

## Swiftly Moving Gunmen Get \$7,000 At Waxhaw

### Two Holdup Men Sought In Bank Job

#### Robbers Drop Portion Of Loot In Quick Getaway

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A pair of fast-moving gunmen, who dropped part of their loot in their haste, yesterday robbed the Waxhaw Banking and Trust Co. of an estimated \$7,000-\$8,000. The robbery was perfectly timed. Both men entered the bank in the town about 20 miles southeast of Charlotte at approximately 1:20 p. m., half an hour after neighboring stores had closed for a regular Thursday afternoon half-holiday.

Only two employees of the bank, Jesse A. Williams, cashier, and Miss Hope Sims, bookkeeper, were on duty at the time of the robbery. Miss Sims, Miss Lola Burgess, was out to lunch during the robbery but returned shortly after the bandits had left.

Both Mr. Williams and Miss Sims were thrown to the floor by the bandits, who were armed behind their hands and cautioned them against any outcry. Neither was injured in the robbery, however.

ALONE IN FRONT Mr. Williams, on duty at the teller's cage, was the only person in the front part of the bank when the robbers entered. He said both men ran through the front door, one stopping at the counter and threatening Mr. Williams with his gun while the other broke out part of a glass door to get behind the counter.

The man who was holding the gun on Mr. Williams kept saying, "Hand it over, hand it over," the veteran bank cashier told police. When his partner had gotten behind the counter both men pushed Mr. Williams to the floor and wired his hands with him.

Miss Sims, who had come from an inner office to see what was going on, was also bound and shoved to the floor by the men who immediately began scouring money out of cash drawers into a sack of the type used for oranges.

They also took several bags of money left by depositors but dropped part of them in their haste to leave. Neither the exact amount of money taken in the robbery nor the amount dropped by the bandits had been tallied late yesterday afternoon.

MOST MONEY SAFE The two men who had the bank's money kept in a locked safe beside a front window, was untouched. Both men were in the bank between 10 and 20 minutes, Mr. Williams estimated.

Shortly after the two men had fled, carrying away the bank's money, a car was available yesterday but F. B. I. men, officers from Union and Mecklenburg Counties, State Highway Patrolmen and members of the Union County Sheriff's Department set up roadblocks and began an extensive search of the area.

The two men were described by bank employees as slender, tall and the other of average height and both about 35 years of age. Neither had been seen before by any two persons with whom they came in contact.

W. C. Massey, president of the Waxhaw bank, said it was the first time the bank had been robbed.

CASHIER SNAPS MENTAL PICTURE OF PHOTOGRAPHER Newspapermen get a laugh yesterday when an Observer photographer was pointed out by the cashier of the Waxhaw bank as looking "just like one of the bandits" who had robbed the bank an hour earlier. Chief photographer Jimmy Dumbell was momentarily flustered when the cashier, questioned about the appearance of the bandits, pointed a finger at him. But the cashier hastened to clear up the matter as Dumbell backed away. "That was that man, he explained. Just looked like him. Rough way to earn a living."



COTTON'S QUEEN COMING HERE—Miss De Lois Faulkner, the 1955 Maid of Cotton, adjusts cotton ruffles and poses for photographers in Washington. The 20-year-old daughter of an Oklahoma rancher will arrive in Charlotte Sunday for a three-day visit to the Queen City.

## Diem's Troops Rout Rebels In Viet Nam

SAIGON, South Viet Nam, Friday, April 29.—The tide of battle ran heavily in Premier Ngo Dinh Diem's favor today as waves of army paratroopers stormed and captured the Petrusky School, one of the last major strongholds held by the rebellious Binh Xuyen racketeer army. Col. Tran Van Don, army deputy chief of staff, said Diem's troops had begun blasting another Binh Xuyen stronghold, the Van Cam Theater commanding the approach to the battered central headquarters of the rebels, outside the Chinese suburb of Cho Lon. More than 100 persons were killed and about 500 wounded in the first nine hours of fighting. The rebel organization of former river pirates opened the battle early Thursday afternoon with mortar fire on the Premier's palace. For hours, shellfire rocked the French-Oriental metropolis of two million people. Once the city was called the "Paris of the East." Now it is an unkept place packed with refugees from Communist North Viet Nam. A square mile of the city has been put to the torch by the shooting of open civil war. The government announced early today the national army had captured seven strongholds of the rebellious former river pirates. As a police force the Binh Xuyen has controlled the South Viet Nam

### Mecklenburg Doctors Quiet On Censure

A uneasy quiet prevailed over the Mecklenburg Medical Society last night. There was tension following a disclosure that the local society may be censured by the State Medical Society for admitting Negro doctors. But little else. Officials of the Mecklenburg Society said that Dr. Elias Faison, president, would have to speak for the society. Dr. Faison, reached in Salisbury, at first said, "I don't know a thing about that."

### ASKED TO APPEAR

The local group was asked to appear, said Barnes, "in regard to their charter and its compliance with the constitution and by-laws of the State Medical Society." The hearing before the House of Delegates will come during the State Society's annual convention, which opens Sunday. It was during a similar convention last year that the State Society voted against the admission of Negro doctors into the fold. The Mecklenburg delegation, at See DOCTORS, Page 2, Col. 1.

### Today's Chuckle

The teacher was testing her pupils' knowledge of proverbs. "Cleanliness is next to what?" she asked. And a small boy replied feelingly, "Impossible."

### U. S. Begins 'Exhaustive' Polio Probe

#### Two Specialists Arrive At Cutter Plant For Study

WASHINGTON, April 28 (AP)—Two government polio experts arrived at the Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley, Calif., today to carry out "a very exhaustive investigation" into how some children developed polio after being inoculated with Salk vaccine made by the Cutter firm. There was no indication of when the specialists—Dr. Karl Habel and John Tracy—might reach a conclusion and report their findings. In the meantime, the Public Health Service raised to 11—then reduced to 10—the number of cases in which children were found to have developed polio after being vaccinated with the Cutter vaccine. It said the California Department of Health said a reported case at San Mateo, upon further observation, had turned out not to be polio.

#### ADDITIONAL CASES

The Health Service tabulates only those cases officially reported to it. There have been additional cases in the states, which have not reached Washington through official channels, including several in California involving the Cutter vaccine also, and one in Georgia involving the use of vaccine made by Eli Lilly & Co. of Indianapolis.

While the service yesterday ordered the recall of all Cutter vaccine outstanding, it said there was no reason at this time to withdraw any made by Eli Lilly.

### County Decides To Resume Shots

Questioning of some Salk vaccine was received calmly in North Carolina yesterday as Mecklenburg decided to resume mass inoculations. State Health Officer J. W. R. Norton said, however, he would be surprised if we have some polio cases among children with or without the vaccine. He said all reports reaching him yesterday indicated Tar Hees are not becoming unduly concerned over the freezing of Salk vaccine. See MECKLENBURG, P. 15, Col. 4.

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He advocated a constitutional amendment "to make it certain that in the future men will be selected for service upon the Supreme Court because of their possession of what Alexander Hamilton called "those qualifications which fit men for the station of judges," and because of their ability and willingness to subject themselves to the restraint inherent in the judicial process." His remarks, entitled, "Alexander Hamilton's Phantom," were prepared for delivery at the annual dinner of the Harvard Law School Association of New York City. Ervin, a graduate of Harvard Law School, said his father had taught him as a youth to "repose an absolute confidence in the Supreme Court, which would administer justice according to law even though the heavens fell."

### SEES USURPING OF POWER

Ervin, a former justice of the North Carolina State Supreme Court, said it was "amazing and incomprehensible" that experienced judges have been passed over in most recent appointments to the U. S. Supreme Court. Now, however, Ervin suggested that the words, "Equal Justice Under Law" should be removed from the portals of the Supreme Court building and replaced with the superscription, "Not justice under law, but justice according to the personal notions of the temporary occupants of the building under the name of the members of the Supreme Court are general gentlemen of high attainment and significant accomplishments," he said. "Let the majority of them have not worked either long or laboriously as practicing lawyers, or as state judges or as judges of the federal courts inferior to the Supreme Court. As a consequence, the majority of them have not undergone the mental discipline which enables a qualified occupant of a judicial office to lay aside his personal notions of what the law ought to be and to base his decisions on what the law is declared to be in legal precedents." Ervin said he may be "a fool who rubs in where discreet actors fear to tread." If so, he said, he can plead that "I love the American Constitution and know that an individual union composed of intractable states cannot ensue if our government of laws does not survive."



Women In Beauty Parlor Over Robbed Bank Watch Crowd Milling Below

### NEW COINS Leaky Truck Paves Road With Silver

ST. PETER, Minn., April 28 (AP)—A thousand freshly-minted half-dollar pieces spilled over a half-mile stretch of highway today when the floorboards buckled on a big semi-trailer hauling \$250,000. A guard in a following Brink's armored truck said the deluge of coins "looked like ducks flying through the air." The Brink's truck flagged down the semi-trailer after contents of a broken sack containing \$500 had jingled onto Highway 169 and into ditches six miles north of here.

### RESERVE BANK

The semi-trailer was on route from the Denver mint to the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank, under hire to Brink's. All of the money was in new half-dollars. Frames supporting its floorboards apparently weakened. The boards sagged and opened up a three-inch crack, pinching one of the coin bags. Ince said at first he thought "cigarette papers" were coming out of the truck ahead of him. When he realized it was money, he moved frantically to get the attention of the semi driver.

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### Matsus Alert, Fear Red Attack Coming

TAIPEI, Formosa, April 28 (AP)—The Matsus Islands today were alerted for a possible Chinese Red attack and air patrols were multiplied over the nearby mainland, where ferocious activity was reported. (One wave of Nationalist patrol planes caught and set afire a 300-ton landing craft about 20 miles north of the Matsus, Nationalist air force headquarters reported. The Defense Ministry's military information service said the Communists in a rush job had finished two new roads on Huangchi peninsula. The peninsula is only four miles north of the nearest island in the Matsus group.)

### Jess Barker Still Hopeful

HOLLYWOOD, April 28 (AP)—Actor Jess Barker today hinted he hasn't given up all hope of a reconciliation although his ex-wife, Susan Hayward, made it plain she doesn't want one. Barker interrupted a personal appearance tour Tuesday and flew here when he learned of Miss Hayward's near brush with death from an overdose of sleeping pills. He flew to Dallas, Tex., today to return the troupe which was in New Orleans when he left it. "I've been known to be a persistent case," he remarked when newsmen asked him about Miss Hayward's statement that "There isn't the slightest possibility of a reconciliation." "The kids come first," he added. "Time heals all wounds." At a Hollywood hospital, Miss Hayward said she was jubilant at the prospect of returning home tomorrow. "I can't wait to get home and see my boys. I feel fine now," a friend quoted her.

### French Output Soars

PARIS, April 28 — French industrial production broke all records since the war during the month of March, it was announced today.