

DRUG STORE ROBBED BY DILLINGER

June 1933 - John Dillinger begins holdup career at a drug store where **Dufour's in Irvington** is now located. He progressed into robbing banks and eventually became the FBI's notorious **Public Enemy Number One**.

John Dillinger and his gang, which consisted of a man named Shaw and a friend of Shaw's named Lefty, borrowed a car from a friendly saloonkeeper and drove to a drugstore at the corner of Audubon Rd. and Washington Street. Lefty, reputedly a fine driver, double-parked the car and remained at the wheel as Shaw and Dillinger, wearing white caps and sun glasses, went into the store.

Shaw began rifling the main cash register and Dillinger the one at the soda fountain. Suddenly, Shaw realized that everyone was watching and he ordered them to turn around, only to have Dillinger, who had

not heard Shaw's command, gruffly tell them to look the other way. Aside from this small mixup, the holdup went smoothly.

When they fled, however, they found to their dismay that Lefty, a new hand at the trade, had moved the car into a vacant place at the curb and it was wedged between two other cars. He managed to extricate it after a few nervous minutes.

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