

# Safecrackers rob Wicks store in '26

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The store's proprietors, Otto Rott and Frank Allen, must have missed the "yeggs" escape by minutes. Hearing Allen's cries for help, they found him in the basement and then surveyed the devastation of the office. Naturally, they also called the police.

Since the police department was not far away, the officers were on the scene immediately.

What they found was that the yeggs had flown, taking away with them the \$600 from the safe and their burglary tools.

It was Chief Perry Cardwell's opinion that the burglars had used rubber gloves, since there were no fingerprints. How he came to that conclusion was not disclosed by the *World*, but the police department in those days was not known for using very sophisticated methods for solving crimes.

It should be noted that Allen and son were never considered as suspects, since they should not have been able to blow the safe and tie themselves up before the robbery was discovered. Nor was there much emotion displayed by the proprietors. That was easily explained away by the *World* article's final sentence, "The Wicks Co. carries burglary insurance which fully covers the loss."

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