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## Lone Gunman Escapes

# WACHOVIA BRANCH HELD

## Over \$7,000 Taken In Morning Robbery

By JOHN KILGO and JULIAN SCHIER  
News Staff Writers

A middle-aged gunman held up the South Boulevard branch of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. this morning and fled with a paper sack containing \$7,421.19.

A two-state alarm was broadcast for the gunman minutes after the 10:03 a.m. holdup.

The state highway patrol called in all available officers, including those off duty. The county police department joined in setting up road blocks in Mecklenburg County.

They were hunting for a man driving a 1955 or 1956 Chevrolet, about 45 years of age, wearing green Army coveralls and a white baseball cap.

He immediately telephoned police.

Meantime, Tom Shields, who operates a milling machine at Terrell Machine Works, just across E. Griffith St. from the bank, happened to glance out the window.

**SAW MAN RUNNING**

He saw a man—later described by police as the gunman—running down Griffith St. toward the parking lot at the rear of the bank.

Mr. Shields told a News reporter the man jumped into a 1955 or 1956 Chevrolet in the lot.

"He must have had the motor running," Mr. Shields said, "because as soon as he hit the curb and drove off, I jumped the curb and drove off down Griffith St."

Police and FBI agents were on the scene in minutes.

County police and the state highway patrol set up roadblocks as far east as Fayetteville. All available men and cars were put on the job.

Police said the bandit was about 55 years old, ruddy to medium complexion, around six feet tall and weighing around 200 pounds.

First officers on the scene

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**Bank Job  
First For  
Charlotte?**

By DICK YOUNG  
News Staff Writer

Today's holdup of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. branch could be Charlotte's first major bank robbery.

The city has no records available to show, but veteran police men and newsmen say there has been none in the past 35 years.

The city's most celebrated holdup was the \$130,000 robbery of a mail truck in 1923.

The money in Charlotte has come to a bank holdup prior to today was the attempted robbery of the Bank of Cornelius last summer.

In the robbery attempt at Cornelius, a Gastonia fireman, who was later arrested, failed to get any money. His nerve failed him and he fled.

Police wouldn't hazard a guess as to why Charlotte has been spared bank robberies but it was pointed out the city is the headquarters for the FBI, which investigates bank robberies.

The mail truck robbery took place in October 1923 at 3d and Graham St., where a truck bearing money for the Federal Reserve Bank here was halted and the mail bags dumped into an automobile that sped away.

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**GAME ENTRIES  
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RIGHT POSTAGE**

Attention, contestants in The News-Security Game: Federal rates are increased. It now takes three cents to send your entry on a post card, four cents in a letter. Entries submitted with insufficient postage will be included in the drawing.

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The woman, Mrs. Nancy Dawson, said she was threatened by Detroit businessman Joseph Lehr, a partner in a competing company.

A check issued to Mrs. Dawson for \$100,000 was returned by Lehr's company but denied anything more than friendship was involved. Other witnesses told the committee racketeers had murdered in the laundry business in Detroit by applying pressure through union connections.

**ROBE PUT ON**

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Scene Of Today's Robbery: Gunman Fled Down Griffith St., Shown Here, To Parking Lot At Rear

### Little Rock Case

## Spectators Jam Appeal Hearing

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Arguments in a case which could have a major effect on the speed of public school integration in the South were heard by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals today in a small, spectator-jammed courtroom.

The crowd of 120 persons, almost evenly divided between Negro and white, filled every seat as the seven judges met in special session to hear an appeal challenging a 2½ year postponement of integration at Central High School in Little Rock, Ark.

The spectators poured into the little courtroom when the federal building opened, two hours before the hearing began.

Five of the judges were seated at the bench. The other two were seated directly behind the chief justice, Archibald K. Gardner, 80, of Huren, S.D.

Each side was allotted one hour for oral arguments based on briefs already filed.

**TURNED AWAY**

Some 150 spectators were turned away from the smaller courtroom because it was used because it is air conditioned.

Eight students finished last term at Central High school after a tense year of mixed attendance under a federal court-approved plan for gradual integration.

In opening arguments, Thurgood Marshall, general counsel for the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People, charged the Little Rock School Board with laxity in school desegregation.

He said the board made no effort to discipline those causing the trouble and its only solution was a postponement.

"It all adds up to a feeling on the part of the school board that they would ride this thing out and hope one morning this thing would be all over," Marshall said.

The crowd listened intently as he spoke in a firm voice, using his shoulders for emphasis. He leaned forward with both hands on the rostrum.

He declared the school board "admits they are the ones who suggested that troops be put inside the school building."

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**'LOST' HUBBY  
FOUND WITH  
BABYSITTER**

EL MONTE, Calif. (AP)—Mrs. La Rue Smith says she's going to divorce the husband she once thought had drowned.

Radio engineer Ben Smith, 30, disappeared July 23 on a fishing trip. His rented skiff was found adrift at sea.

Later, sheriff's deputies learned that Smith wasn't dead. They traced him to nearby Bell, where he was living under the name "George Johnson."

Officers declined to file charges against him. Not so Mrs. Smith, living with Smith in Bell, was the Smith family baby sitter, Arlene Satter, 21, officers reportedly told Smith said he and Arlene would be married.

The Smiths have three children.

## Ike Veloes Money Bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower today vetoed a bill carrying 6½ billion dollars for 17 federal agencies. He said more than 500 million dollars extra for the civil service retirement fund was not needed.

In returning the bill to Congress, Eisenhower said he is doing so "because of my strong conviction that Congress should reconsider its action appropriating over half a billion dollars not presently needed in the civil service retirement and disability fund."

"There is no sound justification whatever for adding unnecessarily over half a billion dollars to a deficit which may reach 12 billion dollars this fiscal year."

It was Eisenhower's first veto of an appropriations bill since he took office in 1953.

The measure is known as the independent offices bill and carries a little more than 6½ billion dollars.

Congress already has passed a resolution which will permit the federal agencies, as well as some other federal agencies, to operate and spend until the end of this month, and the late Sen. Matthew M. Neely (D-W.Va.)

Scott died April 16 in Burlington, N.C., after a heart attack. He would have been 62 the next day.

"Kerr Scott would do things for the people because he was one of them," Johnson said. "I placed a very big value on his early campaign speech. I was never disappointed in the quality of his aid."

Johnson said Scott had a consuming interest in the problems of farmers, but "his horizons were never limited," and he showed sympathy for the problems of every group.

"He gave every man a fair hearing and an honest chance to prove his case," the Democratic leader asserted.

Among those on the Senate floor for the memorial services were Rep. Harold Cooley (D-N.C.), chairman of the delegation; Anton Lennon (D-N.C.); Basil Whitener (D-N.C.); Hugh Alexander (D-N.C.); Carl Durham (D-N.C.); Charles Roper Jones (R.N.C.).

Scott's brothers, Ralph, Dr. Floyd and E. Hugh Scott, all of Burlington, N.C., also were laid to rest.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

SANBINGHAM, England (AP)—Queen Mother Elizabeth today observed her 80th birthday.

By the royal family's country home here, her grandson, the Prince of Wales, was the first to wish her many happy returns of the day.

**Evening Prayer**

Our Father, we have found ourselves in places which were hard and depressing. We have needed burdens which we could not carry. May we at such times and places take heart and sing songs to Thy honor and praise. May the music of faith, hope, and love radiate from our hearts this day. This we ask in the name of Christ — Amen.

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**TOO BUSY**

"He told Mr. McArver not to press any buttons and no one would get hurt. I can't remember everything about it, though. I was too busy looking at that long gun."

After the holdup the robber made all bank personnel and customers climb into the bank vault.

"Mr. McArver had a key," Mr. Edwards said, "and he let us out in a hurry."

Carey Grier, operator of the Suncos Service Station, 2100 S. Tryon St., was also in the bank at the time.

"I'd been sitting in the bank about 15 minutes," Mr. Grier said, "and this man was sitting there all this time."

"Mr. Dilard Tisdale head of the time payment department, asked him if he could help him and he said he was waiting on someone else."

"I was surprised of him all alone because he was sitting there long time. Just it was."

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JOE MANESS

### Pistol At His Neck

## Holdup Gun Looked 'Three Feet Long'

By JOHN KILGO  
News Staff Writer

Leonard G. Edwards said the gun the holdup used to hold up the Wachovia Bank on South Blvd. "looked to be at least three feet long."

Mr. Edwards, 45, a local construction firm operator, was sitting at the desk of the bank's manager, H. E. McArver, when the daring, mid-morning robbery took place.

"I'm just thankful that I was able to walk out of that bank on my two feet," Mr. Edwards said.

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—IDENTIFIED AS TEAMSTER OFFICIAL—

## Burned Man Believed Torture Victim

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)—A Teamsters Union official who appeared before the Senate Labor Hearings Committee last November staggered into a Pontiac hospital today with burns over 85 per cent of his body. Police said he may have been a torture victim.

He was identified from fingerprints as Frank Kierdorf of Flint, business agent for Flint Teamsters Local 332 and a nephew of Herman Kierdorf, president of Teamster President James R. Hoffa.

Herman Kierdorf appeared before the racket committee only last week as the senators pressed their investigation into reported

ties between mobsters and unionists in the Detroit area.

Herman Kierdorf announced immediately after his appearance in Washington that he had resigned as business agent for the Teamsters Joint Council No. 43 in Detroit.

Hoffa is scheduled to be called to the committee when it resumes the Detroit phase of its hearings tomorrow.

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### \$200 Holdup

PITTSBURGH (AP)—A polite bandit with a shaky gun hand routed a suburban Oakmont couple out of bed early today and robbed them of \$200 in cash. He ignored jewelry and several art objects.

### Extension Asked

WASHINGTON (AP)—Capital Airlines said today it has asked the Civil Aeronautics Board for authority to extend its system west from Birmingham to San Antonio by way of Dallas and Fort Worth.

### 6 Pilgrims Drown

TRIESTE (AP)—At least six Catholic pilgrims were reported today to have drowned off the Yugoslav port of Zara when a crowded boat capsized, plunging 40 persons into the Adriatic. Word reaching Trieste said five women and two others were missing.

### Retaliation

AMMAN, Jordan (AP)—Jordanian authorities said today the United Arab Republic had sealed off its Syrian border with Jordan apparently at Soviet insistence. Officials said Jordan quickly retaliated by sealing off its side of the frontier.

### Blimp Moving

SOUTH WEYMOUTH, Mass. (AP)—A Navy blimp neared Ford Churchill, Manitoa, today, making better time than expected on a flight to a floating weather station in the Arctic Ocean.

### Brighter Side

**He Shoulda  
Known He'd  
Never Win**

(From AP Reports)

For some strange reason a man had the idea he could out-talk a woman. He should have known better.

An Air Force Sergeant, Richard Kozma, 25, dropped his talkation today on advice of a doctor who said he could not be responsible if the sergeant continued talking.

So Kozma quit after 60 hours. The record is held by a North Carolina woman who rattled on and on for 92 hours.

### So Sorry

Blissfully, the Post Office Dept. says its out-of-stamps-of-a-type. The run touched off by the higher rates caused the main Washington station to exhaust its supply of one and four-cent stamps.

The situation, a spokesman said, will be remedied "with all deliberate speed."

### Fish-In-One

For Butch Miller of Charlotte, W. Va., it was raining cats and fish.

The eight-year-old was playing golf when he noticed something moving in a foot-long water. It was a small catfish that Butch caught and carried home.

### Our Weather

Fair today, tonight and Tuesday.

Low this morning ..... 63  
Low tomorrow morning ..... 59  
High today ..... 85  
High yesterday ..... 86  
High tomorrow ..... 90  
Sunrise today 5:34 a.m. sunset 7:23 p.m.

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