

Gets a place to stay— room, board and bars

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A 20-year-old former Willowbrook State School patient, who has been bounced from pillar to post all his life in search of a home, yesterday found one as he was held in \$500 bail and placed in jail.

Willie Summers was arraigned in Criminal Court on charges of arson and burglary at Willowbrook State School—the only home which he has known for most of his life and yet was forced to leave.

Realizing that Summers had no place to go or no one to help him, Judge Leon Becker placed him in jail where, he will at least have a place to sleep and eat.

"There is no place he can

stay. I am not going to send him out into the streets again," the judge said. He added, "It will be an act of humanity at this time to set bail at \$500."

In his closing comments, the judge urged Howard Rintel, Summers' Legal Aid Society attorney, to submit a full report to the society and the court reporter to forward a copy of the proceedings to the commission of the State Mental Hygiene Department.

Summers was born in Manhattan in 1952, and reports indicate that his family background was very unstable. He was admitted to Willowbrook in May 1963 and lived there until 1970, when he was forced to leave because he reached a certain intelligent quotient which disqualified him

from remaining at Willowbrook.

Since his departure, Summers has been arrested at least five times in connection with burglaries at Willowbrook. Police said that since he has no place to live, he returned to Willowbrook to seek lodging.

Summers' brother is still a patient there.

The present charges accuse Summers of breaking into the school kitchen and taking \$6 in coins and two master keys. He then allegedly set fire to a waste basket, causing damage to the office. He was arrested on a similar charge Jan. 13 and is under indictment by a grand jury.

In his defense, Rintel criticized Willowbrook and the mental hygiene system for allowing a young man to roam the streets in his condition.

Rintel said that Willowbrook is the only home Summers knows.

Rintel added: "Willowbrook said to this man, 'Go take care of yourself.'" It provided no training for him, no resources, no way of making a living, no place to live, no money. They kicked him out the front door."

Summers will remain in jail to await action by a grand jury on the charges.