

# GUNMEN ROB DAIRY, ESCAPE WITH \$1300

Two gunmen who held up four employes of a dairy Sunday forced them to lie down on the floor and made off with \$1300.

The robbery took place at the Gold Crown Dairy in Inglewood. Victims included Hubert Merritt, 42, of 17904 Glenburn ave., Torrance, Sunday foreman; Arthur Fritsen, 48, of Inglewood, owner; Tom Dalton, 42, of Santa Monica, route man; and Harold Randall, 39.

Enter Quietly  
The hold-up occurred in the afternoon, Merritt told Lennox sheriff's officers. He, Dalton and Randall were in the employe's assembly room behind the front office when they suddenly noticed that the two bandits had entered. They came in through the rear door without saying a word. One of the bandits wielded an old revolver.

They proceeded to take the day's collections lying on a table in front of Dalton and

then asked Merritt for the rest of the money.

Get's Money  
When Merritt told them that it was in the front office, one of the suspects went in and pried open the cash drawer, taking the currency and leaving the coin.

The victims were then ordered to lie down and the suspects fled through the rear door with their loot.

"It seemed as if we were on the floor three weeks, but it was probably only 30 seconds," Merritt described the experience.

## Robbery...

vicious-looking knife staring me in the face."

She was bound and blindfolded with stockings and her own garments but not gagged.

A third bandit then entered the house and the trio proceeded to ransack the rooms. As they threw open drawers, shoved furniture, and scattered clothing wildly about, the youths

talked among themselves in Spanish.

They would lapse into English periodically to ask where the money was kept.

They expressed the knowledge that Smith operates a business and said they expected him to have money around the house, the family reported.

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ing plant in Torrance.

One of the bandits apparently bored with the hunt paused and politely requested Mrs. Smith's permission to "make some sandwiches," Mrs. Smith reported.

After he returned from the freezer in the building adjoining the backyard garage, the marauders ate while continuing their looting, scattering banana

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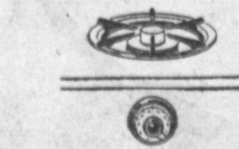


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