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TODAY'S SMILE  
With Violet cuddling in his  
arms.  
He drove a car poor silly;  
Where he once held his  
Violet,  
He now holds a lily.



HERE TRAGEDY took place Tuesday afternoon, when Wood-  
son Leatherwood was fatally shot, according to investigating of-  
ficers, by Joe Parks. Officers said Parks and four eyewitnesses  
said Leatherwood was shot at the spot shown above at the X mark,  
pointed to by arrow. He took about five steps to the stop sign,  
crossed and then walked around to his car and got in the right front  
seat, and stayed for a brief time, then got out, and went to the

back of the car, where he fell to the ground in the road, at a point  
where Hershel Bryson is shown standing in this picture. The mill  
is just beyond the lower right hand corner of the picture. The  
white home, right, is that of Mr. and Mrs. James McClure. In the  
far distance, the white building is Davis Chapel. (Other picture  
of scene on page one, section two.)

(Mountaineer Photos.)

Leatherwood  
in Haywood  
Jan Slain  
5 Months

wood's fourth murder since  
it took place about two o'clock  
day afternoon, when Wood-  
son Wilson Leatherwood, 36,  
about 40 minutes after two  
bullets from a Colt pistol  
hit him in the lower part of  
the head, as he stood near the  
end of the Hill-Brook Road in  
Buff Township.

few minutes after the shoot-  
ing officers placed Joe Parks, 60,-  
year-old farmer and miller, under  
arrest and charged him with the  
murder. He was held in jail un-  
til Wednesday night, when released  
under \$4,000 bond set by  
Judge Thad D. Bryson, Jr.

Leatherwood, officers said, at  
the time of the shooting, was  
leaving this morning from under  
\$1,000 bond, was Mrs. Parks, a daughter-in-law of  
Parks, who was held as a  
witness, and who was  
Leatherwood, officers said, at  
the time of the shooting.

Funeral services for Leath-  
erwood were held this afternoon  
at the Morning Star church. Dr.  
A. R. Riegg, veterinarian, said  
that the Israel boy was bitten on  
the left cheek when he picked up  
the dog which had been fighting  
with other dogs. The dog died  
that night and its head was later  
sent to the state laboratory for  
analysis.

The other dog was shot by Dog  
Warden Ernest Chambers in Bur-  
nett Cove on Big East Fork Mon-  
day.

A third dog, reported frothing  
at the mouth, was seen on the  
Queentown road in the lower end  
of Henson Cove, Center Pigeon,  
but it escaped into a woods in the  
vicinity.

Inspectors Bill Milner and Jack  
Arrington of the Haywood County  
Health Department urged that dog  
owners seeking to dispose of their  
pets, refrain from letting them out  
on the highways. This practice often  
leads to the spread of rabies, they added. Instead, dog owners  
were requested to call the Health  
Department or Mr. Chambers at  
his office.

Dogs Killed  
Found Free  
From Rabies

The dogs killed this week in  
Haywood County have been found  
to be free of rabies, according to  
tests conducted by the State Health  
Department's laboratory in Ra-  
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Leatherwood, the parents, Mr.  
and Mrs. Frank Leatherwood of  
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are Dance Proceeds  
Be Given To Charity

Proceeds from the Waynes-  
ville Jaycees' square dance Sat-  
urday night at the Armory will  
be given over to charity for use

Christmas, according to an  
announcement by Bill Burgin,

President of the Junior Chamber.

In addition to the admission  
fees, additional contributions  
will be sought from those at the

dance. Containers will be set up  
on the dance floor to receive  
donations.

The Waynesville Lions Club's an-  
nual Christmas "Dime Board" will  
be put into operation about noon  
Friday. Charles Woodard, Lions  
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said today.

Money contributed to the fund  
will be used to provide warm cloth-  
ing for underprivileged children.

Mr. Woodard explained.

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C. C. Francis, chairman of the  
board of commissioners, said no  
definite plans had been made for  
starting work on the buildings or  
the grounds.

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