

DEFENSE OPENS IN WILKES CO. MURDER TRIAL

23-Year-Old Man Charged
With Poisoning Wife

STATE EVIDENCE IN

Claims Miller Gave Wife Dose
Of Poison In Guise of
Headache Powder

STRYCHNINE IS FOUND

The State Tuesday rested in the case in Wilkes county superior court charging Leonard Miller, 23-year-old textile worker, with deliberately poisoning his wife last February.

The defense opened its case yesterday after 25 defense witnesses, including Miller, were sworn in late Tuesday.

State witnesses testified that only a short time before his wife's death, Miller had predicted death in his household "within three weeks." Other witnesses testified that Mrs. Miller had asked relatives to place her two children, Linda, 4, and Shirley, 2, in an orphanage in case of her death.

Dr. Robert P. Morehead, professor of pathology at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and Dr. W. A. Wolf, associate professor of chemistry of the school, both testified that, in their opinion Mrs. Miller, 28, the former Maudie Kilby, died as a result of strychnine poisoning.

Miller, who preached during his spare moments when off his job at the Wilkes Hosiery Mill, is alleged to have given his wife a dose of strychnine instead of a headache powder when she complained of a pain in her head last Feb. 22.

As a result of his investigation, Dr. Wolf said he found a total of 40.7 milligrams of strychnine in the organs of the woman. He said he found 28.9 milligrams in the stomach, 4.6 milligrams in both kidneys and 7.2 milligrams in the liver.

The medical chemist said that the "usual dose (of strychnine) is two milligrams or less—frequently only half a milligram." He said that the lethal dose for an adult female person is usually considered as 30 or 32 milligrams. A lethal dose, he said, is the

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RED FLETCHER WAIVES TRIAL

Bound Over To Surry County
Court On Shooting
Charges

CALLAHAN IS RELEASED

Robert F. (Red) Fletcher of Booneville waived hearing Monday in Recorder's Court on a charge of inflicting pistol wounds on Clarence Hines, 18-year-old football star and son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hines of Mount Airy. He was placed under \$5,000 bond pending trial in Surry Superior Court.

Probable cause was found for a charge of aiding and abetting in the case by Hurley Thore of Mount Airy, and he was placed under \$1,000 bond.

No probable cause was found in the charge against Benjamin F. Callahan of Dobson, who was placed under \$200 bond as a material witness.

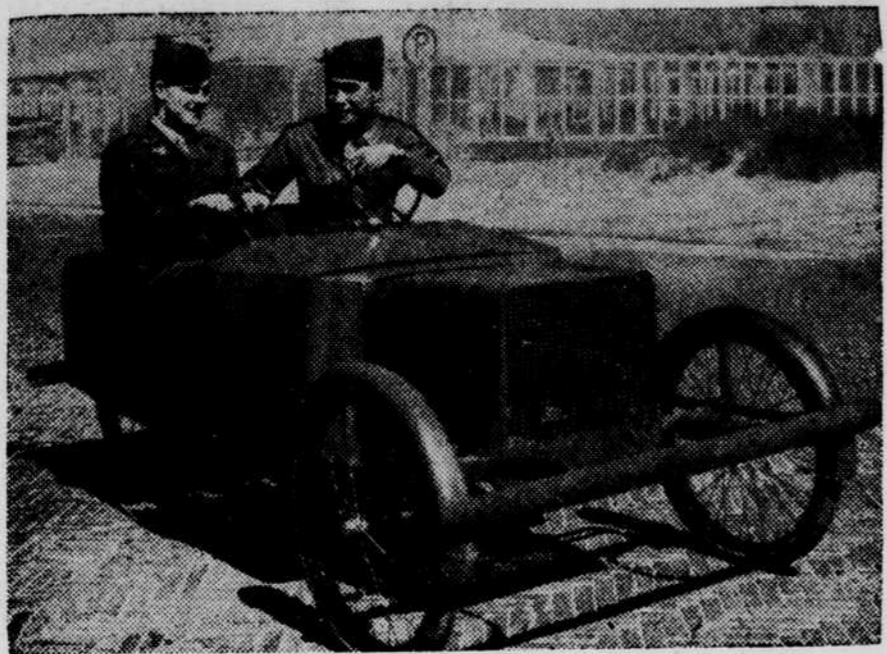
According to police, Hines was alone in a car on the night of August 9 when another car, occupied by the three youths, pulled up alongside at a stoplight. An argument apparently ensued, officers said.

FACES NO LICENSE CHARGE

Red Fletcher of Booneville, who was recently charged with the shooting of Clarence Hines in Mount Airy, was arrested for operating a vehicle without a license in Hillsville, Va., recently. It was reported that Fletcher had his license revoked some months ago. The Carroll County Sheriff, who brought the news of Fletcher's arrest and subsequent jailing, inquired of Mount Airy officers if Fletcher was wanted there. Receiving a negative answer, he kept Fletcher in the Virginia jail.

The Hillsville sheriff said Fletcher was picked up Monday. His bond, which was set at \$500, was given, and Fletcher was released. This is his first jail record in Carroll county. His hearing is set for August 30.

Hines was released from Martin Memorial Hospital and then readmitted. He was reported to be suffering from a slight illness which may have resulted from the tetanus shots.



KEEPING COOL IN HOLLAND — Gasless cars called "Fietstaxis" make their debut at Zandvoort-by-the-sea, Holland. If you don't mind pedaling, you can get a nice breezy ride. The cars are made of lightweight metal with one control for steering and a set of double pedals for pedaling. It's a break for the Dutch, who are forbidden by law to use their autos on Sunday in order to save gas. Photo shows two G. L.'s on leave from the occupational zone in Germany, giving the Fietstaxis a try.

INSEMINATION WORK STARTS

Breeding Program Said To Be
Necessary Part of Long
Range Dairy Program

LABORATORY EQUIPPED

Artificial Breeding service is now available to Surry County farmers who are interested in increasing milk production per cow in the years ahead, according to an announcement by Neill M. Smith, Surry County Agent.

Smith stated that G. O. Park, trained inseminator, is on the job every day. He invited Surry dairy cattle owners to use the improved breeding plan. Farmers are warned to contact the Artificial Breeding Laboratory just as soon as the cow is observed requiring the service.

Dave Brendle, owner of Brendle's Seed Store in Elkin, has agreed to provide daily telephone service from Brendle's Seed Store to the artificial breeding laboratory in Dobson for farmers in the Elkin trade area of Surry County. Mr. Brendle through the clerks will make one telephone call each week day at Mr. Brendle's expense. Farmers who do not have a telephone and who find it more convenient to go to Elkin, will go there before 10:00 a. m. to place their calls for the breeding service.

The breeding laboratory has just been fully equipped.

The County Agent proclaimed the artificial breeding program as a necessary part of the long time program for dairy development in the county. The cost of each service is \$6.50, which farmers are invited to pay the inseminator, who will furnish receipts as soon as the service is performed on the farm or at the dairy barn.

HIGHWAY LANE RETURNS OCT. 1

Hundreds of Car Owners
Beat September 1 Dead-
Line During Stay Here

REGULATIONS GIVEN

Mechanical inspection lane number eight did a land office business during its recent visit here, August 17-24.

Hundreds of car owners, attempting to beat the September 1, dead-line for models up to and including 1936, 1947 and 1948, sent the waiting line several blocks up West Main Street.

The lane is scheduled to be at Mount Airy, August 26-September 7; at Sparta, September 9-16; at North Wilkesboro, September 18-29; and to return to Elkin October 1.

Under inspection regulations, 1937 and 1946 models must be inspected by September 30, 1938, 1939, 1943, 1944, and 1945 models by October 31; 1940 and 1942 models by November 30; and 1941 and 1949 models by December 31.

Local Republicans To Meet Saturday

Local Republicans will meet Saturday to set up a campaign policy, R. L. Lovelace, township chairman, announced this week. The meeting has been called for the City Hall at 2 p. m.

Lovelace, Republican candidate for one of the five township magistrate posts in the general election, issued a blanket invitation for the convention. He stated that the group would organize and transact any other business that may arise.

PRICES HIGHER ON EAST N. C. LEAF MARKETS

However, Slightly Irregular
On Border Belt

ARE UP \$1.00 TO \$5.00

Volume Light At Most Points,
But A Few Markets Re-
port Blocked Sales

QUALITY SAID BETTER

Prices were higher this week on Eastern North Carolina tobacco markets and slightly irregular on the Border Belt, the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture reported.

Average prices on the Eastern Belt were listed at \$1 and \$5 per 100 pounds higher than last Friday. Strengthened demand for low to medium lugs and primings brought increases of \$2 to \$5. Better qualities were generally steady to \$2 higher. Good lemon cutters hit a new season high of \$67.

General quality was about the same as on Friday. More cutters were marketed, but this was offset by increases in proportions of lower primings and leaf grades. Lugs continued to predominate sales, followed by leaf and primings. Official receipts of the Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation for the first two selling days were 11.4 per cent of sales.

Volume was reported light at most points, but a few markets still reported blocked sales.

On the Border Belt, changes in leaf nondescript grades ranged from \$1 to \$4, but most differences were \$1 and \$2.

Most cutters, lugs and smoking leaf were fairly steady at Friday's prices, except for common orange smoking leaf, which rose \$4. In most instances the greatest fluctuations were for inferior quality offerings.

General quality was better than Friday's. There were more good and fine qualities and less low, fair and nondescript. The proportions of leaf grades continued to increase, with less lugs and cutters. Leaf and smoking leaf accounted for about three-fourths of the marketings.

Sales were reported heavy. Most markets were blocked.

Auction bid averages per 100 pounds on the Eastern Belt for a limited number of representative United States grades:

Leaf — Good lemon \$62, unchanged; fair orange \$52, up \$1; low orange \$46, up \$2.

Cutters—Fair lemon \$66, up \$1; low lemon \$64, up \$2.

Lugs — Choice lemon \$65, unchanged; fine lemon \$65, up \$1; good lemon \$63, up \$3; good orange \$58, unchanged; fair lemon \$53, up \$4; fair orange \$50, up \$5; low orange \$35, up \$2.

Primings—Fair lemon \$45, up \$2; fair orange \$38, up \$5; low orange \$24.50, up \$2.50.

Nondescript—Best thin \$15.50, up \$2.75.

Auction bid average per 100 pounds on the Border Belt for a limited number of representative United States grades:

Leaf — Good lemon \$61, unchanged; fair lemon \$58, up \$1; fair green (orangeside) \$40, up \$4; low orange \$44, down \$1; common green (lemonsides) \$30, down \$4.

Cutters — Good lemon \$67, unchanged; fair lemon \$66, up \$1; low orange \$64, up \$2.

Lugs—Choice lemon \$66, up \$1; fine lemon \$65, up \$1; good lemon \$63, unchanged; good orange \$60, down \$2; fair lemon \$60, up \$1; fair orange \$54, unchanged.

Nondescript — Best thin \$25, up \$4.50; poorest thin \$9.25, down \$2.50.

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Alleged Robber Is To Face New Charge

Garfield Patton, under heavy bond to Yadkin county Superior Court, on a charge of stealing a safe and its contents from the office of the Winston-Elkin Motor Express Company, has been bound over to the September term of court on charges of reckless driving.

Highway Patrolman J. W. Williamson, Yadkinville, chased the car, a 1940 Ford, for several miles before making the arrest. The sudden stopping of the Ford caused damage to both cars.

The Ford was claimed by Everett Brown, who lives between Elkin and Booneville, also under bond on the safe-stealing charge.

ONE HURT IN HEAD-ON WRECK

Both Drivers Bound Over To
Superior Court On Reckless
Driving Charge

DAMAGE SET AT \$400

Damage amounting to more than \$400 was reported to have resulted from a head-on collision that occurred at 1 a. m. Sunday morning, two miles west of Booneville.

Mrs. Edith Brown, a passenger in one of the cars, was reported hospitalized at the Hugh Chatham Memorial hospital here suffering from internal injuries.

Both drivers were bound over to the February term of Yadkin county Superior Court on charges of reckless driving.

A 1936 Ford, driven by Flake G. Brown, Shady Grove, was damaged to the extent of approximately \$300. Damage to a 1946 Ford, driven by Hugh A. Speer of Yadkinville and New Castle, Ind., was set at \$100.

Patrolman D. J. Caudle of Elkin investigated.

Crop Damage High In Mulberry Community

The Mulberry community was reported to have borne the heavy end of crop damage inflicted by a hail storm last week.

G. Buck Wall, a resident of the community, estimated that 65% of this year's tobacco crop was destroyed in an area approximately 15 farms.

Only that tobacco that had already been harvested was left undamaged.

Medium and late corn in this area was severely damaged.

Damage was also reported from State Road, Mountain Park and Zephyr.

Expect 3,344 Surry County Youths To Register For Draft Next Week

An anticipated 3,344 Surry county draft eligibles will register next week as the first step toward compulsory military training.

Mrs. A. D. Folger, newly appointed secretary of board 87, announced this week that the schools of the county would be used as registration centers during the three-day period.

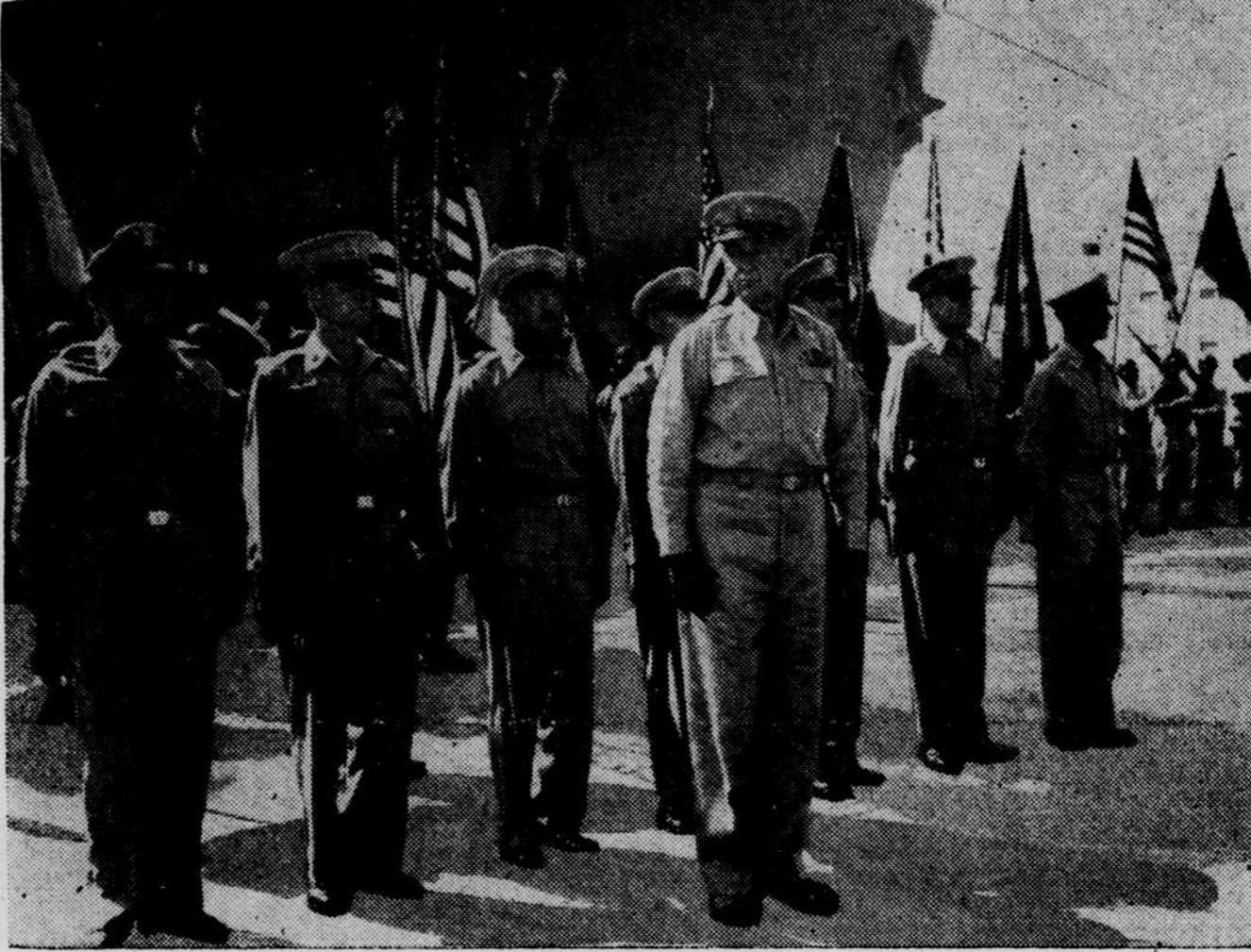
These centers will be open from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m., Monday Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, August 30-31 and September 1, in order to better accommodate the youth of the county.

All males between the ages of 18 and 26 are required to register. Those who fail to take advantage of the community registration centers will be required to register

with the draft board at Dobson on or before September 18. Persons born on or after September 19, 1930, will be required to register within five days after their 18th birthday.

Mrs. Folger stressed that veterans as well as non-veterans must register. "Groups which have been singled out for deferment must register before such deferment will be granted," Mrs. Folger pointed out.

Schools which will be used as registration centers are Elkin high school, Mount Airy high school, Lowgap, Westfield, Beulah, Copeland, Mountain Park, White Plains, Franklin and Flat Rock.



GEN. EICHELBERGER STARTS FOR HOME — When Lieut. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, commander of the U. S. eighth army in Japan, sailed for home, a great many Japanese grieved to see him go. As the general boarded the U. S. transport at Yokohama, Asunakichi Nishino, who had hauled the general about in a rickshaw, burst into tears. General Eichelberger gave him an autographed photo. Here the general and his staff are reviewing the farewell parade.

New School Course Should Be Helpful

Diversified Occupation Will Aid
Students To Learn While Doing

Neil Melvin, who has joined the faculty of the Elkin High School to teach diversified occupation, this week explained the course which will be offered here this fall for the first time.

Melvin, who came to Elkin in 1945, has been associated with the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. and the Chatham Manufacturing Company. He is a graduate of Union College, Barbourville, Ky.

Diversified occupation is a form of part-time education. It involves a co-operative arrangement between the commercial and industrial enterprises of the community and the high school. The commercial and industrial shops furnish part-time employment to the student during school hours. He takes his place in the shop under the same conditions as other employees with the exception that he works half day and goes to school a half day. In other words, just as the initials D. O. imply, the student learns by doing. The school provides a qualified co-ordinator who supervises the pupils in their study of subjects related to their particular job. This co-ordinator also visits at regular intervals the students during their work periods in industry. It is his duty to keep the related study course closely in line with the kind of jobs the pupils have.

The aims of the program are fourfold:

To provide an organized plan of vocational training for entrance into the gainful occupations of the community that belong in the skilled classification.

To provide a training program that is flexible enough to satisfy the occupational needs and at the same time satisfy the individual vocational ambitions of the students.

To provide a training that will be recognized and respected by the business and industrial men.

To provide a type of program that will lead to employment, thus bridging the gap that now exists between business and school.

This program has the merit of

being of advantage to the school, to the employer and to the student. For the student it makes possible a type of training that could not otherwise be provided. It provides training for the student-learner in a real trade environment and by a recognized worker in good standing with his craft. It almost guarantees employment immediately upon completion of high school. It offers an opportunity to try out the occupation of his choice while still under the guidance of the public school.

For the school, this program makes it possible to extend its vocational offerings. It may include all of the occupations of the community that are willing to co-operate and are of the type suitable for offering training. Probably the greatest advantage to the schools that this program affords is the connection with real life situations in the community which are made possible.

The employer also gains in this co-operative effort. He needs new recruits and by this method he has a better opportunity to make his selection. The employer has an advantage too in that the schools are helping him to train better workers. In most cases new workers learn by unorganized hit or miss methods. No one assumes full responsibility for his training and the "Why" of the job is very much neglected. The new worker without the assistance of the school learns only the manipulated features of the job.

This training program makes it possible for an industry or business to train only one worker well and in an organized way when

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LIST ARTISTS FOR CONCERTS

Membership Cards To Be
Mailed Soon To Members
Of Concert Association

BEGINS NOVEMBER 5TH

A complete schedule of performances and artists for the Community Concerts which are to be inaugurated in Elkin soon, have been announced by Mrs. Hoyle Cranford, chairman.

A soprano soloist, a pianist, and a concert trio have been secured for the concert season which is to open November 5.

Carolyn Long, a soprano, will be the first of the artists to appear, and will begin the concert programs.

The second in the concert series will be a pianist, Zadel Skolovsky, on January 28.

The Columbia concert trio composed of Ariana Bronn, violinist; Richard Gregor, pianist, and Ardyth Walker, violoncellist, will appear on March 10.

Membership cards will be mailed in the next ten days, according to Mrs. Cranford.

DUNK VESTAL RECAPTURED

Forsyth County Sheriff Nabs
Yadkin Jailbreaker Near
Kernersville Thursday

FACES TRIAL SEPT. 6

E. L. (Dunk) Vestal, 33, who sawed his way out of the Yadkin County jail July 27, is now back in the jail with the additional charge of jailbreaking chalked up against him.

Vestal was captured by Sheriff Ernie Shore and deputies Thursday night at the home of Bill Brown near Kernersville, where Vestal had gone on that day to meet his girl friend, Mrs. Maud Layman, according to Sheriff Bill Moxley of Yadkin County who, with Jailer C. Russell, brought Vestal back to the Yadkin jail.

Sheriff Shore relates this story of his capture: A Winston-Salem taxi driver carried Mrs. Layman to the Brown home after Vestal sent her word to meet him there. The taxi driver learned what was up and reported the facts to the Sheriff, who made one pass at Vestal during the afternoon, but was headed off by a woman who ran across a tobacco field and notified him after she saw the officers park behind a barn.

Later that night the officers were watching a road into the Brown home when another taxi came along which contained another woman. They promptly put her out, took over the taxi, and drove on to the Brown home, where they spread out, behind the house, around the house and into the house, where they found Vestal on a bed, pretty well stewed. He gave no trouble, and was landed in Forsyth jail, and Sheriff Moxley notified.

Asked where he got the hack saws, he told Sheriff Moxley he found them in his cell, which the sheriff didn't believe.

On September 6, Vestal will face a charge of highway robbery, when he is alleged to have taken \$500 from Dale Winters, in addition to the charge of jailbreaking.

To be tried with him are Ernest Ashley and Paul Flynn, and Mrs. Maud Layman, who are out on bond. Vestal said he had spent most of his time in Tennessee since his escape.

Body Of Billy Wall To Be Sent To U. S.

In a telephone conversation yesterday morning (Wednesday) with Mrs. C. M. Wall of Princeton, W. Va., she stated that the body of her son, Sgt. Billy Wall, who was killed in an air crash last year, was in Frankfurt, Germany, awaiting shipment to the United States.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete awaiting the arrival of the body in this country.

Sgt. Wall was one of the 20 bodies recently discovered among the wreckage of an Army C-47 which crashed in the Italian Alps on November 28, 1947. The plane was located not far from where it had taken off.

Mr. and Mrs. Wall are former residents of this city.

Many North Carolina farmers are planning to double their permanent pasture acreage this fall. Most of them will use a mixture of Ladino clover and orchard grass.

NO NEW CASES OF POLIO ARE LISTED IN CO.

Officials Hope To Be Able To
Lift Prevailing Ban

33 CASES THIS YEAR

Two Weeks Without A New
Case Regarded Yardstick To
Readjust Restrictions

HAVE FINGERS CROSSED

Officials of the Surry County Health Department this week had their fingers crossed as the days stretched toward a two-week period tomorrow since the last reported onset of a case of infantile paralysis.

Dr. R. B. C. Franklin, county health officer, announced that a decision would be made Tuesday as to the future of the prevailing ban in the county on youth activities.

During this year, 33 cases of polio have been reported in Surry county. The previous high was 13 cases reported during the epidemic of 1944. From 1938 through 1947, a total of 21 cases were reported.

During the current epidemic four cases have been reported in Elkin. The local victims are: Mary Ellen Crater, Barbara Gwendolyn Felts, Pat Guyer and Bobby Harris. Mrs. Edgar Transon, an Elkin employee but a resident of Pleasant Hill, has undergone treatment for polio but is counted as a resident of Wilkes county.

Dr. Franklin stated that public health authorities consider two weeks without a new case during the decline of a polio epidemic as a suitable yardstick to readjust restrictions. By waiting until August 31, local authorities will have five additional days in which to consider their action.

76-Year-Old Man Takes Bride, 32

A 76-year-old man with his 32-year-old bride-to-be headed the group of seven couples who received marriage licenses during the week ending August 23 from the Surry county Register of Deeds.

August 16—Leonard Penn, 16, and Dorothy Humphreys, 15, colored, Mount Airy; Thomas Randolph Coakson, 76, Mount Airy, and Elsie Wilson, 32, Low Gap.

August 17 — Edison McNeer Fields, 28, and Frances Virginia Lawrence, 28, Elkin; Euclid K. Chappell, 51, and Virginia Mae Jones, 35, Mount Airy.

August 19—Ralph C. Casstevens, 25, Cycle, and Aniva Frances Scott, 20, Elkin.

August 21—Alvis Easter, 21, and Edna Woodruff, 21, Mount Airy.

Bodies of Four War Casualties Returned

The remains of four servicemen from this area are en route to next of kin for burial, it was reported this week.

They are: Staff Sergeant Ralph E. King, John E. King, Elkin, next of kin; T/4 William W. Bentley, Sr., Mrs. Florence M. Bentley, Ronda, next of kin; Private Leo W. Hobson, Early H. Hobson, Yadkinville, route one, next of kin; Vance O. Johnson, Thomas W. Johnson, Mount Airy, route four, next of kin.

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Three Out of Four Families Spending More Than Make

Some 13,500,000 families — or about one out of every four — were "dissavers" last year, says the Federal Reserve Board.

"A dissaver" is a person who spends more than he takes in, the board noted in a report last night. However, it did not manifest any alarm over the trend not to save for a rainy day. It said:

"The ability to dissave presumes a certain degree of financial well being, for to spend more than one's income, a person must either have sufficient income or collateral to be an acceptable risk for credits, or have past savings to draw upon."

The Federal Reserve Board, however, is tightening up on credits that help to make "dissaving" possible. It is issuing the new regulations for curtailing installment buying ordered by Congress. The curbs will become effective in 30 days.