

a holiday party  
call was answered  
from autograph  
and then

Left to right.  
Mrs. C. Bogart and Bonnie  
Mrs. Branton  
Melba Morrow  
Mary Ruth Howe  
Mrs. R. N. McHellan  
Shirley Stocking  
Mrs. M. McArthur  
Sharon Stocking  
Mrs. Fayter and Michael  
Ann McNaughton.

Grandmother's Meeting - 1950.  
At home of Mrs. T. Howe.

# Bandits Force Way Into Elgin Store



This country general store at Lawrence Station, 15 miles west of St. Thomas, was the scene of an armed holdup last night: Two men, one brandishing a gun and the other a knife, forced their way into Charles Richardson's store and robbed the cash register of \$200. (Photo by Hernandez).

## Seek Masked Men In \$200 Robbery

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LAWRENCE STATION, Nov. 29 — Posses of armed and angry farmers, led by provincial police constables, scoured a wide area of Elgin County tonight for two masked armed bandits who held up Charles Richardson, owner of the only store in this tiny village, about 6.30 p.m. and escaped with \$200.

The two men, one bearing a .22 calibre rifle, the other a hunting knife, and both wearing dark blue handkerchiefs across their faces, knocked on the front door just as Mr. Richardson was locking up for supper, then forced their way past him as he unlocked the door, believing them to be villagers.

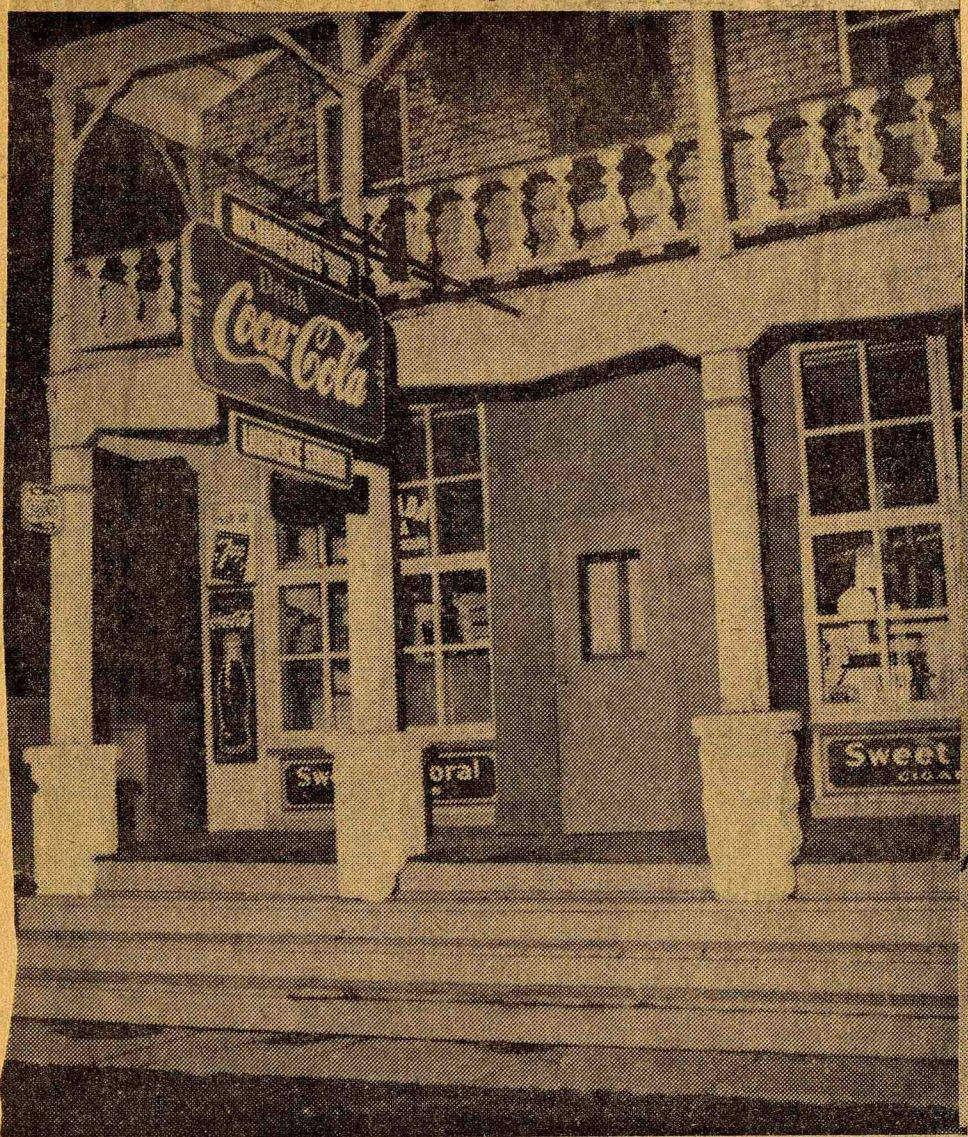
### Demanded Money

The knife and gun were brandished at him, Mr. Richardson said, as the two men demanded to know where the money was kept. He said they opened the till and took \$200—all but \$3 of the amount he had kept on hand after an earlier trip to the bank.

"The smaller of the two men looked around and asked 'where's the telephone?'," Mr. Richardson said. "The other, a big six-footer, said 'never mind the phone, let's get out.'"

### Warned Neighbors

The pair then ran out the front door and Mr. Richardson turned out the lights, ran to the back door, but saw neither the bandits nor a car. He then returned to the store, warned his neighbors by telephone and notified police.



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