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Victim's Life Turned to 'Living Hell'

Grandmother of Slain Woman

Recounts Troubled Married Life

by James Smith
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"My granddaughter thought the man she married was a beautiful sunflower, but he turned out to be a strong cactus."

Mrs. Lucille Gentry of 314 W. 14th Street, said recently in an interview that her

granddaughter, Mrs. Cynthia Wilson, was killed for no reason at all.

Mrs. Wilson, 23, of 535 Lunar Court was killed last Friday with a high-powered rifle while working at Gallos Plastics Corp. on Vargrave Street.

Charged with murder in her

death is her husband, Jimmie Lee Wilson, 30, of the same address.

A spokesman for the Winston-Salem Police Department said Wilson entered the front door of the printing and decorating shop where she worked and fired a shotgun blast.

Cpl. S.H. Alridge of Internal Affairs said the shooting incident was reported to his office about 10:30 a.m., and shortly thereafter, Wilson went to the police department and turned himself in.

Mrs. Wilson's grandmother stated that Mrs. Wilson married at a very early age because she thought Wilson was good. "He turned her life into a living hell," she said remorsefully.

"She was molested by Wilson's mother and him. Sometimes she would run to her mother's house to find peace, however, he would come there with a gun," she said.

"On May 3, he fired four



Mrs. Gentry
... 'Living Hell'

bullets into her mother's house, three of the bullets went outside and the other struck her," she continued.

Cpl. Alridge said in an interview that the couple had been having domestic trouble since September of last year. Alridge said the first time the Police Department was called in about their domestic troubles was last September 19.

At the time of the call, Mrs. Ella Mae Gentry, mother of the deceased, called the authorities and reported a disturbance at her home. She told officers that she and her son-in-law had gotten into an

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Mrs. Wilson
... Murder Victim

Russell Raps Court System,

'No Justice For Blacks'

by James Smith
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"The court system puts more value on the lives of whites than they do blacks, and therefore I say there is no justice for black people."

Carl H. Russell, Sr., alderman of the Northeast Ward made those comments during a recent Chronicle interview.

"A life is a life, regardless of color," he stated.

Russell cited that recently he was reading several stories in a newspaper which clearly

showed what he was trying to say.

"There was an incident where a black woman was killed and she was the mother of three children. Her killer only received two years. Then, there was an incident where three men robbed a white bank and they received 15 years.

"A more recent incident was where a black person killed a white person and they (court) were asking to give him life imprisonment," he said.

He charged that criminal justice now needs a thorough

review. "The law needs to become more rigid and it should put more value on the lives of a black person than it now does," he charged.

He also felt very strongly about hardened criminals who are allowed after a few years to come back out into society. "For what--to commit another murder?"

In an effort to get the court system re-evaluated, he feels the time has come for all blacks to get behind those

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WSSU Chancellor Announces Plans to Retire in June '77

by James Smith
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Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, announced Wednesday during a meeting of the Board of Trustees at the university that he would retire at the end of June, 1977.

Dr. Williams explained that he was making an early announcement to allow for ample time to set up and execute the search procedure for a new chancellor.

Dr. William Friday, president of the University of North Carolina, asked C. C. Ross, chairman of the board at WSSU to chair the search committee.

The committee, which has



Dr. Kenneth R. Williams

not been appointed, will consist of five members from the board of trustees, four faculty members, one student body representative and the president of the Winston-Salem Alumni Association.

During an interview, Wil-

liams explained that he has been on the job for 15 years, and that was long enough. "And, I will be retirement age by that time," he stated.

"No one should stay on a job for too long," he continued.

During his administration, there has been much improvement.

There have been at least two new dormitories built, a new college library, auditorium, classroom buildings and presently, there is some new additions being made to the gymnasium. Also, all of the buildings which were there when he came have been renovated.

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State's 1st Women's Caucus to Convene

The First Women's Caucus ever to be held in conjunction with a State Democratic Convention will convene in Raleigh on June 12.

Sonny Quinn, spokeswoman for the Women for Political Equity, stated, "The inequities to women on the present slate are impossible to rectify at this late date." However, she continues, "it is important to discuss items which will be voted on the floor and are of great importance to democratic women to ensure them of a stronger voice in party affairs."

The newly-formed Democratic Women's Caucus evolved in response to the small number of women delegates chosen from the 11 district conventions held in May. Only six women were selected out of 46 delegates to July's Democratic National Convention. The angry reaction generated by the imbalance in the North Carolina delegation produced an additional 10 women approved for at-large positions by the N.C.

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