

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

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dant said, declaring that he did not know when she was cut. "I was in the kitchen when she came to the door and told me she was cut. I laid her on the floor and called for help," Williams told the court.

Williams denied having dictated a letter in which he threatened to kill her just as soon as he got off the roads. He also denied having heard his wife cry, "Don't cut me."

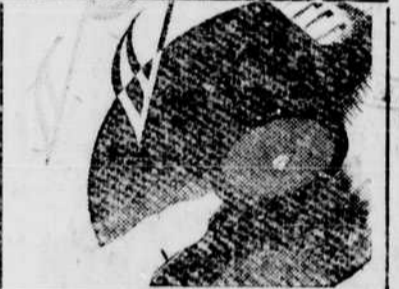
William's attorney was stymied for even a thread to support a mercy plea. "You can't make anything good out of a murder, and the defendant's record will not help here," Attorney E. S. Peel said, pointing out that Williams asked that medical aid be summoned for the victim, and that the attacker did not run away.

Handling the private prosecution, Attorney Clarence Griffin asked for the maximum penalty, pointing out that a trifling husband had killed a good woman, a faithful wife, leaving two small children to be reared by his mother-in-law whom he had attacked only last January.

Judge Stevens dismissed the fantastic and lie-packed plea offered by Williams, and without batting an eye and without much formality meted out the maximum penalty.

### Many Candidates For Princess Of Harvest Festival

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ber 3, in the Planters warehouse, the Annual Harvest Ball will be held and the Princesses named above will compete for the title of Queen of the Harvest, 1951. The Ball is scheduled to get underway at 9:30 PM and will continue until 1:30 AM. Music for the Ball will be furnished by

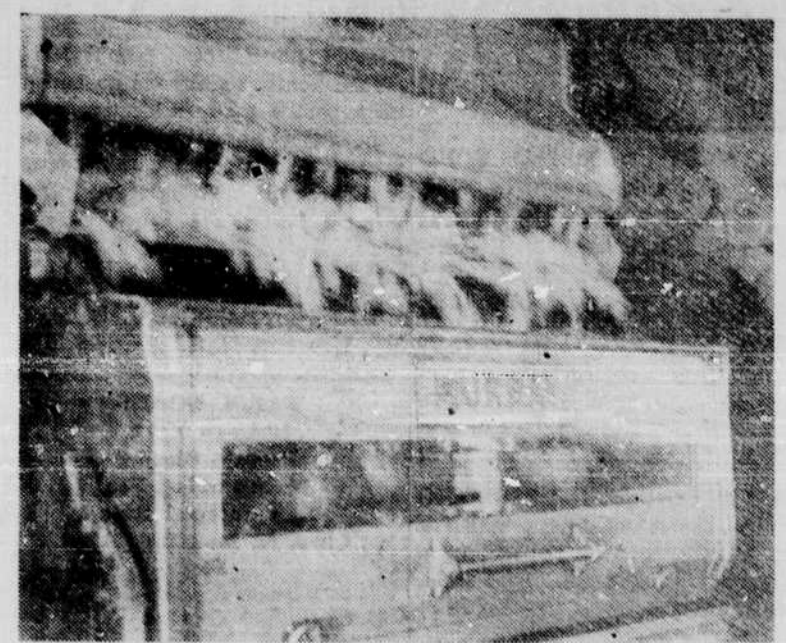


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The above photo shows ginning operations going on in the Robersonville plant of the Taylor Mill and Gin Company. The cotton passing through the machine at lightning speed was grown by Elder W. H. Rogers of near Williamston. It was the first bale ginned at the plant this season and was purchased by Sherwood L. Roberson, cotton buyer and broker. Mr. Taylor has one of the most modern and best equipped gins in North Carolina.



"Captain Horatio Hornblower," featuring Virginia Mayo and Gregory Peck, will be shown at the Hamilton Theatre Monday and Tuesday, September 24 and 25th.

Dick Levin and his State College Orchestra, consisting of thirteen musicians. His orchestra replaces the one of Claude Thornhill's which was to have played for the Ball but had to cancel the engagement due to previous commitments.

Traffic arrangements for the Festival are being made by Chief Roebuck and the Williamston Police Force, assisted by the N. C. State Highway Patrol. There will be a slight change in the routing of the parade this year, due to the heavy traffic which has been giving Houghton Street and Marshall Avenue a heavy beating in the past. Instead of forming on Hassell and Academy Streets, the parade will form on Marshall Avenue and move up Watts Street; it will turn down Washington and disperse at the warehouse. The through highway traffic will turn at Watts Street and will be routed via Church Street.

Street decorations are scheduled to go up early next week and most of the member-firms of the Williamston Boosters, Inc., sponsors of the event, are planning to decorate their establishments in keeping with the occasion.—Reported.

### Lee Bonner Given Twenty Years For Williams Murder

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hundreds of burlap bags, Robert Bland and Elton Taylor were sentenced to prison for not less than two and not more than three years. They were placed on probation which is to run concurrently with the five-year probation ordered by the Pitt Superior Court a short time ago. They are to pay the costs and reimburse the owner of the property \$297, value of the stolen property. These young men are to be home each night during the next five years by 9:00 o'clock, or else.

Charged with aiding and abetting larceny in three cases, James Rawls, young colored man, plead-

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the roads for twelve months, the court suspending the road term upon the payment of a \$100 fine and costs. The pistol was ordered confiscated and sold.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Smallwood Harris was sentenced to the roads for eighteen months. The judgment was suspended upon the payment of a \$200 fine and cost. The court ordered the defendant not to drink any intoxicating liquors during the next two years. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for two years.

James Larry Edwards was sentenced to State Prison for not less than two and not more than three years for the theft of \$1,169 from Alice and James Wiggins, welfare subjects, near Hamilton on August 28. The 50-year-old defendant pleaded guilty.

Elmer Rodgers, the fellow who has been in the courts rather frequently, was found not guilty of trespassing.

Found guilty of drunken driving, Wm. Richard Williams was sentenced to the roads for eighteen months, the court suspending the judgment for two years upon the payment of the cost and a \$200 fine. The defendant is to drink no intoxicating liquors, have none in his possession and violate no penal law during the next two years.

Sam Peel, Sr., and Wesley James, adjudged guilty of the larceny of meat from Farmer Albert T. Gurkin, were each sentenced to the roads for eight months.

Sam Spell, charged with the theft of a ring and bracelet from the home of Jesse Biggs a few days ago, pleaded guilty. Judge Stevens sentenced him to the roads for six months, but suspended the road term upon the payment of the cost and \$10 to the prosecuting witness for damaged property. It was recommended by the court that the father "whip the devil out of the boy." The father said he did not know if he could whip the devil out of the lad, but a whipping was certain.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Lester L. Whitfield was fined \$200, plus costs.

The trial of the case in which Charlie Razor was charged with drunken driving was highlighted by testimony offered by a defense witness. Razor was found guilty despite a plea advanced in the name of a tubercular wife and seven small children, he drew twelve months on the roads. The defense witness, asked why he was out so late the night Ra-

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### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Piling up a record last week-end, motorists on Martin County highways and streets pushed the accident count figure in this county to 175 through September 16. No one was killed and few were hurt, but immunity from death is certainly a bit shaky in the face of such antics.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend; first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

37th Week

Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge			
1951	10	3	0 \$ 1,050
1950	2	1	0 550
Comparisons To Date			
1951	175	76	5 \$38,855
1950	102	45	2 22,540

zor was caught, delayed his answer. Asked if he wasn't hauling liquor, the witness said no. When Solicitor George Fountain pushed the question again, the witness admitted he was out riding with another man's wife, explaining that he had resigned from his position in the liquor business two years ago out of respect to his family. Judge Stevens, pointed out that there had been much lying in the case, that possibly the worst thing about the defendant was his association with a sorry

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white man. "And if the jury men had believed the evidence offered by the defense, I would have had their heads examined," the jurist said. "But they are not foolish," he declared, adding that the jurists in this county were among the best he had ever worked with and that he wanted to congratulate them.

James Henry (Slick) Williams, a professional carver by profession, was sentenced to State's prison for thirty years for the cold murder of his wife in Williams- ton early in the morning of August 26. He entered a plea of guilty to murder in the second degree and the plea was accepted. The

sentence was the maximum allowed by law. The weight of the sentence apparently did not register on Williams immediately, but he was a bit starry-eyed when he was walked back to his jail cell to await delivery to the Raleigh institution. Just out of jail on August 25th for cutting his wife, Williams stabbed her to death early the next morning with their two little children as witnesses. Williams offered a fantastic plea, but Judge Steven dismissed it as a pack of lies, and pronounced the maximum sentence with apparent pleasure.

The court has about thirty more criminal cases to hear and it is

likely that the session will continue well into Friday. Next week the court is to hear civil cases, most of them considered of little importance.

A man employed to wash windows at a factory in Boston was working so moderately that no actions might well be termed "slow motion."

His superior demanded one day, "Jim why don't you move up a little faster and get this job done?"

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