

EMMETT LEONARD KILLED BY SHERIFF IN MOONSHINE RAID

Youth Dies As Result
of Injuries Received
Thursday Night.

Emmitt Leonard, 23, was shot by Sheriff Walter McCoy in a raid on a gang of moonshiners, back of Horeb, in Jefferson Township, about 8:30 Thursday night. Leonard died in a Chillicothe hospital at 4 a. m. Friday.

The Sheriff's office was notified at 7 p. m., Thursday night that the gang were operating their stills. Sheriff McCoy, accompanied by Deputy John Morgan and John Jenkins left immediately to round up the moonshiners.

McCoy had been notified that Leonard and his crowd had made the boast that if any officers tried to get them there would "be some dead officers." The officers therefore took no chances. When Leonard acted as though he would resist, McCoy fired. He aimed low, and the bullet struck Leonard just above the knee. The intention was only to stop the moonshiner, but an artery was severed.

Two others of the gang, Finzey Adkins and Densil Adkins, aged 19 and 17 were rounded up, and they with their injured comrade, were brought to Jackson. Drs. Ray and Riddell were called, and they worked with the injured man for some time. He was then placed in the John Thomas ambulance and taken to the hospital in Chillicothe, where he lived for about an hour. Death was caused from loss of blood.

Leonard had been under suspicion for some time. Several months ago he was given a serious talk by the Sheriff and warned that if he continued to violate the liquor laws that he was bound to get into trouble.

The men were operating two stills of about 15 gallons capacity each. They had 150 gallons of mash nearby. It was said that they had been operating the stills for several nights previous.

Sheriff McCoy is broken up over the affair, the first accident that has occurred during his term as Sheriff.

Coroner W. R. Evans and Acting Prosecutor Frank DeLay conducted an inquest Friday afternoon, six witnesses being examined. While the coroner did not make an immediate finding, it seemed apparent that the Sheriff was in no way to blame for the unfortunate happening.

The body of young Leonard was prepared for burial by Funeral Director John Thomas. It was taken to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Leonard, near Oak Hill Friday afternoon.