



## JURY DECIDES DAMAGE SUIT IN SHERIFF'S FAVOR

Conley Eggers Brings Suit for \$20,000 Against Sheriff Edmisten and Deputy Alleging False Arrest; Judge Blackstock Presides at Special Term

The first two days of the special civil term of Watauga superior court were taken for the trial of the action in which Conley Eggers sought a verdict of \$20,000 against Sheriff A. J. Edmisten and Fred Norris, a deputy, alleging false imprisonment, and late Tuesday afternoon the jury in the case returned a verdict in favor of the officers, the opinion being that there was no grounds for the action.

The suit originated when Sheriff Edmisten arrested the stepfather of the plaintiff, Floss Eggers, on charges of driving drunk. Conley Eggers is said to have accompanied the officers and his relative to Boone, and upon arrival at the jail, according to the testimony, interfered with the officers in the performance of their duty. It was stated that Conley Eggers struck at Deputy Fred Norris, who in turn wielded a blackjack, and placed Eggers in jail.

Both the plaintiff and the defendants were ably represented, and the case aroused considerable interest during the two days of its progress. The jury was composed of Clyde Mast, Perry Farthing, Geo. Hayes, Don J. Horton, Hayes Wellborn, W. C. McNeil, Grant Greene, Albert Thomas, Dale Vannoy, J. C. Brookshire, Dave Hockaday and Carl Farthing.

The special civil term convened Monday morning with Judge Clarence E. Blackstock of Asheville, presiding, and about 40 more cases are to be tried. Clerk Austin E. South expects the term to last for the two full weeks.

## JNO. MILLER DIES FROM DROWNING

Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller Believed to Have Had Heart Attack in Watauga River

John Elmer Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller of Shawneehaw township, was drowned Sunday afternoon while swimming with a companion in Watauga River near Valle Crucis. Young Mr. Miller and a friend, Elon Yates, were returning home from the county singing which was held at Cove Creek, when they decided to swim in Watauga River. Since the water was comparatively shallow at the place, it is believed that the deceased suffered a heart attack. The body was recovered about one hour after the drowning. He was 21 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Liberty Methodist church at Matney, by the Rev. Mr. Allen, Baptist minister, and interment was in the cemetery near the church.

The bereaved parents, together with the following brothers and sisters survive: A. C. Miller, Jr., Fort Benning, Ga.; J. F. Miller, Vilas; W. S. Miller, Banner Elk; Mrs. Frank Wilson, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Jake Lookabill, Zionville, and Mrs. Homer Wallace, Banner Elk.

## RATIONING LIKELY SOON OF TEA, COFFEE, COCOA

Washington, June 8.—Rationing of coffee, tea and cocoa is "likely," a high war production official said today, but clothing rationing will not be necessary this year.

J. L. Weiner, deputy director of WPB's division of civilian supply, reported to a press conference that "some of our eating habits may have to be revised" because of shipping shortages and lend-lease demands, and that wartime problems will bring about far-reaching changes in clothing, housing and transportation.

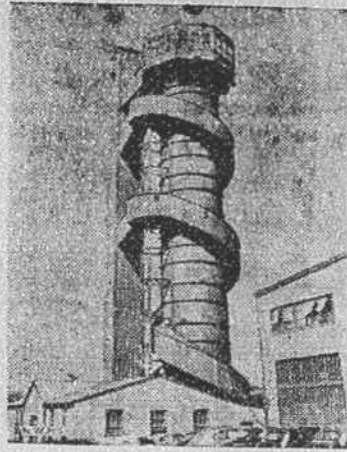
At the same time he gave assurance that Americans need fear nothing but the sacrifice of some comforts which other nations have not enjoyed even in times of peace.

## EDGAR H. TUFTS REPORTED TO BE CRITICALLY ILL

Banner Elk, June 9.—Edgar H. Tufts, president of Lees-McRae college here, is critically ill in Grace hospital, Banner Elk, it was reported Tuesday.

Mr. Tufts has been a patient in the hospital two weeks, but hospital attaches said today that it was only within the past day or so that his condition became critical.

## Sub Training School



Filled with water, this tower represents a deep body of water from which future undersea crews of the British navy are training to escape by use of the Mømsen lung and other escape devices. The tower is at New London, England.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON MONDAY

High and Elementary Demonstration Schools Scheduled to Open Summer Term

The demonstration schools, high and elementary, will open for the summer session on Monday, June 15th, at 9 a. m., war time. The opening date of the schools has been moved up one week in order to give the children a longer vacation between the closing of the summer and the opening of the fall term. The new opening date will give the children approximately four weeks vacation after the summer school closes.

The schools will operate five days a week for eight weeks. They will operate on Saturday instead of Monday after the first week.

The materials fee for children in the elementary school will be 50 cents. A registration fee of \$2.00 will be charged in the high school. No tuition fee will be charged in either school. The number of children in the first grade will be limited to 30.

The bus will be operated in the Oak Grove and Poplar Grove communities. All children desiring to attend the summer school should enter at the opening.

## Bailey's Majority Reaches 116,457

Raleigh, June 8.—A total of 305,619 persons voted in the Democratic primary of May 30, and United States Senator J. W. Bailey won re-nomination over Richard T. Fountain of Rocky Mount, by 211,038 to 94,581, unofficial figures compiled by the state board of elections showed today.

It was the lightest vote in years, as was evidenced by returns from the Republican primary. The G.O.P. ballots totaled 15,136, and Sam J. Morris of Raleigh, defeated Stoner W. Klutz of Salisbury, for the Republican nomination 11,343 to 3,793.

## Crippled Children's Clinic on June 18th

Dr. J. S. Gaul of Charlotte, will be in the health department office here on Thursday, June 18th, 2:00 p. m., to hold his regular monthly crippled children's clinic. All who are interested may see him at that time.

## County Singing Is Held at Cove Creek

The county singing convention was held at Cove Creek last Sunday, a large crowd attended, and it was a most enjoyable and inspiring occasion.

Mr. Marion Thomas took a vote on the question of having more singings, and it was unanimously agreed to hold another session on the third Sunday in July at 1 o'clock. Everyone has a cordial invitation.

## STATE CLOSES ITS PRISON CAMP IN AVERY COUNTY

Newland, June 8.—The state prison camp near Ingalls in Avery county has been closed for the duration of the war. The prisoners who have been kept there have been transferred to Kingston. These men, all negroes, were used to work the Avery county roads, both farm-to-market and highways, and will be replaced by local labor.

## MORE THAN 350 REGISTER FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

Enrollments Continue at Appalachian College, and Officials Are Pleased With the Outlook; Dr. McDonald is Member of the Faculty

The first summer term at Appalachian State Teachers College started Tuesday, and Wednesday morning information from the registrar's office is to the effect that a few more than 350 teachers have registered, in addition to 25 graduate students. Registrar Eggers states that when registrations are complete at least 400 will have been enrolled.

In view of the effect war conditions have had upon the educational institutions of the country, college officials feel that the number coming to Appalachian this summer is very large.

For the first time in the history of the institution, Appalachian is offering courses enabling students to complete work on their master's degrees. This arrangement is made possible through co-operative action by the University of North Carolina and the local institution.

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald of the University extension division, and Dr. Dorothy McCuskey, of the Texas School of Mines, El Paso, Texas, are among those giving instruction in the graduate courses.

## Late War News

The Germans appeared Tuesday night to have begun a supreme effort to reduce the Russian naval base of Sevastopol, the one important island of resistance yet remaining in the Crimea, and the Soviet front thus again returned to a dominant position in the whole of the world struggle.

In North Africa the allied position in Libya showed continued improvement, the Free French forces holding the southern anchor of the imperial line at Bir Hacheim, having beaten off the most violent Axis assault yet launched in that sector. British forces to the west were successfully harrying the enemy's rearward communications.

In the European theatre, word of new overnight British raids on the arms plants of Germany's Ruhr Valley and on docks, railways and air-dromes in France and the Netherlands was accompanied by an authoritative prediction that 10,000 bombers a night might be cast at the Nazis.

All accounts from the Russian battleline indicated that the battle for Sevastopol was hourly rising in fury. The Russians reported that in the resumed fighting—whose earlier phases cost the Nazis more than 50,000 troops since last fall—the approaches to the city were heavy with German dead in the fifth day of the new campaign. Charge after charge by the Germans, said Soviet accounts, was being broken on the rim of Sevastopol's fortifications. It was made plain, however, that the German air force was in powerful offensive action and that the civilian population had been forced into the catacombs under the city.

In the far Pacific, there were unofficial reports from Chungking that British and American air force units had arrived to aid the embattled Chinese in the one arm where they are weakest. The American units presumably were aside from those of the American volunteer group which long has been brilliantly operating in behalf of the Chinese. They perhaps came from Major General Brereton's U. S. air force in India. On the most critical of China's various fronts, Chiang Kai-Shek's high command announced that Chuhsein in Chekiang province still was in Chinese hands and that 7,000 more Japanese had fallen in the violent fighting of the past three days. There is no Chinese claim, however, to the possession of the airdrome near the city—a major Japanese objective because of the fact that it lies within bombing reach of Tokyo.

Tuesday brought interesting indications that the Japanese government was obliquely preparing the people for the bad news, or some of the bad news, of Japan's naval defeat off Midway island. The German radio announced from Tokyo that an unidentified Japanese admiral had given an interview in the newspaper Asahi in which he said: "One cannot always expect victories, but must also be able to stand losses."

Warning signs on all North Carolina highways are now being made entirely of wood, due to a recent WPB order forbidding the use of critical materials.

## Safe Passage Was Guaranteed



Guaranteed and granted safe passage from Lisbon through sub-infested waters, the Swedish-American liner Drothingholm looms against New York's skyline as tugs dock her at Jersey City to discharge diplomats, newspaper men and refugees from Axis countries. Nine hundred and eight persons were aboard, including women and children.

## Editor, Companion Tour Mountain Area With Aid of Cycles

Barclay Acheson, one of the editors of the Readers Digest, and S. A. March of the U. S. budget bureau, arrived at the Daniel Boone hotel Friday evening, the well-known figures using bicycles for a tour of the mountain region of Carolina.

The distinguished visitors, who had expected to stop over in Boone only for a brief rest, were so favorably impressed with the locality that they spent the weekend at the Daniel Boone, leaving here in the direction of Blowing Rock.

## MRS. DOUGHERTY DIES SATURDAY

Aged Boone Woman Succumbs to Long Illness; Funeral Services Held Monday

Mrs. H. P. Dougherty, aged 88 years, died at Watauga hospital Saturday afternoon from an extended illness.

Funeral services were conducted from the Boone Baptist church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, by Rev. B. R. Page, and interment was in the community cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Manley Clark, Clyde Greene, D. J. Cottrell, Sam Norris, Russell D. Hodges, Council Cooke, Honorary pallbearers: W. C. Greer, Herman Wilcox, Clyde Eggers, W. D. Farthing, Kelly Osborne, A. J. Edmisten, A. E. South, A. W. Smith, Rob Rivers, J. E. Clay, W. M. Cook, Dr. J. C. Farthing, G. K. Moore, R. M. Greene, A. L. Cooke, Joe Cooke, and J. A. Williams.

Mrs. Dougherty, who was before her marriage Miss Nancy Louisa Hayes, was born in Johnson county, Tenn., but had resided in Watauga county for more than 75 years, moving to Boone from Beaver Dam township about fifteen years ago. She had been a member of the Baptist church for 71 years and as long as her health permitted, took an active interest in religious activities. She was a splendid Christian lady, a kind neighbor, and had large numbers of friends throughout the county.

Surviving are two sons and one daughter: Arthur of Boone; Chas. P. of R. F. D. 2, and Miss Fannie Dougherty of Boone.

## RUBBER SALVAGE DRIVE ORDERED BY PRESIDENT

Washington, June 9.—President Roosevelt today disclosed he is working on plans to determine exactly how much scrap rubber is available through a nation-wide "pickup-the-rubber" salvage drive—the result of which may decide whether general gasoline rationing must be invoked.

Emphasizing that the principal transportation problem now is the lack of rubber, rather than gasoline, Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference that he has sought at length to learn just how much scrap rubber is available, but that no two people have agreed. The lowest estimate, he said, would make the situation serious. But if the highest are found to be true, the situation, for military purposes, is not so grave. The best way to get the correct answer, he said, is to start a short, quick and snappy campaign to bring in all the scrap rubber in the country.

## SOLDIER'S PAY SET AT \$50 A MONTH

Senate Votes to Concur With House in Setting Scale For Privates and Seamen

Washington, June 9.—Enlisted men in all the armed services—army, navy, marine corps and coast guard—were assured last night of getting their minimum base pay raised to \$50 a month when the senate rejected the \$46 compromise figure approved by house and senate conferees.

By a vote of 58 to 20, the senate adopted a motion by Senator LaFollette instructing its conferees to accept the house version of the military pay bill calling for \$50 a month. The senate originally favored \$42, and the \$46 compromise was reached after weeks of bickering among the conferees.

The vote on LaFollette's motion left no doubt that the \$50 figure will prevail since the house on two separate occasions has strongly proclaimed its approval of that amount. Final approval of the \$50 minimum will make American fighting men the best paid in the world.

The \$50 minimum applies to men who are now receiving \$30 a month. LaFollette's motion also called for approval of a house proposal to boost the pay of first class privates and seamen second class to \$54 a month. The senate favored \$48 and the conferees approved a compromise of \$52.

## Mrs. Joe Hardin is Injured in Accident

Meager information reaching relatives here Saturday told of the injury of Mrs. Joe Hardin in an automobile accident near Reno, Nevada, and she is a patient in a hospital in that city, where she is being treated for a slight concussion and other injuries.

Mrs. Hardin, who only recently spent several weeks with relatives in this community, was en route from Glendale, Calif., where the family formerly lived, to some point in Nevada, where Mr. Hardin is now employed, when the accident occurred. No further particulars are available.

## APPALACHIAN DAIRY HERD RECEIVES HIGH RATINGS

Brattleboro, Vt., June 8.—Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, has been awarded a dairy herd classification certificate—certificate No. 444—by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vt., on the basis of the recent type classification of their registered Holstein cattle by T. E. Elder of Alton, N. H.

Mr. Elder is one of the seven official inspectors for the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. The classification of Holsteins by one of these inspectors is recognized by the association as providing the most useful certificate of type comparisons available. The ratings are recorded in the Advanced Registrar and the Herd Improvement Register whenever any classified Holsteins have records reported in these books.

Forty-six of the Teachers College animals were classified and received the following ratings: 1 "excellent", 2 "very good", 15 "good plus", 20 "good", 8 "fair."

## LIGHTNING HITS COW

Mr. W. S. Christian of Boone R. F. D. 2, on last Thursday suffered the loss of a fine milk cow. The animal was struck by lightning while grazing.

## HOME CANNERS TO REGISTER NEXT WEEK FOR SUGAR

Local Rationing Board Gives Dates for Registering Users of Sugar for Home Canning Needs; One Pound Allotted for Each Four Quarts

The Watauga rationing board has given out a schedule of registration dates for the registration of those desiring sugar for home canning purposes.

Mr. Gordon H. Winkler, ration board chairman, states that housewives will be allowed one pound of sugar for each four quarts of finished fruits canned, and that an additional one pound of sugar per person will be allotted for preserves and jellies for the entire year. When registering, it is asked that the number of the war ration stamp book held by the registrant be furnished.

The schedule of registration dates follows:

- Monday, June 15—Cove Creek high school.
- Tuesday, June 16—Mabel schoolhouse.
- Wednesday, June 17—Bethel high school.
- Thursday, June 18—Valle Crucis school building.
- Friday, June 19—Deep Gap consolidated school.
- Saturday, June 20—Green Valley schoolhouse.
- Monday, June 22—Boone Demonstration school building.

## THOSE IN ARMED FORCES TO GIVE UP SUGAR BOOKS

Persons inducted into the armed forces of the United States or those leaving the U. S. for a period of more than thirty days must surrender their war ration books to their local boards, says Gordon H. Winkler, chairman of the Watauga county rationing board. Rationing books must also be returned to the board within ten days after the death of a person for whom the book was issued.

Persons who become confined to an institution for a period likely to exceed ten days must surrender to the administrative head of the institution their ration books, which will be returned to them upon discharge from the institution.

The OPA has received reports that some people who registered excess amounts of sugar think they can obtain war ration books as soon as the excess is gone regardless of the length of time in which it was consumed.

Families who do not restrict their use of sugar to the prescribed allotments will only be penalizing themselves since a time may come when they have no sugar and will not be permitted to purchase any.

The OPA, according to Mr. Winkler, has also issued a warning concerning lost war ration books. In the event a book is lost, a person may make application to his local rationing board for a new one but it cannot be issued to him until two months after the date of his application.

Consumers are asked to exercise the utmost care of their war ration books, inasmuch as no exception will be made to the lost book rule. Persons claiming special hardship because of illness or other conditions beyond their control may take their cases up with their local rationing boards.

While the boards cannot issue new books until the two month period has elapsed, they may in a deserving case permit a person to file a special purpose application for a sugar purchase certificate.

Regarding boarding houses, the local rationing board chairman points out that a boarding house is supposed to register as an institution and obtain their sugar through that procedure. If the boarders eat more than 12 meals a week in the house, they are supposed to turn their books over to the proprietor of the house, who should detach the stamps which have been designated as being valid for the purchase of sugar, and turn the stamps over to the local rationing board.

## GERMANS UNABLE TO RETALIATE FOR AIR RAIDS

Bern, Switzerland, June 9.—The editor of the Frankfurter Zeitung in his June 7 issue, declared Germany "at present" is unable to strike back at British for the air-raids on towns and industrial areas.

He said the reason was that "at present the luftwaffe is engaged on many fronts from northern Norway to northern Africa."

He expressed the conviction that meanwhile the German people would not "bend down" under British air-raids even though they are numerous and heavy.