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History repeats itself: the next person to own the same gas station was also robbed, only the next year!

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Pair Accused Of Armed Robbery In \$260 Holdup Of Service Station

A North Lewiston service station attendant reported to officers last night at 10:15 that he was held up and robbed of about \$260 by a man and his youthful companion, whom the attendant had befriended earlier in the day.

Fifty minutes later two suspects were in the custody of Pullman police, and at an early hour this morning Nez Perce County sheriff's officers were on their way to Pullman bringing them to the county jail.

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today.

Warrant Issued

Police here notified James Givens, assistant county attorney, who conferred with Moe, Birch and Rossiter at his office. A complaint was signed and Givens issued a warrant charging Blaine and Knaap with armed robbery. Bishop Deputy Sheriff Bud Huddleston left at once for Pullman to return the two.

Asked if he suspected the pair, Moe said, "I wasn't necessarily suspicious, but just as a precaution I took down the license number." That enabled police to identify the car.

The last time the Payless station was robbed was March 20, 1953, when the operator, Louis Conrad, 62, was shot and killed by an armed youth who took \$140. Donald Keeler, 16, of Kendrick, the nephew of Conrad's wife, confessed March 31, 1953, to the shooting and now is serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary.

Moe bought the station from Conrad's estate. In March of this year he moved it a short distance east on the same side of the highway because the State Highway Department needed the old site for its new four-lane right of way.

Last night was the second time Rossiter had looked into the muzzle of a gun. Seven years ago, he reported, he accidentally was shot "one inch above the heart" by a cousin who was showing him how fast he could draw an "unloaded .32 caliber pistol." He

covered by insurance.

Federal Funds Due For Forests

The Clearwater and Potlatch Timber Protective associations probably will get a "sizable portion" of the federal funds allotted to Idaho this year for forest fire control work, Bert Curtis, chief fire warden for the two associations, said yesterday.

He said the exact amount would not be determined until the end of the fiscal year when total expenses for the two associations are known. The money is allotted on a matching basis, the federal government paying a percentage of the expense of fire fighting

was hospitalized 10 days. Rossiter said he was sure it was a .22 caliber automatic pistol he faced last night. He said the room he was forced into contained several guns the station attendants had been using for target practice.



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By Eddie and Elsie Webster
VACATION PICTURES . . .
Vacation time means "picture taking" time. Although

Clemency Denied By Pardon Board

BOISE (AP)—The State Pardon Board Wednesday denied the plea of Don Keeler of Nez Perce County for commutation of his life sentence for first degree murder.

Keeler was sent to the prison April 24, 1953, for the slaying of a service station operator in a robbery just east of Lewiston on the Lewiston-Spalding highway.

The board denied a request for release by Bernard Gustin, also of Nez Perce County, who is serving a sentence on conviction of forgery.

In the book *Meet a Murderer*, Don notes that these board meetings (as in the news item above) took place with never an expectation that he would be let out of prison—like, he expected a denial.