$2,750 FOR A DEATH
White Man Ordered to Pay Sum to Negro's Widow

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 25 (AP)—A white farmer charged with manslaughter in the death of a Negro he said he had shot at as a joke has received a suspended sentence of three to five years.

Roger Earl Williams, 38 years old, of Wake Forest, N. C., was also ordered to pay $2,750 to the victim's wife and four children. Mr. Williams pleaded no contest when the case was disposed of yesterday.

Mr. Williams said the Negro, William Person, 28, had been a friend of his and that he had fired at him in fun to make him run faster. The bullet struck Mr. Person in the back.

A magistrate cleared Mr. Williams of any blame, but later the Wake County grand jury indicted him for manslaughter.
"Playful' Shot by White Man Kills Negro at Wake Forest

By TOM IMMAN

A young man named Portis Williams, 21, died from a pistol bullet in his back about 9 a.m. Saturday. He was William Henry, 21. A young man named Portis Williams, 21, was killed by a bullet that struck his head. The bullet was found in the head by his brother, who was with him at his home. The bullet entered his brain, and he died soon after being taken to the hospital. The coroner's report states that Williams was killed by a bullet that entered his brain.

Passed by the deputies, officers and the general contractor, who were with the body in the hospital, it was determined that the bullet entered his brain, and he died soon after being taken to the hospital. The coroner's report states that Williams was killed by a bullet that entered his brain.

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"Yes, at Security,'
promise Plan
Bill Dispute

Negro. But he adopted a "wait-\-
and-see" attitude as to how the bill will vote when the bill comes over
from the House.

The committee meeting in the morning had brought forth the
most heated debate among members of
the three-man delegation of
the session.

"When this goes to the Senate, they're going to say, 'Yes, we've already started, that if
you vote for the whole bill, you're going to make it possible for a
colored man to be elected to the Board of County Commissioners."," Harris told the
committee.

"Desegregated to Kill." He charged that the Whitley-Womble bill was
designed to kill HB
314, which has been approved by
the Senate, and that it adds two members to the board from Raleigh Township. If the vote
had been, Womble said the situation is
not so simple.

"You can't just take
provisions, mark my word, if the two men's addition bill was to
Whitley's, added, "I'm going
to do everything to stop up any once a
time.

"Harris said rural Wake people
are afraid of the Negroes. He
reinforced the Whitley-Womble measure on the board
of the proposed new fig-

"They all have to fit into each other. They can't be in favor of this bill." Harris said. He called
the bill the "right to somebody from their district on the
county board."

Harris and Whitley showed the committee a
large, three-colored map showing the proposed new reg-

Harris said the bill had hurt business because they didn't know about it until after /of
the bill, he said, "They didn't know where the map was," he
said, "Put a bill under the Harris amendment to
the Whitley-Womble proposals. Raleigh residents would vote against the
proposed bill at the same time they
vote on the addition in 1900. That's why he
should be extended to a vote of the
white people, and that the
proposals should not be voted on at the same
time."

The committee postponed
its action on the bill until today.

APPROPRIATION

Withdrawn

As building needs through
the petition of Broan's Par
to send their children to
high school was approved
by the Board of Education
and calling of an election.
Brook-

The Forward Heights elementary
school has been assigned to
Area Junior School, and those
seven to 12 have been as-
signed to Louis. Bus transpor-
tation will be provided the students
person said.

They have not
the previous attendance figures
or exact figures do not officially come
into Raleigh system until July 1.
In years to come, the town has been
assigned to the school, but it is
not known how many students will
attend.

The area has been
appraised for annexation, but an elec-
tion was held in 1955 to add
an annexation.

Award Won
By Dr. Speck

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, Ill., in
Dr. Marvin L. Speck, famous for his work at the University of Illinois,
was presented with a
$500 award for original
research in dairy manufactur-
ing Tuesday night.

Presentation of the award
highlights the national recognition in this field of science — was made to Dr. Speck
at the annual meeting of the American Dairy Science Association at the University of Illinois.

It marked the first time that the award, established in 1955, has
been given to a foreign student.

Dr. Speck, internationally known for his research achievements, was chosen as the award recip-

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Wake Man to Pay $2,750 to Family Of Negro Victim in Playful Killing

By JACK CROSSWELL

A 38-year-old Farmer who fired a "playful" shot that killed a fleeing Negro was ordered to pay $2,750 to the dead man's family yesterday in Wake County Superior Court. He also was placed on good behavior for five years and given a three to five year suspended prison sentence.

Roger Earl Williams of Wake Forest pleaded "nolo contendere" to manslaughter in the pistol death of 38-year-old William Person on June 13. Person fell in a corn field with a .22 caliber bullet in his back.

The fatal shooting occurred near a store two miles east of Wake Forest. Evidence disclosed that Person had been working for Williams but hadn't shown up on the morning of the killing.

Deputy Testifies

Sheriff's Deputy Jake T. Turner, the lone witness for the State, said Williams fired two shots at Person as the latter fled across a field in front of a store operated by Buck Cooley.

"I don't believe he meant to hit him... I believe it was an accident," the deputy testified. Turner said his investigation had failed to turn up any reports of ill will between the two men.

"Person had said he wasn't going to work that day for Wil-
Spencer Policeman Recaptures Six Escapists From Camp Polk

By TOM INMAN.

A lone police officer in the small town of Spencer Sunday night recaptured six of eight convicts who had escaped from Camp Polk prison farm near Raleigh Saturday.

The convicts were caught riding in a stolen car in a residential area. All were wearing standard blue prison garb.

In a telephone conversation with The News and Observer, Patrolman H. A. Thompson, 42, related how he made the arrests:

"I was about 11 o'clock Sunday night. I noticed a car load of men driving real slow on Salisbury Street (Spencer is near Salisbury). When they turned up a dead-end street that didn't go any where, I became suspicious. So I went in there and stopped them.

"I asked the man driving for his driver's license, which he didn't have. And then I asked him for his car registration card, which he didn't have either.

"They told me they had just come from Virginia and were going on vacation to White Lake. But I knew something was wrong when I noticed they were all wearing the same kind of clothes. Young men just don't do that, you know.

"I put them all under arrest and asked the sheriff's department to help me move them to the county jail in Salisbury. Our jail couldn't accommodate them.

They're all extra time for escape and will automatically lose their honor grade standing and 'good time' earned," he said.

The six captives are Troy Crutchfield, 22, of Jamestown; Bobby Garner, 22, of Thomasville; John Hall, 21, of Fayetteville; Jerry McPherson, 24, of Mebane; Billy Segar, 22, of Memphis, Tenn.; and William Walters, 21, of Greensboro.

Still at large are Freil Lewis, 20, of Mt. Airy; and Emmet Cook, 21, of Charlotte.

Hall was serving 7 to 14 years for breaking and entering; Segar, 5 to 10 years for armed robbery; Walters, 3 to 6 years for breaking and entering; Crutchfield, 20 to 36 months for larceny and receiving; Gardner, 18 to 24 months for larceny and receiving; and Lewis, 3 to 5 years for breaking and entering and larceny.

All eight of the convicts were honor grade prisoners working on a construction job at Camp Polk. They made their getaway by "waking off" when no one was looking.

Poison Found In Lungs Of Dead Sawmill Hand

Around The City
ROGER E. WILLIAMS
MRS. WILLIAM PERSON

JP Sees No Cause To Hold Man Who Shot Negro Friend

By BOB LYNCH.

WAKE FOREST—A Raleigh justice of the peace found no probable cause here Tuesday night in the pistol slaying of a Negro farm laborer by a white farmer who claimed he shot to make the Negro run faster.

Roger Earl Williams, 33, had been charged with manslaughter in the June 13 death of William Person, about 20. Both men lived near here just off Highway 96.

Justice of the Peace W. F. Danieley of Raleigh said he was picked to conduct the preliminary hearing in the case “because they wanted someone who was not biased.” A large crowd of both Negroes and whites gathered at the town hall here to hear the case.

Williams, who blamed the death on “pranking,” said, “I wouldn’t have killed him for nothin’. I wouldn’t have shot anybody for nothin’. I wouldn’t have shot the man for nothin’. He was one of my best friends.”

Williams’ Story.

The tall, lean, bronze-faced farmer said he had gone to Cooley’s Store on the morning of and, sobbing loudly, left the stand. “I can’t talk,” she sobbed as she left the courtroom.

Everyone who knew the two men who testified, except Mrs. Person who didn’t complete her testimony, said there had never been any ill will between the two men. They had been good friends and always joked and “carried on with each other,” they said.

Speeding Him Up.

Willie Davenport, who was with Williams at the time of the shooting, quoted Williams as saying just before he fired the pistol, “I reckon I’ll speed him up a little bit.”

Store operator B. M. “Buck” Cooley, quoted Williams as saying he “wanted to see if he (Person) could really lay it on.”

Ralph Person related a story which was pretty much the same as the others. He quoted Williams as saying after the shooting, “Well I’ll be damned if I didn’t kill him.”

Sheriff’s Deputy Jake Turner, investigating the shooting, said Person fell some 409 feet from the point where Williams was standing when he fired the shot.

S.B. Agent John Boyd said he...
Award Won by Dr. Speck

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, I1L. -- Dr. Marvin L. Speck, professor of dairy bacteriology at North Carolina State College in Raleigh, was presented a $1,000 Award for original research in dairy manufacturing Tuesday night.

Presentation of the award - highest national recognition in this field of science - was made to Dr. Speck at the annual meeting of the American Dairy Science Association at the University of Illinois here.

It marked the first time that the award, established in 1927, has been presented to a Southern scientist.

Dr. Speck, internationally known for his research achievements, was chosen as the award recipient by a committee of the American Dairy Science Assn., which surveyed major scientific investigations throughout the country before arriving at its decision.

The research was conducted at the North Carolina State College faculty since August, 1947, Dr. Speck has written 48 technical papers and articles and is the author or co-author of three books.

Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses were issued by the Wake Register of Deeds to Paul Sarokin of Pittsboro, N.C., and Betty Maxine Brown of Raleigh; Milton N. Stell of Raleigh and Pauline Marie Fuller, Wake Forest; Charles H. Furr of Marshall and Lucille L. Jones of Raleigh; Neil C. Bender, Pollocksville, and Mary D. Graham of Raleigh.

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