

Teacher Convicted Of Assault On Man

Jury of Ozark Menfolk Find Woman Guilty Whipping Young Man

Camdenton, Mo., June 19.—A jury of Ozark menfolk convicted school teacher Althytha Keeth of common assault today for her part in the cat-o-nine-tails flogging of 23-year-old Max Caldwell. Circuit Judge C. H. Jackson fined her \$100, then set July 23 for hearing of a motion for a new trial.

The jury deliberated two hours after hearing the 26-year-old teacher relate that she struck Caldwell "only three or four times, lightly" and then only because she feared Dr. Robert Murrell would shoot her if she did not obey him. She said the Eldon, Mo., osteopath handed her the whip and told her to "give him (Caldwell) a few lashes for the sake of womanhood."

On cross-examination, however, the prosecution elicited from Miss Keeth that at no time during the whipping had Dr. Murrell actually threatened her.

Miss Keeth was tried on a charge of felonious assault.

The state accused her and her roommate, Miss Hilda Rhoads, 25, of whipping Caldwell for 45 minutes in their Osage Beach cabin home this spring while Dr. Murrell, Miss Rhoads' fiancé, held a pistol pointed at the Gagnell, Mo., resort guide.

Germany Accused Of Piracy On Seas

Washington, June 20.—President Roosevelt warned nazi Germany, in effect but unmistakably today, that if it persists in such acts of "piracy" as the sinking of the S. S. Robin Moor, this nation will resist with force.

The destruction of that vessel must be construed, he said in a special message to Congress, as essentially part of a German plan for world domination, a first step in an effort to grasp control of the seas.

Serving notice that Germany would be expected to make "full reparations," he summarized his attitude in four brief and defiant sentences:

"We must take the sinking of the Robin Moor as a warning to the United States not to resist the nazi movement of world conquest. It is a warning that the United States may use the high seas of the world only with nazi consent.

"We are not yielding and we do not propose to yield."

As the President's communication went to the capitol, state department officials were busy preparing a formal protest to be forwarded to Berlin. But it was plain, nevertheless, that the chief executive's message was intended as much for the attention of Berlin as of Congress.

North Carolina Banks Are Active

Forty-two per cent of the banks in North Carolina made more than 255,000 loans totaling \$336,000,000 to business firms and individuals throughout the state during the second half of 1940, according to the semi-annual survey of bank lending activity made by the Research Council for the American Bankers Association.

The A.B.A. loan survey was participated in by 80 North Carolina banks, or 42 per cent of the 191 banks in the state.

These 80 banks reported that they made between July 1 and December 31, 1940:

118,514 new loans totaling \$114,706,007; 132,944 renewals of loans totaling \$215,993,244; 3,901 new mortgage loans totaling 5,393,994.

The survey showed that business firms in the state used only half of the "confirmed open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of banks. A total of 21 banks in the larger centers of the state reported that they carried on their books \$15,042,200 in "open lines of credit" offered to and kept available for regular borrowers for use as needed by them. Of this amount \$7,077,062 or 47 per cent was used.

The average number of new loans made per bank during the six months period under review was 1,841 and the average size of loan was \$968.

The average number of loans re-

newal was for \$1,825. The average number of new mortgage loans made per bank was 49 and the average new mortgage made was \$1,383.

Folger Takes Oath In House

Washington, June 20.—John H. Folger of Mount Airy today took the oath of office as a member of the House of Representatives from the Fifth North Carolina district.

Mr. Folger had not planned to take the oath until next Monday, but upon reaching his home yesterday from a trip to Washington to attend the memorial service for his brother, the late A. D. Folger, he found his certificate of election which had been mailed him from Raleigh and thereupon returned to Washington.

He was presented to the House of Congress by Rep. A. L. Bulwinkle from the 10th North Carolina district.

STALLION
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N. C. Veterans To Hold Meet

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Civilian defense in the event of an enemy invasion is almost certain to be considered by the Legionnaires, and the organization probably will take a firm stand against strikes in defense industries.

Candidates for department commander, to succeed R. Dave Hall of Belmont, are R. L. McMillan of Raleigh and Victor R. Johnson of Pittsboro.

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Lou Nova May Get Fall Bout With Champ

New York.—Lou Nova of California will be the next opponent of Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, it was reported in fight circles today.

Louis' managers, Julian Black and John Romborough, were said to prefer Nova over Billy Conn for a projected September bout under Mike Jacobs' sponsorship for two reasons. First, Nova probably would demand a smaller percentage of the gate than Conn. Second, they figure—rightly or wrongly—that Nova would be the easier target for "duffin' Joe."

Jacobs had given Ray Carlen's manager, an oral promise that his fighter would get the September assignment. But there was a possibility he would change his mind in view of Conn's fine showing Wednesday night.

"I won't announce the September match until after Fritz Zivie and Perny Davis fight on July 1," Jacobs said.

He said he had definitely discarded his earlier plan to pit Louis against Buddy Bear or Al Simon in July. The plan now won't be ready by that time, he believed his right wrist in the Conn fight.

IRRIGATION

Morton Deal, a demonstration farmer of Mecon county, partly overcame dry weather by turning a creek into his garden to irrigate his vegetables, says T. H. Fagg, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

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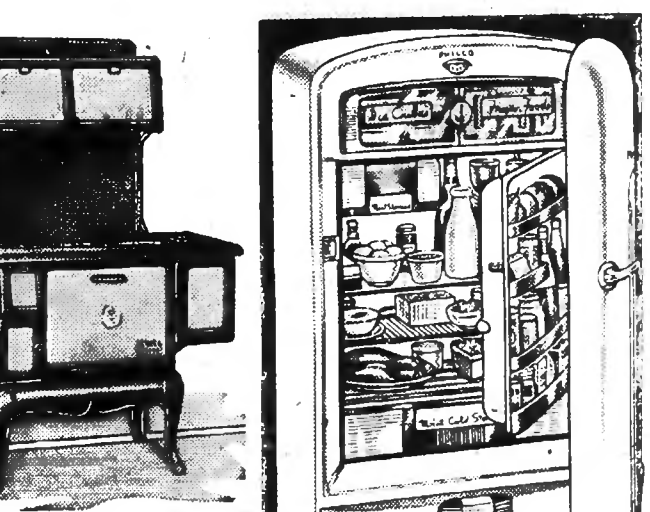
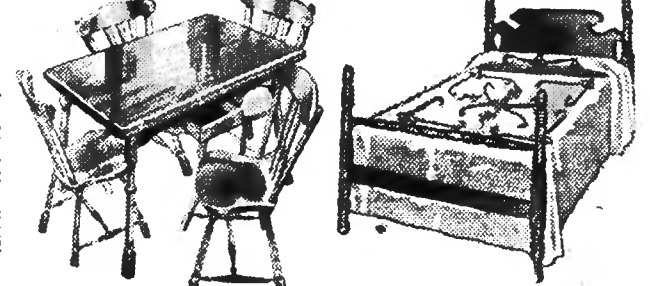
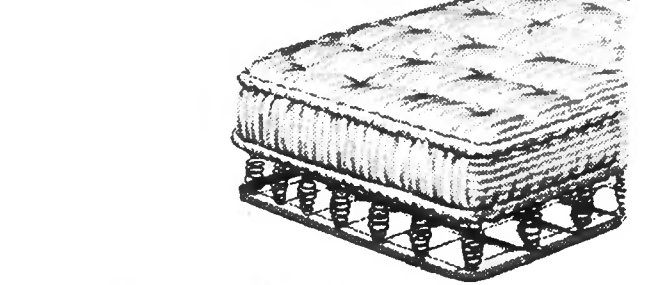
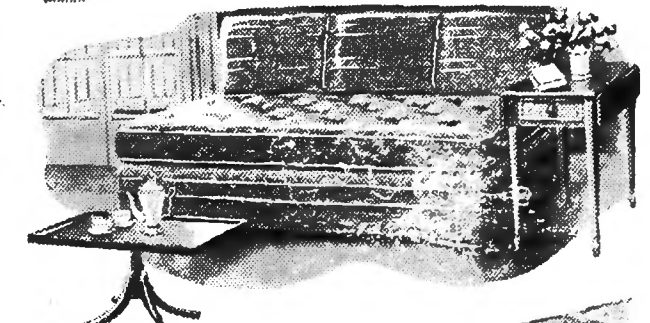
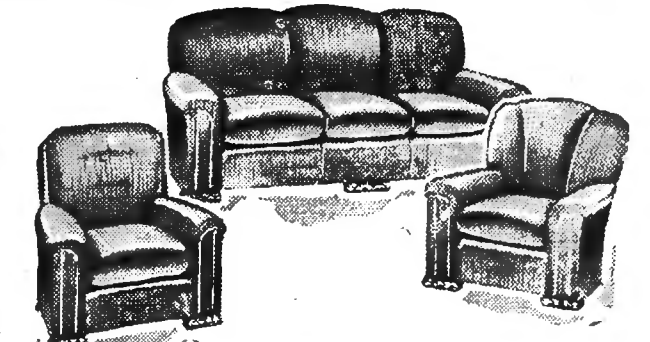
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