

ABOUT MURDER

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Candler and Mrs. Robert Massey of Waynesville, RFD 1. Leatherwood was a crane operator at Champion Paper and Fibre Company, and was a veteran of World War II, having served 37 months in the Navy.

Parks at length Tuesday night, and turned over to Solicitor Bryson a signed statement made by the defendant. A warrant charging Parks with murder of Leatherwood was signed by Deputy Setzer, and sworn out before Justice of Peace Johnny Ferguson.

Deputy Setzer answered the call to Iron Duff, in the absence of Sheriff Campbell, who had gone to Raleigh to take some prisoners to Central Prison. Deputy Setzer said he received a call about two o'clock to come to Iron Duff and bring an ambulance, that there had been some trouble. He accompanied the ambulance, and gave this version of the case:

"When we got to the Parks' mill, about a quarter of a mile beyond Davis Chapel, we found Leatherwood laying on his hip in the road, at the back of his car. He moved slightly as we arrived, and he was hurriedly placed in the ambulance and brought to the Hospital, where he was pronounced dead upon arrival.

"With Leatherwood, was Mrs. R. L. Parks, a daughter-in-law of Joe Parks. She had been holding Leatherwood's head, and told me she was the one who had put in the call for the officers and ambulance.

"When the ambulance left, I went over to where Joe Parks was standing a few yards away, in the yard of his son-in-law, James McClure. I asked him what happened, and this is Parks' version: "I was standing at the corner of my mill, when Leatherwood and Mrs. Sue Parks, drove up in Leatherwood's car, and pulled up real close to the highway stop sign. I had not had any trouble with them, and Leatherwood said he had 'come to get me'. He got out of the car and picked up a rock. I tried to get him to stop. I ran towards the back of my mill, and he threw the rock at me. I dodged, and went behind the mill. I got my pistol and came back from around the mill, and Leatherwood picked up another rock, and I hollered for him to stop. He didn't, so I fired. The shot hit the door of the car, but did not hit him. He kept on coming, so I fired two more shots, both of them hitting him. He turned and went back towards the road stop sign."

Deputy Setzer, in measuring the spot where Leatherwood was first hit, said the deceased took about five steps towards the stop sign, and from the signs of blood at the sign, must have paused there a moment, and then turned and walked towards his car. In the meantime, according to Mrs. Sue Parks, she tried to start the car, backed it about 15 feet, to find that the front left tire was flat. A bullet had penetrated the tire. She stopped the car, and Leatherwood got in the right side, sat there a moment, and then got out, and slumped to the ground just at the right rear fender, the spot where he was picked up and placed in the ambulance.

Parks turned over to Deputy Setzer the Colt pistol, and was brought to jail where he remained until Wednesday night. Deputy Setzer and S. B. I. A.

Award Honors to Four N. C. 4-H Youth

NORTH CAROLINA state honors for top records in the 1953 National 4-H program have been won by the following youth: Peggy Quincy, 17, Whitakers; Billy Bryan, 18, Bladenboro; Barbara Davis, 16, Cornelius, and James Hendrix, 16, of Greenville.

Wins 4-H Canning Honor

State honors in the 4-H Canning program for 1953 in North Carolina were awarded to Barbara Davis, 16, of Cornelius, who put up 4,495 quarts of fruits and vegetables and 1,076 quarts of frozen foods in her 8 years in club work. All of the food preserved was grown in her own 4-H garden.



Barbara Davis

Kerr Glass provided her all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Barbara has been assistant manager at the Community Cannery, a judge at Southern States Fair, and for the past four years has had the top canning exhibit at the Fair. She has been junior leader and leader of the Cornelius Club four years and was president of the group for six years. She has given 122 talks and written 86 articles on 4-H work.

Beautifies Home Grounds

For greatly improving his family's homestead surroundings, James Hendrix, 16, Greenville, has been named State winner in the 1953 4-H Beautification of Home Grounds program.



James Hendrix

He planted lawn, trees, shrubs, flower beds and made a fish pond. The family's new home was built in a new undeveloped area. Holly, dogwood, two pecan, one pear and two crabapple trees have been planted. Shrubs include quince, almond spiced and roses. He has held offices of secretary and treasurer and junior leader in his club.

Mrs. Charles R. Walgreen of Chicago rewarded James' efforts with a handsome 19-jewel wrist watch, appropriately inscribed.

All these programs are conducted under the direction of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Ensemble Wins Dress Award

The 4-H Dress Revue award for the State of North Carolina went to Peggy Quincy, 17, Whitakers, who received a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago as the guest of Simplicity Pattern Co.



Peggy Quincy

Her prize-winning costume was a cleverly designed and inexpensive outfit to be mixed or matched into four different combinations. A basic sun dress of navy Irish linen with matching short jacket was worn with white accessories and white linen fringed stole. A pink cummerbund on the navy dress, with pink hat, gloves and navy hat was used for another combination. For a party dress, Peggy simply added a full overskirt of pale blue chambray to the basic navy dress, with a gay sprig of daisies at her waistline.

Wins 4-H Health Program

Achievement in the 4-H Health Improvement program by Billy Bryan, 18, of Bladenboro, has brought him statewide recognition and an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago as guest of the Kellogg Co., of Battle Creek, Mich. He was chosen State Health King this year. At school he has helped in the March of Dimes, Red Cross Drive, Cancer Drive, Easter Seals for Crippled Children and Christmas Seals.



Billy Bryan

The Bladen Senior 4-H Club gave a health play at the high school. Milk and raw, yellow and leafy vegetables were presented as characters to show their importance in the daily diet. The 4-H Club also gave a program at a P. T. A. meeting.

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Fall Fire Damage Held To Minimum In Mountains

WASHINGTON—Forest fires in the North Carolina sections of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway were kept at a minimum this year, despite the severe drought of the past summer, a National Park Service official said today. Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay has described the past few months as "one of the most hazardous fire seasons" in the history of the National Park Service.

Only 13 acres were burned over in both the two park areas in North Carolina, according to the Park Service spokesman. Eight fires were started in the Smoky Mountain Park, of which three were caused by lightning, one by campers and four by careless smokers. Of the 11 fires which were discovered in the Parkway area, two were started by children playing with matches and the others were caused by smokers or debris burning.

The spokesman said the Park Service rangers, working with the North Carolina forestry service, were successful in extinguishing a huge fire, covering some 618 acres, before it reached the Blue Ridge Parkway.

In the wide expanses under the jurisdiction of the National Park System in all parts of the country, more fires were started by lightning this year than during any of the 25 years for which fire records have been kept. The acreage burned over to date is 14,700 acres, of which approximately 6,200 acres were forested and the remainder brush or grass.

The Park Service reported that only about half the man-caused

and miscellaneous articles.

Mrs. C. C. Williams is serving as chairman of arrangements for the event.

more fire conscious and more careful with fires in the woods. People living or working in or near the park areas are reported to have started about half the man-caused fires and to have been responsible for those which became large and most expensive to extinguish.

Lord Cornwallis surrendered to Washington at Yorktown in 1781.

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- (1) be eligible to form a "Finer Carolina" steering committee, (2) pick the five most-needed improvements for the town, (3) work to finish them during 1954, and (4) enter them for CP&L's cash prizes.

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Rummage Sale Will Be Held Saturday

A rummage sale will be held Saturday, December 12, in the Boyd Furniture Store by members of Circle 1 of the Long's Chapel Methodist Church. The sale will include clothing

gent Kitchen, held about a three-hour conference with Mrs. Sue Parks, also on Tuesday night. Her version of the incidents varied some to those of Parks, according to Deputy Setzer, who said her signed statement had been turned over to Solicitor Bryson, and said the Solicitor would have to reveal anything contained in the statement, since she was being held as a material witness for the state.

Deputy Setzer quoted Mrs. Parks as saying Leatherwood came to her home about 9:30 that morning and she fixed him breakfast, and then the two came to Waynesville, where she did some shopping. He carried her back home about noon, the officer quoted her as telling. She further said that when she and Leatherwood started off in his car that afternoon she did not know where they were going, except for a ride, as he was due to report for work in Canton at three.

A medical examination revealed that one bullet went through Leatherwood's thigh, and the other across the lower part of his body, with the bullet lodging just under the skin.

Deputy Setzer said there were at least four witnesses to the shooting—Mrs. R. L. Parks, Mrs. Joe Parks, her sister, Miss Flossie Downs, and Miss Esther Lee Wright, who lives across the road from the scene of the tragedy.

Miss Downs said she saw and heard Leatherwood and Parks talking, and tried to get there in time to avoid trouble. She told of Leatherwood throwing the first rock, and picking up the second one. She said Parks, along with herself and Mrs. Joe Parks had been classing tobacco since daylight in the basement of the McClure home. She said they had finished and Parks had gone to the mill when Leatherwood and Mrs. R. L. Parks drove up.

The records show this is the first murder ever committed in Iron Duff township.

Sheriff Fred Campbell returned from Raleigh late Wednesday afternoon, and immediately entered the case. He and Solicitor Bryson, with other officers, held a long conference Wednesday night. Their investigation continues.

There are no whale ships flying the American flag today says the National Geographic Society.

One of the most difficult artistic techniques is fresco which is done on fresh plaster.

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