Written by Rober Holdgreve Friday, November 15, 2013 9:49 PM -

Armed with riot guns, the Delphos police patrolled roads here Thursday afternoon in a search for bank robbers who were reported to be headed this way.

Deputy Sheriff Wilson, Van Wert County, came to Delphos Thursday afternoon and informed officers here that a bank in Lynn Grove, Ind., had been robbed and that the bandits were thought to be headed this way in a blue Dodge roadster.

One of them was reported to be wearing overalls.

The deputy sheriff watched Lincoln Highway west of Delphos and Chief Wagoner and Patrolman Wehinger guarded State Route 66.

Nothing was seen of the robbers here, however.

Referring to the robbery, the Celina Standard says: "The Lynn Grove bank was robbed of \$2,000 at 1:45 Thursday afternoon.

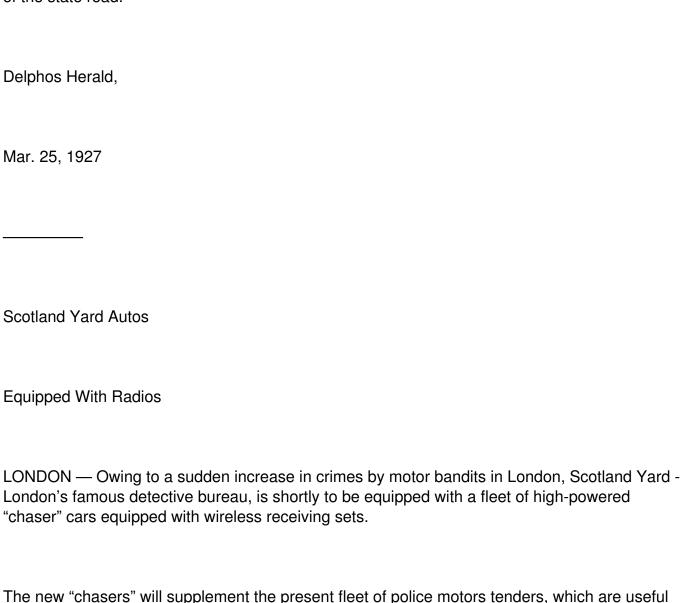
"A dark blue car was driven up and parked in front of the bank and two men with drawn revolvers entered the bank and commanded the cashier J. Lyberger and his wife to lie down. The bandits then grabbed all the money in sight, some \$2,000, and backing out of the bank entered their car which had been left running, headed west.

"Mr. Lyberger at once notified the telephone operator, who spread the alarm. The bandits then, said Mr. Lyberger, were about 38 or 40 years of age. One was dressed in overalls and blouse and the other was well-dressed."

Lynn Grove is a thriving village about five miles west of Berne, Ind.

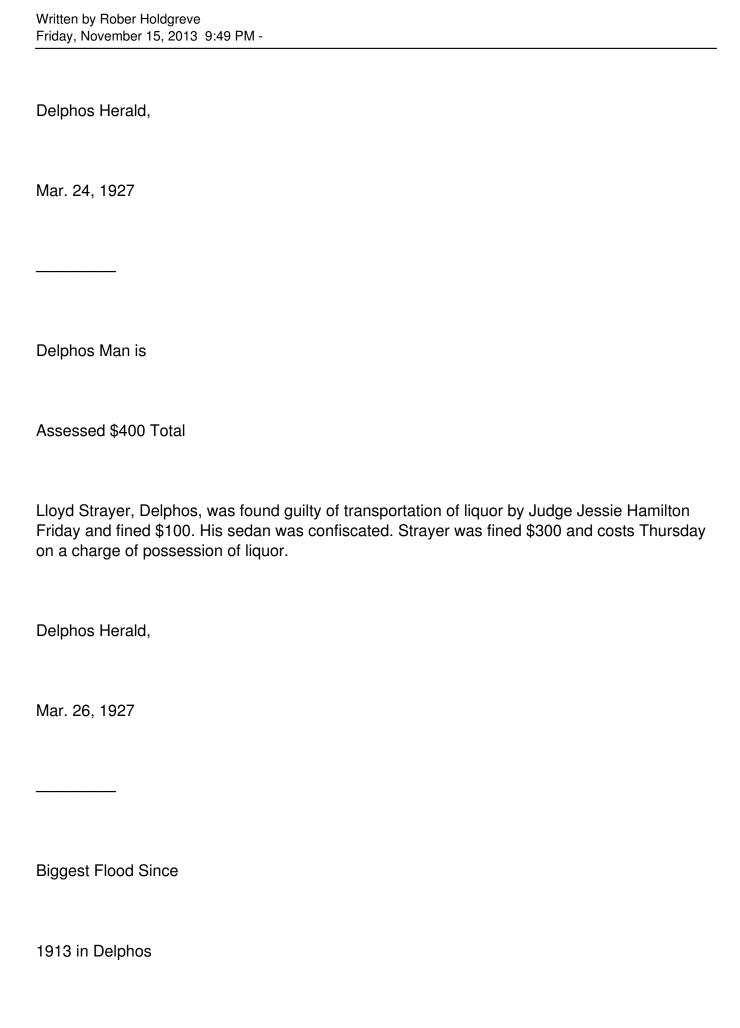
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The bandits' car was recognized as it passed through Trinity, Ind., and Wabash, Ohio, headed toward Celina. The telephone operator at Wabash notified the authorities in Celina of this fact. A few minutes later, the report came in that the bandits' car had been found abandoned at the end of the state road.



It is planned to keep the chasers continuously patrolling the streets prepared at any moment to receive pursuit instructions from headquarters through their wireless outfits. The cars will bear distinguishing marks to enable them to be given every facility for getting through traffic blocks once they are in action. Motorcycles were considered for a time but it was finally decided that they would not be so efficient for pursuit work as small fast cars.

for patrol work but are not designed for high speed.



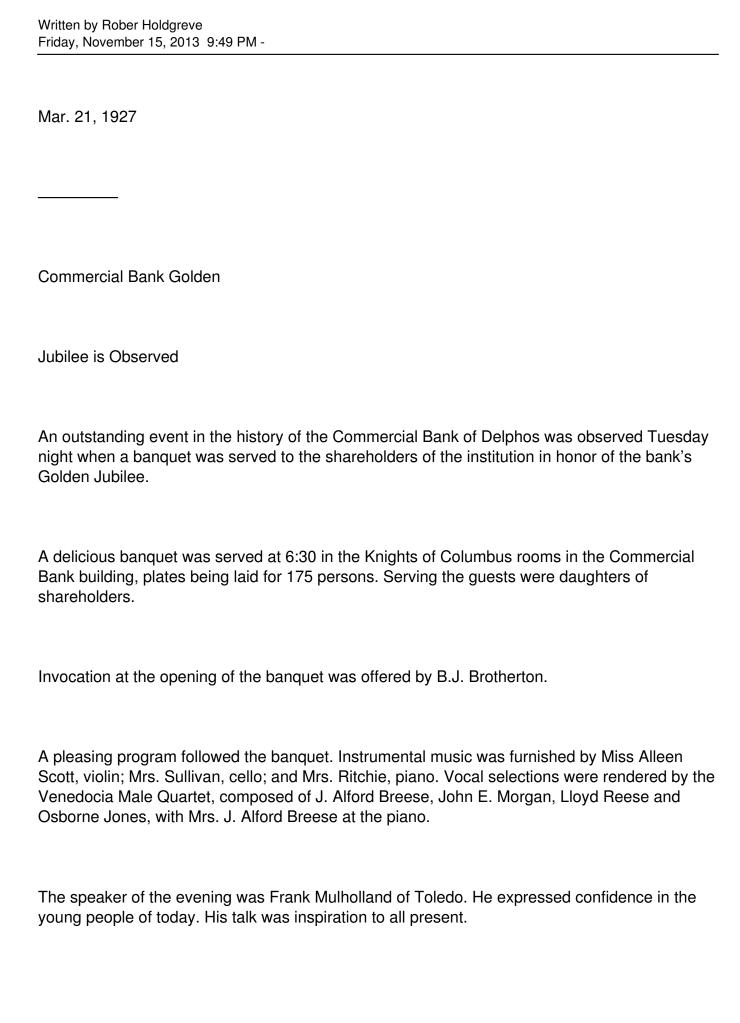
Delphos Police out with riot guns Written by Rober Holdgreve Friday, November 15, 2013 9:49 PM -Heavy rains on Saturday and Sunday have caused flood conditions in this vicinity exceeding anything since the great floods of 1913. The streams had been swollen by rain which fell on Friday and the added downpours made raging torrents of the creeks and rivers. Jennings creek was on a rampage, flooding all of the lowlands near the banks and in many places, looking like a lake. The Auglaize river was also at an exceptionally high stage and all of the lowlands were flooded. No damage was done to the new bridge which is being built over the Auglaize on Lincoln Highway. Roads near the river were flooded in several places but there was no difficulty in getting through. The Flat Fork creek was out of its bank and flooded portions of the southern part of the city. Suthoff street was under water between Main and Franklin streets Sunday afternoon.

Portions of South Main and Clime streets were also flooded. On each of these, machines

passed through water over the running boards.

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The greater portion of the Waterworks Park is under water.



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The banking room was beautifully decorated with flowers of a golden hue in honor of the occasion.

The Commercial Bank was organized as a state institution in March 1877, and succeeded a private bank which had been formed in 1873. The Commercial is the oldest bank operating under its original charter in Allen County.

R.K. Lytle was its first president. The first cashier was Oscar Jettinger, and Dr. R.E. Jones of Gomer was its first vice president. The list of original stockholders included R.K. Lytle, Dr. H.. Wagner, R.E. Jones, General Lester Bliss, Dr. C.C. Bliss, P.W. Morton and a number of others.

W.H. Fuller was elected cashier of the bank in 1879 and served in that capacity for many years. Mr. Lytle continued in office as president up to the time of his death. C.L. Hartwell was another well-known official of the bank, having served as cashier for a number of years.

The present officers are: president, Jos. Jettinghoff; vice president and cashier, H.M. Davies; assistant cashier, Otto Weger; other directors, A.B. King, F.J. Helmkamp, B.J. Brotherton, A.H. Raabe and H.S. McLeod.

A number of out-of-town people were in attendance from Toledo, Ft. Jennings, Lima, Middle Point, Ind., Venedocia and Gomer.

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