

# **Stage Armed Hold-Up At Model Bakery**

**Clerk Forced At Gun-Point To Open  
Cash Register — Street Row Dis-  
tracts Attention of Passers-By**

About 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon Bradford experienced its first armed hold-up when two men entered the Model Bakery, which is owned and operated by Arthur Evans, and, after pretending to have come in to make a purchase, each is said to have drawn a revolver and compelled the clerk in the store at the time, Miss Theresa Stevens, to open the cash register. Miss Stevens and her friend, Miss Ruby Rutledge, who was talking to her at the time, and a lady customer, were ordered into the back part of the shop while the men gathered up the cash and made their get-away.

Several persons noticed the two men, who had been loitering in the vicinity of the bakery for some time before the hold-up, but, as there are so many unfamiliar faces on our streets, especially on Saturdays, suspicion was not aroused. A drunken brawl across the street near the Simcoe Street corner is said to have attracted the attention of people along the street about 6 o'clock and this is believed to have given the hold-up pair the awaited opportunity. Mr. Evans had gone home for his evening meal as had other men in the bakery and the girls were alone at the moment.

The pair got off the scene without attracting attention, which was still focused on the disturbance at the corner, and opinions differ regarding what happened after they left the store. One lady believes it was the hold-up pair which ran to a car parked in front of the Queen's Hotel and started in a westerly direction on Highway 88. Someone else recalls two men running north between F. Kilkenny and J. A. Webb's store to a car parked on the parking lot near John Street. No one seems to be sure where they went.

Constable W. Reeves investigated and with A. Evans sped out the Bond Head road in a vain attempt to locate the robbers. In the neighbourhood of \$150.00 was stolen.

Miss Stevens is to go to Toronto to-day to attempt to identify the pair among suspects held there.