

Boone Man Had Ringside Seat at Bombing of Pearl Harbor, It is Revealed

Sergeant Earl C. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Miller had a ringside seat when the Japs blew up Pearl Harbor, and the following story clipped from a service men's paper will be of interest to the many friends of Sergeant Miller in this community:

"One more soldier at ADTS who has a personal score to settle with the Japs is Sgt. Earl C. Miller, and now working in the Ordnance."

"Sgt. Miller is another member of the small group of officers and enlisted men here which was at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941."

"A native of Boone, N. C., he entered the service in September 1940, and in November of that year he was sent to Hawaii where he was stationed at Hickam Field and assigned to Air Corps Ordnance. With the exception of taking part in several secret missions after the outbreak of the war, he remained in Hickam until he was sent back to the States in May of this year. On one of these missions of which he can still say nothing, Sgt. Miller participated in a major engagement and wears a star on one of his several service ribbons."

"On that day which will go down in history as the day the Japs started out on another day's work. When the waves of Jap planes started coming over the harbor they had a ringside, if hazardous seat. Hickam Field is almost right beside the harbor. But they didn't long have time to watch the attack, for Hickam was next on the Japs' bombing list. Sgt. Miller and several of his buddies started out across the field to reach their station, but had to stop to seek refuge from strafing under a chapel."

"From there they ran to a ditch nearby. Seconds later the chapel was blown to bits. They finally reached the Ordnance depot, and began furiously taking bombs out to planes. Most of these ships never left the ground. Sgt. Miller saw one Jap pilot swoop low to strafe a barracks area, try desperately to regain altitude, fall and crash into the side of a hangar."

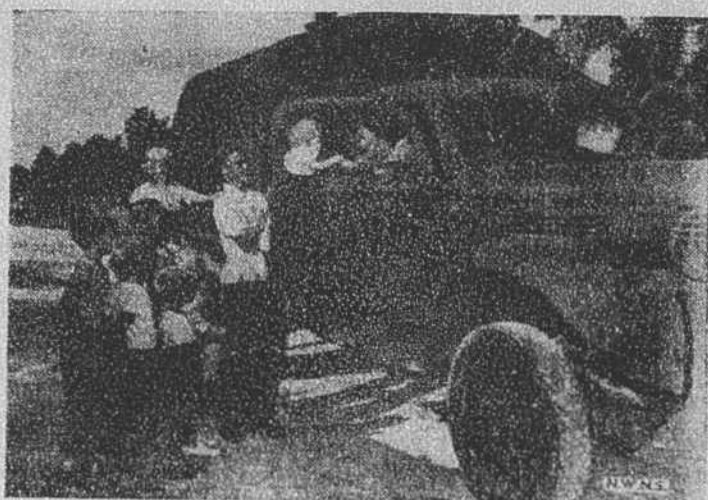
"The Sergeant stayed on at Hickam through the period of reconstruction in the islands, saw the intense efforts that were made, first for defense, and later for offense. 'The people over there are just praying now for the Japs to come back,' he adds. Modest and unassuming he wears three service ribbons—Asiatic Pacific, American Theatre of Operations and Pearl Harbor."

"His present ambition? To get back overseas, only he wants to try the other side this time."

Sergeant Miller's present address is:

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Truck Driver a Mother of Nine



Mrs. Margaret C. Sever, of Hialeah, Fla., checks up on the behavior of some of her nine children between runs. She drives a 1 1/2-ton truck for the Miami Air depot of the Air Service Command. She will soon be granted a leave of absence to arrange for the birth of her tenth child.

INSTITUTE

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All the lunch rooms formerly operated under the WFA are in operation. The Federal government has appropriated certain funds to be administered by the State Board of Education for the reimbursement of all school lunch rooms for food. No money may be used for personnel. Applications for the following lunch rooms have been approved: Valle Crucis, Boone Demonstration School, Appalachian High School, Watauga Consolidated and Cove Creek Elementary. Other applications are expected to be approved within the next few days.

The attendance in all schools of the county for the month of September was unusually good. This was partly due to the fact that several schools adopted the half day schedule for the first week or two of the session. The weather has been exceptionally good and no bus has failed to operate. Parents are earnestly urged to make whatever sacrifice is necessary in order that their children may attend every day possible. For obvious reasons enrollment is below that of any previous year and is therefore the more important that the attendance be kept high so that the standards of the school will not suffer. The State has made provisions for nine months and twelve months for every child. Transportation and books are furnished free. A hot lunch can be had by a big majority of the children at very low cost or no cost. If we fail to take every advantage for our children we will fail to do part in preparing the next generation to carry on. The education of hundreds of thousands of youth is being interrupted by circumstances beyond their control. We owe it to those in school to give them the very best possible training in the shortest time if the standards of education in this country are not to suffer.

Flags are being placed in all of the larger schools in Watauga county. Any teacher desiring a flag may see County Superintendent S. F. Horton for plans in the erection of a flag pole.

Buy War Bonds

Rickenbacker Asks For Greater Efforts In Scrap Metal Drive

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, air ace of World War I, urges redoubled efforts in the current scrap metal drive. He says:

"Having visited all the battle-fronts throughout the world, including Russia, it is evident to me that the ever-increasing demand for munitions and war weapons will bring about a demand for scrap iron and steel during the balance of 1943 and 1944 unparalleled in the history of any nation—We in America, on the home front have millions of tons of scrap iron and steel lying about idle and being dissipated by the elements —If every man, woman and child over ten years of age gave only one hour of their time to his salvage drive there would be millions of tons available for the protection of our fighting men."

NEW BOOKS

Following are brief reviews of some of the new books now available at the Watauga County Library.

Bombs Away, by John Steinbeck.

The selection and training of men for our air force, from bombardier to pilot. John Steinbeck visited training centers all over the country to gather material for this book. Well illustrated by a photographic airman.

Into the Valley, John Hersey.

A reporter's account of a skirmish on Guadalcanal when the U. S. Marines meet the enemy.

This is an interesting story of men in battle by the author of "Men on Bataan," which the library will have ready soon.

Other new books ready for circulation are:

The Song of Bernadette by Franz Werfel; Dress Rehearsal, by Quentin Reynolds; Blind Date With Mars by Alice, Leone Moats.

It is reported that a concentrated protein product, similar to dehydrated egg white, may be derived as a by-product of a new alcohol process in sufficient amount to supply 20 million adults.

Payments to Dairy Producers Made On Sales Records

All dairy farmers of Watauga county should keep accurate records of sales of whole milk cream, or butter in order to obtain payments which will be made to farmers by the War Food Administration to offset increases in dairy feed costs since September 1942, it was said today by W. W. Mast, chairman of the County AAA Committee.

"This payment was announced sometime ago by the War Food Administration, and at that time farmers were asked to maintain records of all sales," he said. "These records are essential if farmers are to receive their payments. The rate of payment in all North Carolina counties has been set at 40 cents per 100 pounds for whole milk and 5 cents per pound for butterfat. Since payments are based on poundage, dairymen should make certain that records furnished them by buyers show the hundredweight, and not merely the quantity of butterfat in the milk."

Payment to producers will be made by draft direct upon submission to the County AAA Chairman of satisfactory evidence of the quantity of milk or butterfat sold. Present rates will be applicable to sales during October, November and December.

Mr. Mast said statement normally furnished producers selling whole milk to cooperative associations, milk distributors, or evaporated plants, cheese factories, or other concerns will constitute satisfactory evidence, provided the statement shows the quantity of whole milk delivered. Likewise, he said, receipts furnished producers by creameries for butterfat will constitute satisfactory evidence. Producers selling milk through retail outlets or selling butter to consumers, local stores, or others should obtain receipts from the buyers or other evidence of sale.

Payments on sales of butter will be at 80 per cent of the butterfat rate, since there are about four pounds of butterfat in five pounds of butter. Payments on sales of cream will be made at 20 per cent of the rate on butterfat, since there is about one pound of butterfat in five pounds of cream.

Chairman Mast said it is expected that first payments will cover October deliveries of dairy products, but the exact time will depend upon availability of necessary forms which will be forwarded to County AAA Committees as soon as they can be printed.

Dairymen will not be required to submit evidence showing actual quantities of feed purchased but are asked by the War Food Administration to keep such information on a file. Area rates are based in part on the proportion of purchased feed fed to the dairy cows and additional information on this factor will prove helpful, he concluded.

U. S. Ships Sink Or Hit 460 Jap Ships

American submarines, carrying the war even into home waters of Japan have sunk or damaged 400 Jap vessels, since the war began, the navy said Tuesday.

The report contained 148 enemy ships not previously listed as struck by torpedoes in the war against the Japs.

The navy totals show that 319 Jap ships have been sent to the bottom, ninety-eight ships sunk, 5 probably and 105 others damaged since December 7, 1941.

The new reports of sinkings and damaging of enemy craft, included ninety-eight ships sunk, five probably sunk, and forty-five damaged. Previous communiques had listed 221 as sunk, thirty-one probably sunk, and sixty as damaged.

Secretary Knox, explaining the announcement of the 148 additional craft, sunk or damaged, said that prompt announcements of sinkings by submarines provide "means of help to the enemy and they are withheld for that reason." He added there no longer any information of value to the enemy in the new announcements, which means that the submarines which inflicted the heavy losses have completed their war patrols.

On these patrols the submarines have operated throughout the Pacific area and the navy said in the "enemy's closest home waters."

GENERAL ELECTRIC HAS 72,000 WOMEN IN EMPLOY

Schenectady. — General Electric and its affiliated companies at present have approximately 72,000 or 38 per cent women in its employ, four times the number before the war, a statement issued by the company recently revealed. This number is equivalent to the total number of all employees of the company in 1939. Two of its apparatus plants have passed the 50 per cent mark in female employes, one which is engaged in the manufacture of electric meters and aircraft instruments now employing 56 per cent women.

Employees now total 192,000 which is two and one-half times the total in 1939. At present approximately 38,000 employes are in the armed services.

Jap Finschafen Invasion Fails; Bag 24 Nip Planes

Allied troops and airmen have beat back an attempted Japanese landing near Finschafen, New Guinea and destroyed twenty-four of thirty-five planes bent on destroying Allied shipping.

The Japs sent three troop-laden barges in toward the Finschafen beach before dawn Sunday. Heavy fire from Australians, who had captured the former Jap base on Oct. 2, sank two of the barges. The third disappeared but General MacArthur's communique said the enemy troops were largely destroyed.

A headquarters spokesman said that the Japanese still have a considerable force in the Sattelberg area about fifteen miles northwest of Finschafen. Two attacks from that

area were repulsed by the Australians.

Enemy air attacks were no more successful. Thirty-five planes were sent against shipping in Oro Bay. Allied fighters intercepted and shot down twenty-four and probably destroyed six others. Four allied fighter planes were lost but one of the pilots was saved.

The late communique added nineteen planes to the 104—probably 147—destroyed last Friday and Saturday. It told of another attack on Wewak, a Jap base some three hundred miles Northwest of Finschafen, in which fifteen grounded planes were destroyed and four Jap fighters were shot down.

The aggregate tonnage of 8 important processing vegetables for which estimates had been made on October, show a decline of 9 per cent below 1942, says a BAE report.



Above are the "Hickory Nuts" sensational "hillbilly musicians" coming to the Appalachian Theatre Wednesday October 27th for 3 performances on stage. Direct from Roxy Theatre in Atlanta these "Folks" play anything that has a tune in it.

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