

Branch Bank At Rocky Mount Robbed Of \$7,500



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Branch Bank Investigation Ordered in Housing Cases

Holdup 8th In State This Year

Lone White Bandit Flees With Loot

ROCKY MOUNT (AP)—A masked, fumed gunman robbed the North Rocky Mount Branch of the People's Bank and Trust Co. of an estimated \$7,500 today. He left thousands of dollars in his haste to get away.

Two employees were the only ones in the bank when the white man entered at about 9:45 a. m. and stuck a pistol on Mrs. Petty Ferguson, a teller.

This is a stickup, hand over the money," he said and thrust a paper bag at her.

"That's enough," he said after she had partly filled the bag.

Then he marched her and R. F. Ward, the manager, into a rest room and ordered them to stay there. He could not lock the rest room from the outside.

HEARD TIRES
Ward said he and Mrs. Ferguson were there for only a minute or so before he heard the tires squeal on the bandit's getaway car. Ward then gave the alarm. He did not see the getaway automobile.

The parent bank has headquarters here.

It was North Carolina's eighth bank robbery of the year.

The gunman wore a white handkerchief mask and was described as in his early 20s, about 5 feet 11 inches tall, and freckled.

Police said a passerby told them he saw a 1949 or 1950 Ford speed off from the vicinity going west.

The Highway Patrol radio at Raleigh said the bank robber, a robber, were believed to have fled west on Highway N.C. 49 or 54.

The patrol later reported that a black Ford, model 1949 or 1950, believed to have been the getaway car, was found abandoned about 45 minutes after the robbery of N.C. 95 west of Rocky Mount. The patrol said the bandit apparently got another car.

The patrol set up road blocks in a wide area of Eastern North Carolina immediately after the robbery.

A Rare Phenomenon . . . RAIN!



It began to rain a bit in Charlotte this afternoon, for the first time in many weeks, but elsewhere in the U. S., folks had already got a pretty big share. At left, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson opens his arms to welcome showers at Olney, Ill.

As he addressed a crowd at the National Plowing Contest, at right, the Duchess of Kent leaves Washington National Cathedral in the rain after attending Sunday services there. (AP Wirephoto).

Brownell Asks Inquiry Into Possible Fraud

Powell's Activities Get Special Attention

WASHINGTON (AP)—Atty. Gen. Brownell today ordered a special grand jury convened here to investigate "possible bribery and other criminal conduct" in the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) program.

Brownell directed specifically that U. S. Attorney Leo A. Rover "present evidence of the activities of Clyde L. Powell," who resigned as assistant commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) last April 13, and a Congressional investigation of alleged irregularities in the agency.

Brownell also announced that U. S. attorneys in all other districts should conduct investigations directed to present to grand juries as soon as material is available full testimony concerning criminal conduct uncovered by the administration's FHA investigations in their districts.

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CONCEALMENT
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SUGAW CREEK DAMAGED THIS PARK RD. HOME
The residence of David Cox stained by fumes in creek

Same Old Gripe: Stop Those Odors

By BOB WALLACE Charlotte News Staff Writer

The odors permeating the air in the Sagaw Creek area, along with the damage to the paint on the houses, have caused residents of that section to ask: Why can't the waste being dumped into the creek by industrial firms be treated to keep the odors down and stop the damage to the paint?

One resident said today the city claims that as soon as the Sagaw Creek disposal plant is finished the waste will be treated before being dumped into sewer lines.

The citizens say they would like to know why the treatment can't begin now. Their point of view is that if the waste must be treated before going into sewer lines, it should be treated before going into the creek.

Homes in the area are stained from the waste contents moving through the creek. The paint on automobiles has turned dull and no amount of waxing will return their original sheen.

Several residents are checking with their insurance companies to see if their policies cover the damage. Some of the homes can be repaired for around \$100, others will go several hundred higher.

One man living in the 5000 block of Park Rd. said today the odor has been there as long as he has, about nine years, and he doesn't know how many years before. The discoloration of the homes became an issue about two years ago. Last summer several residents of Pineville complained about odors and the discoloration of the waste in the creek.

According to residents of the area the odor is there all the time, diminishing only when a heavy rain falls. They say the paint damage takes place mostly during the summer months.

Although the homes actually are in the county, most of the citizens feel the problem is one for the city.

Luther Bobo, city construction engineer, said today that the City Council had passed an ordinance which will force the industrial firms using the creek to treat the waste before dumping it into the sewer lines when the disposal plant goes into operation.

Mr. Bobo said the waste could be treated now, but that it was a legal issue and would have to be decided by the city attorney.

Crackdown At Stadium

Tip To Tipplers: Do Drinking At Home

By HARRY SHUFORD
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Local police are cracking down hard on free-wheeling passing of the bottle at local football games.

Since the beginning of high school football season here, police have arrested dozens of people for violating a state law prohibiting the display of whisky at an athletic contest.

According to Chief of Police Frank N. Littlejohn, most of the violators have turned out to be teenagers.

"This doesn't have anything to do with the Supreme Court ruling that keeps us from picking up drunks," Chief Littlejohn said. "We are trying to weed out the hooliganism and youthful delinquency that has increased in the past couple of years."

HELP ASKED
"The Park & Recreation people

came to see me about it, to see if we couldn't do something about it, particularly over at Memorial Stadium this year."

As a result of this, Chief Littlejohn said several plainclothes men work each football game, making arrests right and left when the bottle is passed.

Arrests were high at the opening of the season, but Chief Littlejohn commented today that there has been a marked decrease since word has evidently gotten around.

One of the main points of concentration, where more arrests are made, is in the men's toilets at the stadium, a favorite place for slipping away from the game to catch a quick snifter.

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Her Held On Dope Charge

LOS ANGELES (AP)—An early morning arrest put George A. Hornel II, musician and meal-packing fortune heir, in jail for 10 hours in a narcotics case high-lighted by an encounter between arresting officers and Hornel's friend, actress Rita Moreno, 22.

Hornel, 26, divorced from French actress Leslie Caron, is free today on \$1,500 bond on Thursday in Superior Court.

At a press conference arranged by her studio last night, Miss Moreno, who wasn't arrested, said "when the officers said they were O'Grady and O'Connor, I thought it was a gag. But I didn't kick him. I just pushed him in the stomach and slapped his right hand."

Sgt. John E. O'Grady, of the police narcotics detail, who was in the arresting party early yesterday with Matthew O'Connor, state narcotics inspector, had a different version.

"I was met by 100 pounds of witcraft," said O'Grady, claiming that Miss Moreno kicked and struck him.

She told newsmen, "if I had known they were policemen, I wouldn't have fought them."

Hornel was arrested in front of his Laurel Canyon home by the officers who said they found 13 marijuana cigarettes above his seat in his automobile. He had just come from a night club where he plays the piano with O'Grady said a parking lot near the night club had been under investigation for several weeks as a "hot bed" of marijuana peddling.

The ruckus with Miss Moreno occurred after the officers and Hornel entered his house. Miss Moreno, asleep on a couch, was awakened. It was while O'Grady was trying to examine her purse that she set to cursing him. He said he looked in the purse, anyway, but found nothing unusual.

Hornel, booked on suspicion of narcotics law violation, said, "I don't know how the cigarettes got in my car. I certainly did not put them there."

"I have never been a user. I am not at present and will never use narcotics of any description."

Hornel, known as "Geordie" in the music world, added that "I've been around narcotics a good part of my life and know others who use it, but because of what I have seen I know enough to stay away from it." His attorney, Bentley Harris, said Hornel "most assuredly intended to plead not guilty to any charges."

O'Grady, O'Connor Not Kidding, Rita Learns

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ACRESS RITA MORENO
She Had To Apologize. (AP Wirephoto).

Bankers To Get Tips From Local FBI Man

RALEIGH (AP)—North Carolina bankers, who have been "visited" eight times this year by unwell-known gun-toting customers, will get some tips next Monday on how to guard against bank robbers.

The speaker will be Raymond J. Abbatechio Jr., new special agent in charge of the Charlotte Division of the FBI. He will be one of five speakers who will address the second annual Young Bankers Conference here Sunday and Monday, Sept. 26-27.

Chile Declares State Of Siege

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—The government decreed a state of siege (modified martial law) in most of Chile today.

The government imposed the siege for six months and said it took the action "because of the danger of a movement aimed at destroying our democratic way of life." The action was taken despite the apparent solution to the recent strike of copper miners.

Last week various political parties expressed opposition to demands for extraordinary powers in the face of the strike.

OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy, warm and humid with scattering afternoon thunderstorms and also tonight and tomorrow.

High temperature yesterday, 87 degrees.

High temperature expected tomorrow, 90 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 91 degrees.

Low temperature this morning, 73 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 72 degrees.

Sunrise, 6:09 a.m.; sunset, 6:21 p.m.

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Two Delaware Schools Closed

MILFORD, Del. (AP)—The Board of Education closed Milford's two public schools today following a protest against integration of Negro and white pupils.

Dr. Raymond C. Cobbs, school superintendent, said the action was taken by the board "in the interests of the safety of the children of the district."

Dr. Cobbs said the board acted after trying vainly to meet with the opponents of integration who scheduled a "march" on one of the schools for today.

The schools closed are the Benjamin Banneker School which has an enrollment of Negro pupils in grades one through nine, and the Lake Avenue School, a combined elementary and high school.

Dr. Cobbs said that until this term only white pupils attended the Lake Avenue School.

An estimated 1,500 persons met at the American Legion Hall last Friday night, Dr. Cobbs said, to protest integration. Dr. Cobbs said no announcement was made but the board learned the anti-integration group planned a march on the Lake Avenue school later today.

Milford has a population of about 4,000 white persons and 1,200 Negroes.

POLICEMAN'S CHILD FIRST LOST CUSTOMER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The "lost children" booth at the Tennessee State Fair opened yesterday under the watchful eye of Police Inspector O. T. Boner.

The first customer: a red-faced Inspector Boner who reported his son missing. Seems young Tommy wandered off while father was supervising the erection of the booth.

Discovered 20 minutes later at the midway, six-year-old Tommy explained to officers, "Daddy got lost."

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Mendes-France Unveils Plan

STRASBOURG, France (AP)—Premier Pierre Mendes-France said today for a new West European defense pact which he said could reduce French opposition to West Germany's entry into the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The new organization, he said, could have a "degree of super-nationality" meaning some of the elements of a superstate.

It was partly because the six-nation European Defense Community had too much super-nationality in it, he added, that it was defeated in the French Parliament.

Mendes-France spoke before the council of 15 nations.

The job of the new organization, which the French leader described as a changed and enlarged version of the Brussels Pact of 1948, would be to set top limits to the armies and armaments of all member countries.

Any discrimination, he said, would be only on a "geographic and strategic basis."

Singer Ordered To Take Rest

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer Jeanette McDonald has been ordered to take a 10-day rest and cancel all concert tour following a week-end virus attack, her secretary reports.

EVENING PRAYER
Our loving Father, though we are of different denominations, we pray Thou wilt draw us all into a Christ-like unity in our efforts for the victory of our faith. Help us that our common aim will be Thy exaltation and Thy glory; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.