

Allendale Bank Is Held U

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Get \$10,000 Lock Staff Into Vault

Gangsters Swoop Down On
Institution In Broad
Daylight

Make Get-Away

Alarm Broadcast Through-
out East --- Used
Tommy Gun

The First National Bank of Allendale on Allendale Avenue, in the heart of Allendale's business section, was held up and robbed of at least \$10,000 by a group of four or five men at 2:15 p. m. today. One bandit flourished a tommy gun to cow the bank employees and two customers.

The amount taken was estimated by Cashier Hamilton to be over \$10,000.

The bandits forced the employees and customers into the vault and locked the grill door on them. They escaped in a car, either a Buick or Oldsmobile, a dark colored sedan, and headed towards Wyckoff. The car was be-

lieved to have been parked in front of the Winter Brothers Store next to the bank building.

There were no outside witnesses to the robbery, the first indication of it coming when the bank employees sounded the burglar alarm. Police were called and sent out a radio alarm for the bandits. The police could only furnish a meagre description of the bandits and their car.

Patrolman James Webb was on duty in headquarters in the Municipal building in place of Chief of Police William J. Reimer who was away attending a chiefs' association meeting.

The bandits entered the front door of the building. They forced Edward Hamilton, the cashier, Allen Grossman, Franklin Trinker, David Fraser and a girl employee and two customers, Mrs. Osais and Mr. Monte into the vault and shut the grill door.

They then scooped up all available cash in the drawers of the various cages. The robbery took only a few moments to consummate.

When the burglar alarm on the bank went off after the hold up, the business section was thrown into a turmoil. The radio alarm brought many county and local out of town police to the scene.

Because of the meagre descriptions furnished it was said apprehension of the robbers would be difficult.