

Burglary Wave Hits Lexington, Dime Box

Burglars this week entered stores in the northern part of Lee County under cover of darkness taking as their biggest item a supply of whiskey. Officers were still working on the case Thursday and reported having picked up no suspects.

Hiway Package Store at Lexington was burglarized sometime Monday night. Parties unknown entered the store by breaking a padlock on the front door. The entire stock of whiskey and an electric saw was taken. Stock of other liquor was left intact. Officers reported no definite clues, according to Lee County Sheriff John J. Burttschell who helped investigate the burglaries.

At Dime Box Tuesday night thieves entered the school house and three business places.

Only item missing from the school house was an alarm clock. Also entered were Mikulin's Store, Balcar Store, and the adjoining Pacena Cafe.

Entry was gained into the Mikulin Store through the back door where two holes were drilled to enable the burglars to raise the heavy rail with which the door was barred. Missing from the Mikulin store was a safe which was recovered on a country road to Lexington about five miles from town, according to Sheriff Burttschell. The door had been knocked off the safe

which contained only valuable papers. The papers were not disturbed. Mr. Mikulin told officers that he had moved some dimes, which he had been saving, out of the safe and deposited them in the bank just last week.

A lock was broken on the front door of the Balcar Store, and the adjoining Pacena Cafe was entered through a connecting door. Cigarettes were taken from the store and cafe.