

# Boy, 9, Bares Mail Theft

## Letters, Checks Stolen From Open Boxes

SANTA FE (N. M.), Aug. 14.—(AP)—A 9 year old boy led city police to a cache of stolen mail which would fill a postman's bag today. He said he took the mail from post office boxes on which the locks had not snapped.

The youngster was caught when he tried to cash three small checks at a drug store. One, for \$1.50, was made out to the State police.

Officers had been looking for the lad since Friday, when he tried to cash a \$15,000 check at a bank here and fled when officials balked.

He hid more than 100 letters, packages and magazines in thick weeds.

The \$15,000 check belonged to a construction company. The boy took an \$11,000 check from this box, too.

The good looking, brown eyed youngster told police he thought every letter had a check in it, since his grandmother gets a relief check every month. He wanted to buy an electric train, he said.