

**SANFORD HENSLEY VICTIM OF  
RIFLE BULLET MONDAY**

Sanford Hensley, age 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hensley, of the Shelton Laurel section, was shot and almost instantly killed by a .22 rifle in the hands of Herbert Franklin Monday morning about 8 o'clock. The shooting took place at the home of Tilson Franklin, with whom Herbert was living. Herbert Franklin, age 20, is now in jail, having given himself up to officers, claiming that the shooting was accidental. The story, as we understand it, was something like this:

The Hensley boy, who is a cousin and said to be afraid of Franklin, was over where the Franklin boy lived and the two were sitting side by side. Franklin loaded the rifle and immediately it went off, the ball passing through Hensley's chest, possibly striking his heart. The boy was brought to Marshall, accompanied by Joe Baxter and Banner Chandley, a mail carrier.

Deputies C. H. Ramsey and Jerry Rice went Monday afternoon to the scene of the shooting and made an investigation. Mr. Ramsey reports that there was an eye witness to the shooting, an older brother of the deceased, who was summoned to be at a hearing Wednesday, December 31, at ten o'clock, before W. R. Smith, J. P. The officers also brought in the clothes of the deceased and the gun with which he was shot.

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