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Alleged Attacker

Walks Out Of The

Court A Free Man

Verdict of Not Guilty Di-

rected In Case Against

Prince Lynch

A little colored girl, quite small

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Killer Sentenced To Prison For 30 Years Williams Murder Williams Murder Tobacco Sales Go Over Six Williams Murder Tobacco Sales Go Over Six Million Mark Here Today Tobacco sales (went over the jever, the cut is not believed suf-Tobacco sales went over the ever, the cut is not believed suf-

J. Henry Williams **Makes** Disgusting **Plea To Save Self**

Wife Killer Pleads Guilty **Of Second Degree Mur**der In Court Tuesday

James Henry (Slick) Williams, 27-year-old Negro, was sentenced to serve thirty years in State Prison for the fatal stabbing of his wife, Hattie Mae Peel Williams, by Judge Henry Stevens in the Martin Count Superior Court here late Tuesday afternoon. The weight of the sentence apparently did not dawn upon the professional "carver", but he walked starry-eyed back to jail with officers to await transfer to Raleigh.

Williams, in court numerous times for abusing and attacking his wife, returned from the roads on the morning of last August 25 and fatally stabbed the defenseless victim early the following morning.

He entered a plea of second degree murder and the plea was accepted at 4:10 Tuesday afternoon by Solicitor George Fountain.

In its showing before court, the State presented evidence by only four witnesses, Minnie Eubanks, Marie Griffin, Officer Arthur Perry and Deputy Raymond Rawls. The evidence placed the charge close to first degree murder, but the court reasoned that the plea fitted the case.

The State showed that Williams, after leaving the road camp early that Saturday morning, went to his mother's home and then visited his aunt, finally going to his wife's home on White Street. He changed clothes and left, returning that afternoon. Later he attended a show and returned home about midnight. His wife, sitting on the porch

Wilth some exceptions, farmers are reporting a fairly good peanut crop in the county this year. Two or three areas are reporting a near failure for the sixth straight

PEANUTS

year, but Farmer Jim Staton Ayers this week displayed bumper samples of a quality crop grown on his farm near Hamilton. Quite a few farmers say the quantity is a bit short, but quality is "pretty good."

The new crop is bumping into a comparatively large carry over, and it is possible that the Commodity Credit will be called upon at marketing time.

Women Of Party In This District Meet Wednesday

Governor Urges Continued Support For The "Go Forward Program"

Meeting in Washington yesterday afternoon, women of the Democratic Party in this district Perkins moved on Williams, and heard Governor Kerr Scott and Williams backed away, threatenother State leaders. The meeting was well attended.

ed the crowd back. Bonner went Among those attending from for his bat and claimed Williams this county were: his bat and claimed Williams Mr. and Mrs. Chas. N. Meakin, swung on him and the fatal blow

Mrs. H. D. Harrison, Mrs. Kader was delivered. Lilley, Mrs. Bill Abbitt, Hugh Solicitor Geo. Fountain said he Horton, Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Mrs. E. planned to call this afternoon S. Peel, Mrs. J. Eason Lilley, Mrs. the case in which Dallas Lee Geo. M Peel, Mrs W. T. Rose, James, Jr., 17-year-old colored Mrs. V. G. Taylor and Mrs. Jack boy, is charged with the fatal Hardison of Williamston, Mrs. F. shooting of Grover Pecl near

A. Rawls and Mrs. J. C. Kirkman | Dardens on August 19. of Jamesville, Mrs. Herbert High-The court is certain to continue smith, Mrs. Fred Taylor, E. G. in session through all of tomor-Anderson, Mrs. Earl Fleming, row with the possibility that a Mrs. Alvia Roebuck, Mrs. A. P. Saturday session will be held. with Minnie Eubanks, followed Barnhill and Mrs. Oscar E. Rob-The grand jury, completing its

Prison.

the defense.

six million-pound mark here this ficient, reports declaring that the morning with one of the largest receiving stations or redrying To Call Third Murder Case For Trial During The blocks in the history of the mar-

ket still holding firm. Warehouse- glut will be reflected in prices. men in the business for many However, the price trend con-After all the evidence was years, said today the current tinues firm. heard and parts of two days were

marketing rush was the greatest spent on the trial, the case in they had ever seen. which LeRoy Bonner was charg-Early last evening, tomorrow's ed with the murder of Osborne sale had been placed on the floor Williams in Everetts on August in its entirety. Deliveries were 10, came to an unexpected close being made but there was no early this afternoon when the despace immediately available, fense entered a plea of guilty of meaning that next Monday's sale will be placed on the floor quick-

second degree murder. He was immediately sentenced ly, beginning sometime tomorrow. the current crop is disappearing by Judge Henry Stevens to serve Nothing more has been said out of the farmers' hands in a about a marketing holiday, but hurry, some believing that twonot less than eighteen and not sales are being cut back. How- thirds of the crop has been sold. more than twenty years in State

Afternoon

witnesses for both the State and

It was brought out that LeRoy

Bonner was employed to keep

peace at a party given in the Eve-

retts lodge hall on the night of

August 11. Bonner talked softly

and carried a big stick, a baseball

bat. Several Williamston boys

tried to crash the party. Williams

went to the door and said he

wanted to get Peggy Hines. He

was refused admittance." During

the meantime, a bottle was

thrown into the hall. Bonner was

hit on the hand and William Wal-

lace was cut on the face. Walter

ing Perkins with a bottle. He la-

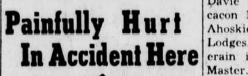
Only one witness was called by the State Wednesday and this **ROOT KNOT** morning there was an array of

> A field demonstration of certain methods of fumigating soils for tobacco root knot control will be held near Greenville, Friday, September 21st.

Mr. H. R. Garriss, Plant Pathology Specialist, State College, and other specialists will be present, it was announced by S. A. Tuten, assistant farm agent of Martin County.

The farm is located one mile south of Greenville on highway No. 11. The demonstration will commence at 1:00 P. M.

Tobacco growers, in particular, are urged to attend this demonstration.



Mr. James C. Blythe and his six-year-old son, James, were painfully bruised when an automobile, driven by James Edward

Moore, struck their motorcycle from Williamston is expected. and knocked them off near Griffins Quick Lunch on Washington Street last Friday afternoon

Continuance Almost Certain In \$35,000 Damplants are literally choked with tobacco. It is possible that the age Action

Twenty-five cases, in addition o a dozen divorce actions have

Through yesterday the market been placed on the calendar for here had sold 5,755,164 pounds trial in the Martin County Sufor a general average right at perior Court next week. All of the \$51.00 per hundred pounds. Last current week was set aside for Monday's 'sale continues to hold the trial of a large criminal dockthe record, official reports listing et, including three murder cases. 296,416 pounds sold for an aver-The divorce mill is to be crankage of \$56.19. ed up next Monday when several

No estimates are available, but civil cases are to be heard also. A continuance is likely in the \$35,000 damage suit being brought by Margaret P. Revels against Vincent J. Ferris. T. L. Rober

son and Murph Whitaker an being made defendants in the case, and it is understood they have not had time to prepare and file answers, meaning that the ase is almost certain to be continued. The suit was brought as

Colerain - Most Worshipful a result of an accident last March Herbert M. Foy, Grand Master 27, when Ferris' car crashed into Twelve Bands Expected for out a warrant charging Lynch of Masons of North Carolina, will the side of Pierce Brother's store address a meeting of the Masons of the Second Masonic District about eight miles from Williamston on Highway 17, injuring the at Colerain, Monday, September plaintiff who was inside the 24, at 8:00 P. M. There will be a building.

meeting of the officers of the dis-Other cases on the civil calentrict at 3:30 P. M. presided over dar: by Right Worshipful Wilber L.

U. S. Hoffman Machinery Cor-McIver, Grand Secretary, from Raleigh, N. C. At 6:30 a barbecue supper will be served at the account. high school cafeteria. All Masons

Second District

Masons Will Meet

of the district are invited. pany is suing Raymond Williams event should attract larger crowds The lodges of the second district include Skewarkee Lodge of Wiltitled to that amount as a result staged in Williamston or the viliamston, Charity Lodge of Windof a boundary line variation. sor, Unanimity Lodge of Edenton, In the case of W. H. Harrison Davie Lodge of Lewiston, Wic-

cacon Lodge of Harrellsville, Ahoskie, Aulander ,and Colerain of a \$75 hog. Lodges. Grady I. Carriker of Col-D. G. Matthews in his case nished by Otho Willard and his

erain is District Deputy Grand' against Grant Spruill is suing to string band. The music for the Rev. A. D. Leon Gray, Supervalued at \$100.

intendent of Oxford Orphanage, Harrison Oil Company is suing dance committee is headed by will be present and will speak in D. Harrison, Jr., to recover Bernard Harrison and the dance the interest of the Orphange. \$551.95 alleged due on account. A large attendance of Masons

W. R. Everett is asking \$2,000 Street from 9:00 PM to 12 mid- attack damages of Wm. Everett alleged night, with a special section set to have resulted from a fire said aside for the colored folk. **Recommended for** to have been started by the de- A speaker of national impor-

Day observance. Funds raised in this button sales will be used in under privileged child work.

FEATURE

A special feautre of the

National Kids' Day Observ-

ance will be selling of special

buttons by the local Boy-

Scouts. The sale will take

place Saturday, September

22 according to an announce-

ment by V. J. Spivey, Pres-

ident of the Kiwanis Club,

sponsors of the National Kids'

Many Candidates For Princess Of **Harvest Festival**

The Event Here Beginning October 2nd

Plans for Williamston's Fourth Annual Harvest Festival, which the contradictory evidence, Judge gets underway Tuesday night, Oc- Henry Stevens, without a motion tober 2, with a street dance, are by defense counsel, directed a poration is suing Leander Bowen almost complete, it was announc- verdict of not guilty, and the to recover \$600 alleged due on ed yesterday. Various committee alleged attacker, Prince Lynch, heads have been appointed, and 21-year-old Negro, walked out of

cinity.

The Williamston Lumber Com- with good weather, this popular the courtroom a free man. The little girl, confronted by for \$1,000, claiming that it is en- this year than any event ever the overwhelming testimony, either stacked or unstacked, still held to her story, saving in a

The street dance of Tuesday weak voice that Lynch had atagainst J. T. Hadley, the plain- evening will feature both square tacked her, adding that he offered tiff is suing to recover possession and round dancing, with music her ten cents not to say anything for the square dance being fur- about the attack.

Although she was quoted previously as saying that she called recover possession of two hogs round dancing will be by Dick to her mother for help and that Levin and his sextet. The street she asked to be treated for abrasions on her frail little body, the witness said on the stand that she itself will be held on Washington (did not tell her mother about the

> On cross examination, the girl said Lynch was drunk, but not too drunk to walk. She denied

for her eight years, was deserted in the Martin County Superior Court here yesterday by her parents, Navin and Queenie Hawkins, who took the stand in behalf of a self-admitted drunkard who was charged with attacking his victim in the Hawkins home early in the morning of August The mother had not been on

her daughter's side all the while, and after the father had sworn with attempting to rape the girl, Dianne Hawkins, he (the father)

said on the stand in open court that he had some doubt if the girl was attacked. In the face of

him into the house and she was heard screaming a few minutes later. "I heard her cry, 'Don't cut me, Slick, don't cut me'," Witness Minnie Eubanks said. The witness said the attacker called

her and told her to call a doctor. "She (the victim) struggled for. her last breath and I told Slick Motorcade Comes it was too late to call a doctor, that I was going to call the law,' the witness said, adding that she found the man bent over the victim, the small paring knife, bent and bloody, on the floor near him.

Marie Griffin, hearing the screaming, turned off her radio hand up and down over her. The victim bled to death in a matter peoples of Europe and Asia. Raof minutes.

Witness Rawls, giving the victim a splendid reputation reviewed William's record in the courts. state wide campaign to acquaint The wife was afraid to testify against him at times. On one oc- done by this non-profit, save casion he was fined for attacking peace, organization. her. A third time, he ran away and upon his return a few months given to the Crusade as it launchlater attacked her again within five hours. The officer said that the fellow seldom worked, that

he held no job long at a time, With little or nothing in its favor, the defense offered little evidence other than a disgusting plea, packed with falsifications

by the defendant himself. Williams said that when he was returning home that night he saw the Truth. his wife walking with another man, that she ran and got on the porch and was talking to Minnie Eubanks when he reached there. ly that the victim had been on world: Tell the Truth. General It had been brought out previousthe porch with the witness for some time.

Williams then maintained that into the bed room and to the ward- him expand Radio Free Europe after a acasual greeting he walked robe, that he planned to pack his into a network of freedom staclothes and get out. According tions." to his fantastic story, the wife knife and returned, advising him a part in the battle for Truth by asking: not to leave. "She held the knife contributing to the Crusade for and I held her hand," the defen-

(Continued on Page Seven)

erson of Robersonville "If you are a Demoerat, be one,' were the words of Governor Scott with hit-and-run driving. The as he called on all loyal Democase in which he is charged with

(Continued on Page Five) county court.

Here Tomorrow

The local Jaycees are urging and testify. Examining Dr. W. the people of Williamston and vi-J. Highsmith's report on the patient, Judge Henry Stevens, precinity to take advantage of the Crusade For Freedom motorcade siding over the term, said it was

which will arrive here Friday one doctor's writing that he and went to a window and saw morning at 10:30 to present a 45 could read readily. the man grab at his wife, saw minute program in front of the her fall and saw him working his Roanoke Dixie Warehouse of what is being done to get the truth juglar vein was severed and the about freedom to Red terrorized dio Station WIAM will broadcast

from the motorcade. This is part of a national and the people with what is being Nation-wide publicity is being

es its fall program. The Crusade now has three

weapons for piercing the Iron Curtain, the newest being the balloon operation. One of these will

be launched during the program-The other weapons are the Freehistory. dom Bell in Berlin and the Radio Free Europe in Munich which broadcasts every day, hour after

hour spiking Communist lies with number of growers tried to get by able.

Freedom, General Eisenhower in many cases the results were said "Radio Free Europe has the disastrous.

Lucious Clay, leader of the Berlin Air lift, is directing the Cru-

tion, great or small, will help few fields in some counties. Heav-

Bernard Harrison, local Jaycee ing higher resistance. president, urges everyone to have

"What next? Where do we Freedom. George Corey is the lo- from here?" cal chairman for the Crusade for

at 5:20 o'clock. Moore, traveling Geo. L. Leggett, Jr., was charged out of town, started to make a Oak City Position left turn to the lot near Griffins

drunken driving goes back to the A continuance was granted in the case in which G. B. Whitfield is charged with receiving stolen goods when it was pointed

out that the defendant's wife was ill and could not appear in court

Other proceedings in the court: Pleading guilty of larceny of (Continued on Page Seven) tv.

Quick Lunch, just as Mr. Blythe Rupert R. Rawls has been reand his*son approached from the commended for permanent postopposite direction. Neither ve- master in Oak City by Congresshicle was traveling fast, but the man Herbert C. Bonner, according

motorcycle driver was thrown to an official announcement several feet and somersaulted a reaching here this week. Mrs. number of times, witnesses said. Bonner also recommended the About the time one member continuance of Tom Pearson as of the local police department was assistant to the postmaster there. investigating the Washington The recommendations amount Street accident, another was inves- to appointment, and the new posttigating a minor accident on the master is scheduled to enter upon

main street near Haughton. Chas. his duties the first of October. Dugger started to drive out of a Following the death of her husparking place and his car bump- band about a year ago, Mrs. J. A. house, alleged due from Decem- Betty Lou Rogerson; Bethel, Jean er struck James Oliver Raby's Rawls has been serving as acting ber 21, 1950. fender, causing about \$20 damage. postmistress there. She was not a Dugger accepted the responsibili- candidate for the position per-

manently.

endant. •

Alleging \$616.56 is due him to definite word not having been girl explaining that he gave her under a farming contract, Robt, given up to yesterday, the name and the other children a nickel Wilson is suing C. L. Nelson for of the speaker will not be releas- each when he returned home Sat-

that amount. As a result of an automobile The Festival parade will fea \$351 property damages.

\$100 a month rent for a ware- kie, to be announced; Bear Grass,

Annie Elizabeth Obet of New nounced; Farm Life, Linette Col-(Continued on Page Five)

Farmers Facing Challenge In Fighting New And Baffling Diseases Of Tobacco

By H. R. Garriss, Plant

Pathologist, and resistance. But because the pro- Vesta lines. R. R. Bennett, Tobacco Specialist, blem is complex and such a large N. C. State College Extension Service

volume of work is required to de-Tar Heel tobacco growers now

Diseases, notably black shank, mer than ever before. A large found in the varieties now avail- as well as other black shank re-

In launching the Crusade for with non-resistant varieties and

simplist, clearest charter in the sade for freedom. Your contribuly by attacks of the disease in a crop.

than by the three varieties carry-

the Jaycees.

slow at best. Growers should not expect, in evidence throughout the State. have hit the flue-cured crop in the very near future, varieties However, in a few instances in se-North Carolina harder this sum- with higher resistance than is veral counties, Dixie Bright 101

What, then, can be done?

The individual farmer can do

Even the black shank resistant lem of tobacco diseases. He can Bright 101, growers on about 20 ditions are unfavorable for tobacvarieties, such as Oxford 1, Ox- follow practices which research farms out of 1,000 lost from 18 to ford 1-181, the Vestas, and Dixie and experience have shown will 90 percent of their tobacco in cer-

Bright 101, were damaged heavi- contribute to success with the tain fields or parts of fields. In We have visited and observed out of 600 lost a high percentage

factorily.

moderately resistant varieties in North Carolina this summer, to black shank. We found black shank present in These percentages of failure or

As a result, many growers are counties located on the fringe of individual cases, were small when in fields where tobacco followed auditorium Monday evening at compared to the overall perform- tobacco. the flue-cured area. We discovered that Dixie ance of resistant varieties.

Bright 101 was the predominating Examination of fields where re-Research is being continued, black shank resistant variety us- sistant varieties did not survive and every effort is being made to ed by growers, with some acreage satisfactorily has led us to a num-

find varieties with good quality, planted also to Dixie Bright 102 ber of conclusions. We present act as chaperon for the girls, as good yields ,and higher disease Oxford 1, Oxford 1-181, and the them here for the consideration of all growers:

> 1. No varieties available today car be counted on to live 100 per

per rotation will support the resistance of varieties that are available and will contribute to the successful production of resistant varieties on disease-infest-

infested soil and where other conco (nematodes, wireworm, fertilizer injury, unfavorable weather)

varieties survived better in fields all but four or five flue-cured partial failure, although severe in where rotation was practiced than sociation in the Grammar School

2. There are spots in various fields in the State and conditions quainted social period will be (Continued on Page Six) cafeteria.

tance is expected to address the having told Brenda Brown that Slade Rhodes Company is seek- visitors on Wednesday afternoon, Lynch did not attack her. She ng to recover \$414.59 from Law- October 3, following the tremen- also denied that her father had rence Williams alleged due on a dous Festival parade which will given her \$1.25 to hatch up the start promptly at 2:00 PM. Due charge against Lynch, the little ed until early next week.

accident at Butler's Bridge on ture about twelve bands, many the alleged attack. Highway 125 last October 22, floats and exhibits and a number George H. Leggett is suing L. A. of "Princesses". Communities and Glisson for \$1,000 personal and schools who are sending Princess- night, said he was told by the

S. A. Mobley, in his case against the names of the representative, tacking her when she woke up. Dixie Motor Company, is asking where it has been released: Ahos-Cullipher: Edenton, to be an-City, to be announced; Plymouth.

urday afternoon to buy candy, and that she told him then about Dr. J. T. Llewellyn who exam-

ined the child that Saturday es are listed below, along with girl that a colored man was at-At that time the girl had 99.8 degree temperature, the doctor stating that he found abrasions on the upper part of both thighs and the lower part of her abdotrain; Jamesville, Jean Ellis; Oak men. There was no sign of an accomplished act, however. The ex-Mary Lou Voirol; Robersonville, amining doctor also said the to be announced; Scotland Neck, child walked with difficulty.

On cross examination, the witness said the injury was not announced and Windsor, Ann fresh, but he was of the opinion that it was less than 24 hours old. He described the wounds as being similar to brush burns or where the skin was rubbed against pavement. He virtually ruled out the possionity that the injury could have been caused by riding a horse or straddling a

> ee-saw A turn in the case came when the sorry father took the stand. He told about what the child had told him, explaining that the child had called for help but got no answer from her mother, how the little girl walked with difficulty when he left Sunday afternoon to return to his job in New Bern.

> On cross examination, Hawkins denied having given the child \$1.25 to tell the story on Lynch. He said he asked his wife why she had not helped the child, that the wife said she did not hear her. The father then admitted that he told the defense lawyer to work hard for the defendant, that he (Hawkins) did not believe Lynch had anything to do with the girl. He then claimed that the child told him last Monday morning that Lynch did not trouble her. He said he employed no lawyer (Continued on page eight)

In general, Dixie Bright 101 velop even one acceptable vari- has performed very satisfactorily cent on soils heavily infested with face the biggest challenge in their ety, progress along these lines is in that good yield, good quality, black shank. This has been reand satisfactory resistance are in cognized all along. However, pro-

sistant varieties did not live satis-

ed soil. A two-year rotation will In one county where about half help in many cases, but in badly

a three- or four-year rotation will

to be announced; Washington, to be announced; Williamston, to be Byrd. Each of these Princesses tible automobile in the parade and

Mrs. Wheeler M. Manning will sisting them in rehearsals and

other matters. The Hassell School Rhythm Band is scheduled to appear in the parade and although not definite

the Rhythm Band from Farm Life school may participate again this year. This is the rhythm band which proved so very popular in last year's parade. The parade will be formed and managed by 'Blue" Manning, who has so capably directed all of the previous Harvest Festival parades.

On Wednesday evening, Octo (Continued on Page Seven)

Williamston P.-T. A. To Meet Monday Evening

The first meeting of this scholastic year will be held by the Williamston Parents-Teachers As-7:45 o'clock.

A brief program and get-acheld with refreshments in the

much to help solve his own prob- the acreage was planted to Dixie

ier damage was suffered by the a large number of tobacco fields of the plants of resistant varieties

another county, about 15 farmers be required in many cases. In

agents and others have seen that both resistant and non-resistant

case after case this year, county

