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It's your opinion

Employes abused votes received at Willowbrook

We are reading and hearing about the abuses of the employers at Willowbrook to the patients. How about the abuses from the patients to the employes. There are hard working, dedicated people working there. Just recently one had her teeth knocked out by a patient causing severe pain, etc. That is just one case; there are many more.

Of course you get your employe who is a degenerate, who takes his anger and frustration out on these poor, unfortu-

nate patients. But don't put the mark of Cain on all employes.

Another situation: The parent who bore a child into this world, seeing the child is retarded he puts the child into Willowbrook. After how long he takes the child home and the state gives him money, a subsistance. Meanwhile, the parents who bore a child into this world, seeing the child retarded, instead of putting the child into Willowbrook, keeps him in their home, giving him the care, love and understanding needed, sacrificing their own lives for the child. Yet they get no subsistance from the state.

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