

Boy Bandit Puts Blame on Reading

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Stories he read in magazines prompted Wiseman to attempt a bandit role. Armed with a .38-caliber revolver, the youth approached Metzler while the druggist was working on accounts at his store. Noticing that the nerve of the youth was faltering, Metzler disarmed him and called police.

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Lowell Brier is accused of robbery, it being charged he stole a shotgun. He any Tony Mahoney, Jack Mahoney and Earl Chizum are also accused of automobile banditry, for which the penalty is a long prison term.

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