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Former Inmate Charges,

'Blacks Treated Like Dirt'

by James Smith
Staff Writer

"When blacks go to prison, they are denied most of their rights, and it's up to the people on the outside to see that their rights are not taken from them."

That is how John Wesley Williams feels. He was released from prison two weeks ago after serving nearly all of his four and a-half-year sentence. He was sentenced in 1973 for possession of heroin.

At the time of his sentencing, he received four-and-a-half years, six months suspended for five years plus a fine.

Williams, who is now working for Willie's Exxon Service Station, said in a Chronicle interview that people have no idea how little help a black prisoner receives



J.W. Williams
...Former Inmate

from prison officials.

"We're treated like dirt and are always being hauled from one camp to another," he said. During his prison sentence, Williams had been in 11 different camps.

"If a black man woke up one morning and was feeling kind of bad, they would send him off to the doctor. However, if the doctor said there was nothing physically wrong, he was expected to go to work. And, if he didn't show up for work, he would be put in confinement for at least 15 days," Williams explained.

In his estimation, one of the worse camps he has been in is the prison camp in nearby Danbury.

"Up there, everything is wrong. The prison camp is overcrowded and a black man has no chance at all," states Williams.

An honor grade prisoner, Williams said he received his first leave on Oct. 12, 1974 and that it was only for 12 hours. But, he says that whites who were honor grade prisoners

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Latest Killing is

Bizarre Castration

There are more murders being committed in Winston-Salem this year than last, according to statistics at the Winston-Salem Police Department.

For the five month period last year, there were nine murders committed and for the same period this year, there were 11.

The latest murder occurred last week when Mrs. Louise Bruce Williams, 50, of 2324 N. Cherry Street was allegedly set on fire and died later at Baptist Hospital.

Investigating officer P.O. O'Neal could not be reached for comment, but a police spokesman said Mrs. Wil-

liams was found lying nude and face down on the floor in the bedroom of her apartment.

Leslie McManus, 53, of the same address was charged with murder and a hearing has been set for June 16 in Forsyth County District Court.

The spokesman said McManus was charged with malicious castration.

Mrs. Williams' undergarments were badly burned and several pieces of the material were stuck to her body, the spokesman said.

She was taken to Baptist Hospital where she was treated for second and third degree burns on her waist,

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Local Youths Get Yellowstone Jobs

For the first time, Winston-Salem will have students participating in a summer work program at Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming.

Sam D. Harvey, executive director of the Winston-Salem

Urban League said in an interview that eight persons from Winston-Salem will be attending the work program this year. "And, it's the first time anyone from the city has ever done that," he said.

Two of those going, Robert Newlin, III and Wesley Walker, will be leaving for Yellowstone on Sunday. The others will be going in the next couple of weeks.

While there, Newlin will be a mariner at the park and Walker will be working in dining service.

Harvey said those selected were part of a number of persons who came to the Urban League's office and put in applications. All the applications were referred to Yellowstone National Park and from the ones submitted, eight were chosen.

One of the criteria were that the students be a certain age and able to work from the first week of June until the first week of September.

He further stated that one of the advantages with having the Urban League is that "it gives blacks or the disadvantaged jobs not only in Winston-Salem, but other places across the country."



Samuel D. Harvey, Executive Director, of the Winston-Salem Urban League is seen pointing to some of the scenic wonders on a placard from Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming. Looking on are Robert Newlin, III [Mariner] and Wesley Walker, [Dining Service] who will work at Yellowstone National Park this summer. Both Newlin and Walker got their jobs through the Winston-Salem Urban League.



Three residents of the Kimberly Park Terrace who recently completed a five week course at Baptist Hospital from grant given to Target Project Program are: [left to right] Carol Jean Johnson, Willette Conrad and Jacqueline Richardson.

Target Program Restores Dignity

by James Smith
Staff Writer

Three young women who are residents of the Kimberly Park Terrace recently completed a five-week course at Baptist Hospital as a result of the Target Project Program at the housing project.

Jacqueline Richardson, Carol Jean Johnson and Willette

Conrad, will soon hold positions at Baptist Hospital as a result of their training.

In April of last year, a two-year grant was given to Kimberly Park Terrace and Happy Hill Garden by the department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Its purpose is to deal with the general improvement of
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