

Robbery in Vermillion for 11-19-13

Four heavily armed and unmasked men held up three employees in the Citizens Bank & Trust on the morning of January 26, 1933 in downtown Vermillion. M.J. Chaney, C.L. Lloyd and Maude Sloan, as well as three customers in the bank were surprised in a robbery seen as one of the boldest and most coolly and quietly executed holdups in this state.

Fortunately the safe was under time lock, a fact which none of the robbers would believe. Abusive language and threats greeted Mr. Lloyd when he told them he was unable to open the safe. Finally convinced that the safe could not be opened, the robbers scooped up \$2,800 in petty cash and herded the employees of the bank out to the car.

They traveled east on Main and then north on Dakota before stopping on the outskirts of Vermillion to release the three hostages. The robbers went north on County Highway L, straight north of the University. Several reports have been received that a speeding black sedan was seen going north.

The men who robbed the Citizens Bank had an easy time of it compared to the difficulty that the local newshounds have had in obtaining an accurate story. It was reported by witnesses that the men escaped in a car which was a Buick, Studebaker, Auburn, Hupmobile and Oldsmobile. About the only thing they agree on is that it was not a Ford.

According to Vermillion Police Department files, the four holdup men were reported to be John Dillinger and three of his gang members. Dillinger was known to have a hideout in Minnesota.

***Friday December 6, 2013- 4:30 to 8:00pm; CCHS "Joyful Traditions" Tour of Homes. Tickets at Nook 'n Cranny & Vermillion Beauty Shop. \$10.**

***Saturday Dec. 14- 10:00am to 1:00pm; Sweets & Treats Exchange at A-W House.**