stupendous job, I am sure every thing would be beautiful, finally, at Willowbrook.

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(This letter was also signed by Mabel Eisenberg of Westerleigh. The writers are apparently referring to the proposed reduction of the Willowbrook population to 250 residents by 1981.)