

# Toy Pistol-Using Bank Robber Captured in Angrier Congressmen Over \$52,500



200-YEAR-OLD TREE BOWS TO 18-MILE WIND  
One of the last survivors of the forest that once was Charlotte fell to the ground this morning after withstanding the elements for 200 years. The red oak, 120 feet long and more than five feet in diameter, fell across the First



Presbyterian Churchyard at 10:30 this morning with a sound of ripping roots and crashing branches heard throughout the uptown district.

## Flying Disc Reported Seen

OAKLAND, Calif.—(AP)—The Oakland Tribune said a "disc-shaped object" resting at an estimated speed of 1,000 to 1,500 miles per hour was seen in the Hamilton Air Force base early today.

The newspaper quoted three Air Force non-commissioned officers who said the "flying saucer" was seen at 10:30 a. m. in a "roar like thunder" and was seen just north of the field. Hamilton Field is 2 1/2 miles north of San Francisco.

Corp. Roger G. Fryor, a control tower operator at the field, said he saw a blue flame shooting out of the saucer and headed northeast. "I thought it was a falling star," the Tribune quoted Fryor. "But it didn't fall. It just kept on going."

Fryor said the first object was at 1:35 A. M. and the object traveled so fast he couldn't see the subsequent approaches.

The Tribune said Fryor's observation was verified by Staff Sgt. Ella R. Lerman, another control tower operator, and Staff Sgt. Virgil Cappon, member of the Air Force communications staff.

They said the saucer returned from the northwest and made another pass north of the field, then later made three more approaches.

The Tribune said the airman described the object as circular, black in the center and tapering to the sides. They used binoculars in following its course.

The men said the sky was clear over Hamilton Field, although high fog prevailed elsewhere in the San Francisco Bay area.

## Venerable Oak Falls, Just Missing Church

By BOB SAIN  
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A towering 200-year-old oak tree in the Presbyterian Churchyard at 10:30 this morning with a sound of ripping roots and crashing branches heard throughout the uptown district.

ing over 20 miles per hour throughout the morning.

The wind velocity was eighteen miles per hour.

A thirteen-year-old boy, Edward Craig, a Wilmington, Pa., said he watched the tree sway from side to side and then faster in the direction of the church for several seconds before falling.

"I didn't know which way it was going to fall. I just stood in front of the church and watched."

"I thought it was an earthquake," he said. "It shook the whole church."

Church treasurer and custodian W. N. Ward said he was in the church when the tree came down.

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## \$52,500 Recovered in Short Time Father-Son Team Captures Robber

ANGIER—(AP)—A father and son today captured a bank robber as he fled from the First Citizens Bank & Trust Co. here with \$52,500. Angier is a small town between Raleigh and Dunn in Harnett County.

Bank Officer C. G. Fields reported that Harry Hamilton, about 35, was seen with a cap and pistol shortly after 10 A. M.

As Hamilton fled down the street with his foot, Fields called to him and he was captured by Fields and his son.

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## Higher Pension Pay Brought Step Nearer

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senate approval by 81 to 1 carried the promise of higher old-age pensions for millions of persons one step closer to reality today.

By this trumping vote, the Senate last night passed a bill that would roughly double benefit payments under the old-age and survivors insurance system in the Federal Social Security System.

The measure is a major part of the Administration program. It would add about 10,000,000 persons to the 20,000,000 now covered and would liberalize requirements for qualifying for benefits.

Before final action is taken by the House and a similar bill passed by the House last year will have to be introduced by a conference committee.

UNSETTLED ISSUES  
Many thorny questions remain to be settled. One of the sharpest

issues in dispute is whether to provide for disabled persons in the Social Security program. The House bill would do this but not the Senate measure.

Other key differences that will have to be thrashed out by the conference committee include a benefit formula, tax rate, eligibility requirements and Federal contributions for public assistance (direct relief).

Even as the Senate passed the bill, only senators Miller (I-Vt.) and Cain (I-Wash.) voting against it. Steps were taken toward further and possibly more fundamental changes in the Social Security system.

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## Tydings Denies Files Raided

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Tydings (D-Md.) said today the FBI has found nothing to sustain charges by Senator McCarthy (R-Kan.) that Tydings' files have been tampered with and papers removed.

McCarthy charged the files had been "raked" at the time President Truman moved recently to let Senate investigators look over the data gathered on the loyalty of

Tydings said a news conference that McCarthy's charge was "not substantiated by facts." He said his statements were based on a report from the Justice Department and an examination of the files by the FBI.

The Maryland lawmaker is chairman of a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee which is investigating McCarthy's charges that the department harbors Communists and fellow travelers.

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## Coercion Is Denied

RALPHO—(AP)—A State Highway Commission has denied charges that he told Sampson County residents they would not get any money for the road if they did not vote for Sen. Frank Graham.

The charge was thrown at Committee Chairman Clark by a committee yesterday by Charles P. Green, State campaign manager.

Green said the alleged incident occurred prior to the May 27 primary. He added that J. R. Derringer, a Sampson County farmer, had charged Clark with having a "large number" of Republicans re-register as Democrats to get Graham elected.

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