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Mr. Joseph T. Weingold
67 Riverside Drive
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Dear Mr. Weingold:

The regular meeting of the Board of Visitors will be held on
Wednesday, December 21, 1960, at two-thirty o'clock in the afternoon.

Sincerely yours,

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To the Board of Visitors of
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Gentlemen:

The report of the activities of Willowbrook State School for
the month of November, 1960, is as follows:

PATIENTS: On the books of the institution, October 31, 1960 5,719

<u>Admitted</u> :	First Admissions	45
	Re-admissions	7
	Transfers	1
	Total Admissions	53
		5,772

<u>Discharged</u> :	To the home	12
	From convalescent care	6
	By death	18
	From escape	2
	Total Discharges	38
	Total on books November 30, 1960	5,734

EMPLOYEES: Total employees on staff 1,786
Assigned to ward service (other than R.N.s)..... 1,282
Registered Nurses 56

Summary:
Appointments made during the month 77
Separated from service during the month 53

Medical Staff:
Director 1
Assistant Directors 3
Director of Clinical Laboratories Vacant
Supervising Psychiatrists 6
Senior Psychiatrists 7
Resident Psychiatrists 7
Principal Dentist 1
Dentist 1
Resident Dentist 1
Director of Psychiatric Research 1
Associate Research Scientist 1

Reportable communicable diseases were as follows: Infectious Hepatitis 4, dysentery (bacillary) 1, pneumonia (all forms) 13. There were 47 cases of ringworm of the scalp. Eleven autopsies were performed.

Deaths in the institution were as follows:

Under the age of 5	9
Between the ages of 5 and 10	4
" " " " 11 and 15	4
" " " " 26 and 30	<u>1</u>

Total Deaths 18

Causes of death were as follows:

Status Epilepticus	1
Congenital Cerebral Spastic Infantile Paraplegia ..	1
Hydrocephaly	2
Pneumonia (all forms)	13
Acute heart failure due to status epilepticus	1

There were 46 patients in restraint for a period of 595 days, and 36 patients in seclusion for a period of 410 days.

X-ray Department performed 428 radiographs, 18 EKGs, 26 EEGs, and 4 PEGs.

There were 8 electro shock treatments administered during the month.

The Dental Department reports: New cases examined 57; re-examinations 287; oral inspections on ward rounds 524; fillings 293; wiring splint for teeth 1; extractions 219; oral surgery 6; dentures constructed 6; dentures repaired 8; radiographs 107; Vincents Stomatitis cases 50; ulcerative Stomatitis cases 11; oral prophylaxis 370; acrylic jacket constructed 1; miscellaneous treatments 113; emergency cases 134.

The Laboratory reports weighted total tests as follows:

Section 1 - Bacteriology.....	262
2 - Mycology	7
3 - Parasitology	370
5 - Chemical examinations	227

6 - Hematology.....	557
7 - Transfusion & related Service ..	156.2
8 - Pathological anatomy	550
10 - Miscellaneous tests	<u>252.8</u>
Total Units.....	2,382.0

Beautician reported a total of 2,538 beauty treatments given as follows: 90 permanents, 495 shampoos, 470 hair sets, 403 scalp treatments, 41 eyebrow shapings, 1,080 hair cuts, 56 rinses, 19 facials, 33 hair removals, 62 manicures, 87 hair straightenings, 87 marcel and 5 hair tints.

There were 12 reportable accidents to patients during the month consisting of the following injuries to:

Legs	3
Feet	1
Arms	3
Hands	2
Teeth	1
Back	1
Ribs	1

Eleven boys and one girl left the School without permission during the month. Six of these boys were subsequently located and returned to the School. Five boys and two girls left the School without permission prior to November 1, 1960, were located and returned to the School.

One boy who left the School without permission prior to November 1, 1960, were located and placed on Convalescent Care. One girl who left the School without permission prior to November 1, 1960, was located and discharged from the School records.

One boy who left the institution without permission in July, 1959, was remanded to the Brooklyn House of Detention to be committed to Naponach, and was, therefore, discharged from the School records.

At the end of the month there remained on escape status 11 boys and 10 girls. Efforts are being made to locate these patients.

The Psychology Department reports as follows: Total number of patients studied was 83; tests administered 249, consisting of 90 mental ability tests, 33 special abilities tests, 111 projective tests and 15 academic achievement tests.

The Education Department reports an enrollment of 821 children in the following categories: Educable 369, trainable 343, blind 19, deaf 14, adult vocational 76. These children are assigned to the following classes:

- 1 Pre-readiness in rehabilitation unit class
- 3 Special tutoring classes
- 4 Readiness classes
- 4 Pre-readiness classes
- 5 Primer classes
- 5 Intermediate classes
- 4 Advanced intermediate classes
- 6 Advanced classes
- 28 Trainable classes
- 2 Blind classes
- 2 Deaf classes
- 3 Music classes
- 3 Sewing classes
- 3 Home economics classes
- 1 Vocational sewing class
- Adult vocational training

The Music and Dramatic Department entertained at the Benevolent Society Luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on November 9, 1960. The Thanksgiving Assembly was held Wednesday, November 23, 1960, with the following classes participating - Advanced girls, primer girls and boys, pre-readiness boys and girls, trainable boys and girls and the Band.

The Occupational Therapy Department reported an enrollment of 776; 493 male and 283 female, ambulatory and non-ambulatory.

The Recreation Department reports the following: Eight dances were held: 4 for teenagers and 4 for adults. Local 802, Federation of Musicians, provided music for 1 adult dance. Weekly movies are shown evenings for adults and matinees for the children. Tours were conducted for the children to places of interest on Staten Island. The boys'

basket ball team played several games against local competition. Our Girl Scouts and Brownies have met weekly and have made decorations to be used during the Holiday Season. The portable organ is being used to bring music into the buildings where non-ambulatory patients reside. The Benevolent Society for Retarded Children sponsored a variety show in the auditorium. The Sunshine Committee of the Benevolent Society for Retarded Children, Inc., gave a party for the children in buildings 5 and 10 at which they served icecream, milk and cookies. Ladies Auxiliary of Trinity Methodist Church, Wesleyan Guild, gave a party for 35 girls at which they served refreshments, played games and distributed gifts. Arrangements were made by Mrs. Barsky, Entertainment Chairman of the Benevolent Society, for 30 patients to see the Broadway production "My Fair Lady".

The Social Service Department reported the following activities: Caseload for the month 287; escaped patients 21; convalescent care cases followed by Willowbrook State School 51; patients continued in family care 20; patients on convalescent care followed by aftercare clinics 62; total patients in day work placement 55.

In-Service Training Program continued under the direction of the Assistant Principal, School of Nursing. Thirty-three employees assigned to ward service completed the Orientation Course. Forty-five employees assigned to ward service have continued the "75 Hour Course of Instruction for Attendants".

Visitors to the School, activities of the staff and special events:

Nov. 1 - Two social workers of Retarded Infant Service, and Miss Muriel McInerney, Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker of Mental Retardation Service, New York City, were taken on a tour of

the institution by Mr. E. Sherman, Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker of Willowbrook State School.

- 3 - Eighteen students from Hunter College were given a clinical presentation by Dr. I. Jacobs, Assistant Director, and taken on a tour of our facilities by Miss Mary A. Kelly, Assistant Principal, School of Nursing. Thirty students from Wagner College were taken on a tour of our academic school.
- 7-10 - On each day, three first-year nursing students from Wagner College visited our Rehabilitation Unit to observe our program.
- 10 - Four Social Workers from New York Hospital were taken on a tour of our facilities by Miss Toni Alston of our Social Service Department.
- 15 - Four members of our Psychology Department attended the Downstate Regional Psychologists' Conference at Brooklyn State Hospital.
- 15-16-17- Miss Mary A. Kelly, Assistant Principal, School of Nursing, and Miss Florence Goodfield, Chief Supervising Nurse, attended the meeting conducted by the Director of Nursing Services, Department of Mental Hygiene, held at Creedmoor State Hospital.
- 18 - Three social workers from Burke Foundation, New York, were taken on a tour of our facilities by Mr. E. Sherman, Supervising Psychiatric Social Worker. Two instructors and forty students from Wagner College visited our academic school to observe our methods.
- 30 - Mr. F. Jaekels, Supervisor of Occupational Therapy spoke at the Tottenville Methodist Church about Willowbrook State School and our volunteer program.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

In addition to the regular maintenance and operation supplies, the following equipment was received during the month: CLINICAL LABORATORY: 1 hot air sterilizer. NEW BUILDINGS: 2 secretarial chairs, 6 office chairs, 2 secretarial desks, 2 desks. FOOD SERVICE: 1 floor cleaning apparatus. ANNEX BUILDING 2: 2 Refrigerators, 1 sphygmomanometer, 1 ophthalmoscope-oscope, 1 floor machine. WARD SERVICE: 29 orthopedic carts, 24 clothing racks, 31 bathing chairs, 3 dressing carts. CENTRAL CLOTHING ROOM: 1 electric marking machine. MEDICAL DEPARTMENT: 1 podiatrist chair.

The following projects were processed by the Maintenance Department:

Build addition to 48A - 100% complete
Make door and jamb for pharmacy, Bldg. 61 - 30% complete
Put new roof on Bldg. 3 annex - 100% complete
Install door, greenhouse - 100% complete
Assemble lockers for new buildings - 65% complete
Work on toilet grab bars - 50% complete
Paint exterior Bldg. 61 - 90% complete
Paint basement, laundry Bldg. 32 - 100% complete
Paint interior Bldg. 11 various rooms and wards - 40% complete
Paint interior Bldg. 13 - 100% complete
Paint addition Bldg. 48A - 100% complete
Paint doors and frame, Bldg. 2-1E - 100% complete
Paint interior Bldg. 29 - 40% complete
Paint various jobs Bldg. 6 - 50% complete
Repair boiler #1, Bldg. 60 - 50% complete
Build pharmacy partitions Bldg. 61 - 75% complete
Repair furniture for various buildings
Repair glass for various buildings
Repair locks for various buildings

Several items of furniture and equipment were fabricated and installed at various points. General maintenance was carried on with 308 work orders.

In addition to routine repairs the following projects were processed by the Engineering Department:

Installed new steam return line under floor at new PX at Bldg. 3.
Completed cable enclosure at basement laundry Bldg. 32.
Installed several toilets in Building 2.

Installed 3 lavatories and 1 toilet in Bldg. 7.
Repairing and installing new water and steam lines at Kitchen 18.
Started installation of 2 bathing tubs and 8 toilets at Bldg. 25.
Mr. Don Crowther of Department of Public Works visited on Nov. 17th
to inspect faults in heating and ventilating systems on new
buildings. Recommended new style control for heating coils on
fan system and is to advise Department to inspect windows.
Dismantled refrigeration units in cooler at Bldg. 2 - to be
installed in new pharmacy at Bldg. 61.
Installed sink at Rumpus Room 4th floor, Bldg. 33.
Rebuilt second air compressor in Boiler Room.

This department completed 443 work orders.

Contract work in progress includes:

Rehabilitation of Annex, Bldg. 2.
Installation of radiator guards in Bldgs. 19, 20 and 22.
Construction of an addition to laundry Bldg. 61.
Rehabilitation of basement Bldg. 3 for a community store.
Installation of bathing facilities 4th floor Bldg. 2.
Installation of a sound system, Bldg. 2.
Installation of bed pan washers and connections Bldgs. 12, 14, 16, 26, 28.

Rehabilitation projects in progress consist of:

Rehabilitation of Bldg. 60 east wing to relocate pharmacy.
Rehabilitation of return traps and valve on radiators-various bldgs.

General Notes:

A quonset type building has been obtained from Federal Surplus and
is being erected for the storage of Grounds Department machinery and
equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

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