

WEBB PLEADS GUILTY AT COOPERSTOWN TO MURDER OF MOTHER

16-Year-Old Boy Gets 20 Years to Life for Crime With Axe

Cooperstown, Nov. 24 — (Associated Press) — James B. Webb, 16, today pleaded guilty to murdering his mother, and was sentenced to 20 years to life imprisonment at Attica prison. Young Webb received the mandatory sentence of a second degree murder charge.

The boy killed his mother at Gilbertsville last June 30. He readily admitted hacking her to death with an axe but gave no reason, except that while working in the garden his head began to ache and he did not know what happened thereafter. His mother had upbraided him for neglecting boyish tasks.

Webb was at the Binghamton State hospital for observation. Physicians said he had normal mentality.

The boy was unmoved as County Judge R. B. Vanwoert talked with him. He answered all questions in a clear voice. His father was not with him in the court room.

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