

Alabama Bank Robbed Of \$85,000-\$90,000

Official Kidnaped At His Home

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. (AP)—Four armed white men robbed the First National Bank of Jacksonville of between \$85,000 and \$90,000 today, after kidnaping a bank official from his home.

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RALEIGH — (AP) — The House looking ahead to final adjournment next Wednesday or Thursday, was expected to give quick approval on second reading today to the \$9,768,000-per-year revenue bill.

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The third and final reading in the House will come at a special session tonight at 12:05 a.m. No tax bill can be given two readings the same day, hence the early Saturday session.

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The bill will be given first reading in the Senate Monday, with enactment expected Wednesday. A conference committee of five House members and five Senators reached agreement yesterday on the tax bill, which had caused a deadlock between the House and Senate.

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The conferees agreed that the beer tax increase should be 1 cent per bottle instead of 2 cents as originally proposed to the state. Also eliminated was a Senate price-fixing provision on beer. Except for this bill was the same as passed earlier this week by the Senate.

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Under the latter beer levy, all of the estimated \$1,760,000 revenue annually will go to the state. The Senate version had proposed that half of the 2-cent tax go to cities and counties which permit the sale of beer. The present beer tax is 2 1/2 cents a bottle, with half going to counties and cities in which beer is sold.

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When the conference report came to the floor of the House late yesterday it caused many a ripple. It took only five minutes for Rep. W. B. Rodman of Beaufort, House Finance chairman, to explain the tax measure. There was no discussion as approval came swiftly on first reading.

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The hands surprised Jesse N. Wood, assistant vice president and cashier, at his home and forced him to accompany two men to the bank while the other two guarded his wife and two children.

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At the bank they waited inside, meeting employees as they arrived for work. They then went and putting them in a back room.

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When a time lock opened the bank vault they scooped up between \$85,000 and \$90,000 and carried it off in a repossessed bank car. Dan W. Gray, bank vice president, made the estimate of the amount stolen. He said the loss was covered by insurance.

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BOTH ARMED
One of the two men who went to the bank was armed with a sawed-off shotgun and the other with a pistol.

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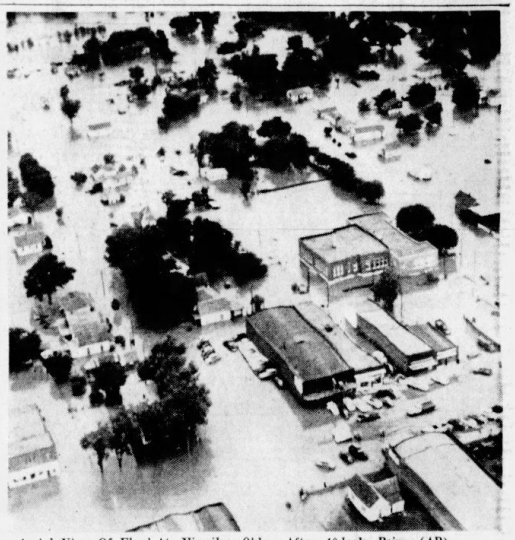
After raiding the bank vault the robbers forced Wood to help them carry the money to the car. They drove him to his house, picked up their confederates, and fled.

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The highway patrol set up road blocks around Jacksonville, a town of 5,000 about 70 miles east of Birmingham, and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents joined local officers in the manhunt.

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The robbers put the money in a cheap black suitcase in which they had brought the rope to bind the bank employes, and in Wood's brief case.



Aerial View of Flood at Waurika, Okla., After 10-Inch Rain. (AP)

Five Persons Dead Floods Raging Over Southwest

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Rivers swollen by torrential rains raised through parts of four southwestern states today in one of the most destructive spring floods in years.

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Five persons were dead. Four of the four-day storm, it brought the schoolboys were killed during a first substantial moisture of the rainstorm when a lightning bolt year to once-rich agricultural and killed 42 youngsters at Kingsville, Tex. A Colorado woman drowned in 15 inches of rain and Oklahoma.

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Mass evacuation was in progress at two southeast Colorado cities where the state civil defense director declared an emergency by 6,000 acre feet. That was lighted. Members of the Federal Scores of homes and business stores were abandoned to rising waters elsewhere in Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas. Northeast New Mexico also was hit by heavy rains.

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2,000 ISOLATED
Communications were disrupted at Lufkin, Tex., a wind-matted at least 2,000 persons were storm partially unroofed a super-isolated or have been evacuated market while 80 persons scoured. An additional 200 persons were moved from homes in scattered Oklahoma communities.

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Despite the destructiveness of See FLOODS on Page 17-A
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O God, Thou hast given us Thy Son that we might have a Way to Thee, and that we might know the Truth of how to find that Way to Thee. Thou hast given for us, Thy most precious Belonging so that we might be turned from Death to Life through Him. Help us, O God, to receive Thy Son into our lives for all Thou dost intend to do unto us. For his name's sake. Amen.



POLIO MAMA is Mrs. John J. Sands of Cleveland, who has used mechanical breathing for a child since two years ago. Here she smiles while gazing at her new daughter, Joan, a perfectly formed infant born only yesterday. (AP Wirephoto).

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WASHINGTON — Un-declared that "many of the cases appear to have been coincidental," and he added: "Under investigation, many of the cases were not under investigation, this meaning that no definite conclusion could be drawn at this time."

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The Public Health Service provided no elaboration on its bare announcement Wednesday that clearance of embargoes would be delayed pending further study. A spokesman said late yesterday: "The best you can assume is that it will not be next week before there are any further releases."

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OPINION ASKED
The National Conference of State Epidemiologists, meeting in Atlanta, had asked the health service for an opinion on whether it might be possible to reduce the current dose of one cubic centimeter of a shot.

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He pledged that the committee will approve standby powers despite testimony from Secretary of Welfare. Heby earlier in the week that there is no need for them.

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When New York City clinics opened yesterday for first and second-grade schoolchildren to get their first shots, 29 per cent of those for whom injections had been requested did not show up, Dr. Morris Carverberg, in charge of the program, said he thought a major factor was the "confused national situation."

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SALK MISQUOTED
On that point, a University of Pittsburgh spokesman said Dr. Jonas E. Salk, the vaccine's developer, had been misunderstood when news stories quoted him as saying the post inoculation cases were "purely coincidental."

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More Weather Data on Page 17-A
The Durham paper quoted a "close friend" as saying the governor had decided to run. It also quoted the friend as saying the governor had lined up Mayor Harold M. Kellum as his campaign manager.

Junior Back After Tour of Countryside

NEWARK, Ohio — (AP) — Junior the Seal was back in his pool today, but not because of the elaborate traps set to snare him. Junior and his pal, Smokey, slipped through a hole in their tank at Buckeye Lake Park on Monday and spent a few days of freedom in the lake waters. Smokey was recaptured Wednesday, but died of a gastric disturbance.

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Park Manager A. M. Brown yesterday set up his traps, then cleared everyone back from the pier, so that Junior would not be distracted. But there was no sign of the seal.

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Question 'Premature'
Hodges Undecided About 1956 Race
RALEIGH — Gov. Hodges said today "I have literally not made up my mind" on whether he will be a candidate to succeed himself as governor next year.

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award as the nation's handicapped man of the year. However, a National Guard plane which the governor had planned to use will fly to Washington with members of the state's commission on employing the physically handicapped and others.

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APPROVES FUTURE BILL
In discussing other matters the governor said he was "pleased the legislature has finally reached agreement on a tax measure and he approves of legislation enacted yesterday to ban the sale of comic books which depict mayhem, acts of sex or use of narcotics."

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See ROCK HILL on page 17-A
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Rock Hill Thanks Boys' Friend Citizens Greet Capito Policeman

By EMERY WISTER
Charlotte News Staff Writer
The citizens of Rock Hill were expecting a special guest, and it looked like they were getting it at the Charlotte airport to meet him.

There was Mayor Emmett Jerome, Fire Chief Cole, Police Sgt. Jimmy Stewart, theater owner Robert Bryant, R. J. Finkernagel Jr., and a couple of dozen more.

And that's not all. A pickup band of six or seven musicians was there blaring out a welcome if noisy greeting to Jack Bonomo, a Washington, D. C. policeman.

TWO DAYS
Patrolman Bonomo is spending today and tomorrow in Rock Hill. The citizens invited him to be their guest as their way of saying "Thank you" for guiding Rock Hill boys on annual tours of Washington.

Members of Rock Hill's Junior Police go to Washington each year. Sgt. Bonomo has conducted the boys around the city and has spent much of his own time

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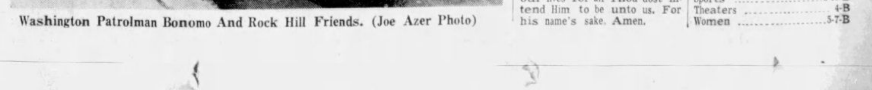
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Washington Patrolman Bonomo And Rock Hill Friends. (Joe Azer Photo)