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**BURTON BANK ROBBER  
GETS LIFE SENTENCE**

Clayton Carter, age 24 years, plead guilty Monday morning in district court in Brenham to robbing the Burton bank of \$1705 March 3. He was given a life term in the penitentiary. He could have been given the death penalty as robbery with fire arms carries that penalty. The young man was a former student of the University of Texas and needed only a short time to receive his degree. He was a school teacher near Livingston and resigned his position in January because he had forged a name to a check. He had also stolen an automobile in Nacogdoches and it was for the stolen automobile that he was first arrested. He had come to Burton March 2 and found the bank closed on account of the holiday (March 2 Texas Independence Day), had spent the day and that night in the country and returned to the bank after dinner the next day, left the engine running and walked into the bank and demanded all the currency in sight. He escaped by going around Brenham, then into Louisiana, but when he returned to Texas he was caught.