

## HISTORY QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Unpleasant memories of Halloween night 1936, lingered long after for a Butlerville resident. What event happened that night?

## ANSWER

Three teenage boys were “Halloweening” in front of the home of W.R. Jones, of Butlerville. You have to remember that in those days the kids didn’t go “Trick or Treating” as they do today. For the boys, it was a time to pull pranks, e.g. tipping over out houses, knocking over mail boxes, etc. I think you get the picture. Mr. Jones, hearing the commotion in front of his house, allegedly, took his .22 rifle and fired at the boys, hitting one of them in the shoulder, causing a flesh wound. That boy’s mother filed assault charges against Mr. Jones. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace, R. White of Sandy, charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to do bodily harm. He was given time to enter a plea and released from jail on his own recognizance pending trial. A month later he pled guilty to simple assault.

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