

Metzger Store Is Visited by Thieves

Gaining entrance to the feed mill through a narrow hole in the floor, clever sneak thieves early Monday morning gained entrance to the A. W. Metzger & Co. store, carted the 800-pound safe from the office through the store to the rear of the building, loaded it into the Metzger delivery truck, drove to a point near the Skarak brothers' farm south of town and blew the door from it. About \$1000 in currency and negotiable checks were removed by the robbers.

As nearly as can be determined the theft was committed about 5:30 o'clock after Marshal Ed. Johnson had finished his night patrol, leaving but one city marshal and the special deputy hired by local merchants on the street.

A trail picked up by county deputy sheriffs indicated that the robbers had driven through Sandy toward the Wapinitia cut-off. An empty cash drawer from the safe was found on the Loop road near Sandy. The thieves took with them a rifle from the store's stock.

This rather bold and successful robbery is the third in which the Metzger safe has figured. Other raids on the store during past years have yielded groceries and less valuable plunder.