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Son Leaves Man Facing Destitution

ELKIN—The elderly father and a brother of Harvey (Peewee) Pardue both face the loss of their property as the result of a misplaced trust in a "black sheep" member of their family, it was disclosed here today.

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James M. Pardue of Elkin, Route 2, requested the SBI to as-sist in bringing his son back to Wilkes County for trial in his latest armed robbery escapade.

Indicted along with George Barr of Kernersville for a Traphill hold-up last September, Harvey Pardue jumped his \$10,000 bail and failed to appear for trial in Wilkes Superior Court last week.

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The father guaranteed half the bond while Peewee's brother, Donald Parque of Yadkin County stood for the other half. Both gave deeds of trust on their property.

Now that the defendant has fled, court orders will be served on the two bondsmen providing for the sale of the land in order to collect the \$10,000.

The father told SBI Agent John Edwards of Elkin that he expected to lose his homestead. He appealed for help in locating his wayward son.

"I guess sometimes you can do too much for your son," he told Mr. Edwards. "I hate to think of having to live in a rented house." He is about 70 years old and is retired employe of Chatham Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Pardue also discussed with Mr. Edwards the possibility of having the FBI enter the case. A general alarm is expected to go out for the apprehension of Harvey Pardue.

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If Pardue is suspected of leaving
the state, the FBI will be called
into the case under the "unlawful
flight" statue, Mr. Edwards said,
Mr. Pardue mentioned that his
son gave himself up voluntarily on
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However, Miss Cora Caudill, Wilkes clerk of court, pointed out that Harvey Pardue must surrender or be captured before the next term of Wilkes Superior Court in March if the situation is to be changed. Otherwise, the property will be auctioned off and the bond collected.

Loss of his \$5,000 bond money will be a heavy blow to the elderly father who had \$1,400 stolen from his home several years ago which was never recovered.

Pardue and Barr were to be tried for the armed robbery of Arvil Pruitt and John Wesley Bryant at Pruitt's store in Traphill September 8.

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Pruitt told officers two men wear-ing masks robbed him of \$150 and forced Bryant, a customer, to hand

over \$20. While the robbery was in prog-ress, a car entered the store's driveway and one of the bandits went outside and forced the pas-sengers at gunpoint to come into the store. The two men later were captured in Winstan Salem.

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Pardue, a native of Jonesville, was convicted in July 1943 of robbing a woman in Cycle. He was tried in Yadkin Superior Court and given 10-15 years in prison. He was released on parole in October, 1952.



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