

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

**What We Are Talking
About at the County Hub**

BANK BUYS TOWN BONDS

**Masons Going to Utica-
Again is Co. F - State
Money for Fairs-Knocked
Down by Auto.**

The spring timetable on the Ontario & Western railroad will become effective April 30. No changes of importance north of Roscoe are expected.

William Kent has sold his house on South street, formerly the Dr. E. W. Harris property, to Walter Wake-man. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

Woodburn Brothers are erecting a store building 30 by 40 feet in dimensions on Delaware street adjoining Sherwood's shoe store. The store has already been leased when completed.

James McCabe had the end of one thumb severely lacerated on a saw at the novelty works this week when he reached over in back to push a stick out of the way. Dr. Gould dressed the injury.

The Delaware Valley Agricultural society, the Walton fair association, will receive \$3,446.19 as state aid this year. The amount is based upon the premiums paid at the fair last fall. Sums to be paid vicinity fair associations are as follows: Delhi, \$2,778.23; Afton, \$3,772.16; Norwich, \$4,000; Oneonta, \$3,524.82; Morris, \$3,154.27; Cobleskill, \$3,098; Monticello, \$1,839.74.

Many members of Walton Masonic lodge are preparing to take part in the huge parade at Utica this Saturday in connection with the dedication of the recently finished Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Hospital at the Masonic home grounds in that city. The parade will be in charge of Lieut. Col. H. J. Cookingham, Jr., as grand marshal and Lieut. J. Carlton Burrhus has been appointed assistant chief of staff for the Delaware-Sullivan Masonic district. The guard of honor will consist of ex-service men in uniform, and all members of Walton lodge who were in the service who can attend are requested to do so in uniform. The special train leaves Walton at 8:50 a.m. The round trip rate is \$3.50 and the excursion is open not only to Masons but to all who may wish to go to Utica to see the parade, which starts from Baggs Square at 1:30, the ceremonies of dedication opening at 3 o'clock.

It is again Company F of Walton. Under date of April 17 an order was issued by the adjutant-general's office making a number of changes in the Tenth Infantry, including the designation of the Walton unit as Company F instead of Company I, which it has held since the old Company F was called out in the summer of 1917, Company H of Binghamton becomes Company E and the machine gun company in Binghamton becomes Company H. The location and designation of the rifle and machine gun companies of the regiment will now be as follows: Companies A, B, C and D, Albany; E, Binghamton; F, Walton;

G, Oneonta; H, Binghamton; I, Mohawk; K and L, Utica; M, Hudson. Companies D, H and M are machine gun units. The redesignation of the local guard unit as Company F will be pleasing to Walton people as that was the official designation for twenty years and many sentimental attachments crowd around the old name.

The \$100,000 highway bonds of the town of Walton authorized for highway improvement have been sold to the First National bank of Walton. Bids were asked on the interest rate and the proposal of the bank was to take the bonds at par at a rate of 4.75 per cent. Six bids were submitted but that of Sherwood & Merrifield of New York was rejected for failure to specify interest rate. The other bids including interest rate and the premium offered, if any, were as follows: First National bank of Walton, par at 4.75 rate; George B. Gibbons company, New York, 100.27 at 4.90 rate; Union National Corporation, New York, 100.03 at 4.95 rate; Clinton H. Brown & Co., New York, 100.25 at 5 per cent; Farson Son & Co., New York, 100.18 at 5 per cent. The proposal of the First National bank was accepted, \$50,000 of the bonds to be issued immediately and the balance as needed. This will save interest charges on the amount unissued.

George Brainard of Howell street was struck and knocked down by the Overland car of Ralph Baxter on Friday evening at the corner of Howell and Mead streets. Mr. Brainard had been at the West End drug store near the Walton foundry building and on his return cut across the street. Mr. Baxter was driving from Delaware street and expected to turn easterly into Mead street. Captain Charles T. O'Neill was coming down Mead street with the intention of turning into Howell. Mr. Brainard was nearly across the street and states he expected the Baxter car to turn westward toward the O. & W. freight office, instead of in the opposite direction and so did not hurry. Mr. Baxter did not see the man until he started to make the turn into Mead street and then it was too late to stop. Mr. Brainard was knocked down and pushed along the roadway a few feet, sustaining a painful cut to the left ear, a bad gash over the eye, and numerous bruises. No blame attaches to the automobilists. Dr. W. R. Gladstone was called to attend the injured man.

BUSINESS MEN BANQUET

**Seventh Annual Event of
the Chamber of Commerce**

MAYOR LUNN WILL SPEAK

**Music and Radio Concert
will be Features of
Evening's Entertainment at
Armory.**

George R. Lunn, three times mayor of Schenectady and a former congressman, will be the principal speaker at the seventh annual banquet of the Walton Chamber of Commerce next Wednesday evening, April 26.

E. R. Eastman, editor of the Dairymen's League News and former Farm Bureau agent in Delaware county, and Hon. James J. Byard of Cooperstown, will also give addresses, Mr. Eastman had an engagement at Carthage, N.Y., that evening, but cancelled this in order to come



Mayor George R. Lunn

to Walton and greet former associates.

The banquet will be served in the armory dining room and arrangements are being made to accommodate four hundred guests. The banquet committee promises a real feed and the entertainment will consist of addresses, music by an orchestra, community singing, and a radio concert on an instrument furnished by R. W. Smith. The amplifier will enable all to hear the radio concert if the weather conditions are favorable.

Tickets are now on sale under the direction of H. M. Barnhart, chairman of that committee, and may be obtained from nearly all business men, or from President Courtney or Secretary S. T. H. Knight. The tickets sell at \$1.50 each.

The banquet will be served at 6:30 o'clock. All boosters for a bigger and better Walton should attend. Invitations have been sent to Congressman John D. Clarke, Senator Walton and Assemblyman L. R. Long among others.

Reservations of tickets should be made not later than Monday evening.

SIDNEY CLERK HELD FOR ROBBING MAIL

**Lynn H. Baker Charged
with Taking Money From
Letters He Handled in
Post Office**

Lynn H. Baker, a clerk in the Sidney postoffice, was arrested Saturday by Postal Inspector M. E. Duryea of Monticello on a charge of stealing money from the United States mails.

Baker, who is 25 years of age, was arraigned later in the day before United States Commissioner Wickham in Binghamton, where the accused, after admitting the theft of money, waived examination and was held for the action of the federal grand jury which meets in Binghamton in June.

Complaints have been made of the disappearance of money from letters addressed to Sidney residents and for more than a month Inspector Duryea has been working on the case. Suspicion fell on Baker and a trap was laid for him by placing marked money in several letters addressed to individuals in Sidney.

Later learning that one of the letters had failed to reach the party addressed, Duryea went to Baker and on searching him found one of the marked bills in his possession. He at once placed Baker under arrest and his arraignment followed later in the day. The amount of money taken is not given out.

Baker was employed in the Sidney postoffice at the outbreak of the war and enlisted in the army. He served overseas with the 108th Machine Gun Battalion and was wounded in action. On returning to Sidney he resumed his former position, married and has two children. His habits

are considered excellent and his attorney feels confident that the court will deal leniently with him in June.

SMITH APPEAL IN MAY

**Attorney Lee Claims
Improper Drawing of Jury.**

Argument in the appeal for a new trial of Herbert W. Smith of Hancock, twice convicted in Chenango county of murder in the first degree for the killing of Louis Johnson at Nineveh in January, 1921, will probably take place before the appellate division the latter part of May, according to David F. Lee, attorney for the defendant.

Mr. Lee alleges many legal errors in connection with the conductance of the trial and contends that the entire case was prejudicial to the accused and further is alleged to contend that "the method and manner of drawing the jury was illegal and improper."

QUEEN OF THE CATSKILLS

**Fleischmanns Claims First
Place Among Summer
Resorts.**

(From Fleischmanns
correspondent.)

Fleischmanns as the Saratoga of the Catskills will outdo herself the coming season as a summer resort She is second to none in the Catskills with a new electric light system, and a large number of hotels which have greatly increased their capacity during the winter months. A number of new buildings are also under construction, one of which is second only to the Grand Hotel in capacity.

Everything indicates a prosperous season and the various hotels will have a busy time, getting ready for Memorial day visitors who are expected to far outnumber those of previous years.

Horse Went Through Window.

A plate glass window in William Close's bakery on Main street, Sidney, was broken Wednesday by the runaway team of William Reed, the liveryman.

TRAIN WRECKS SPEEDER

**Maintainer Couch Jumps
From Machine to
Save Life.**

The motor speeder used by A. B. Couch of Summitville, who on April 15 took the duties of signal maintainer in place of Earl Hinman, was wrecked by the afternoon train on the Delhi branch near the Novelty works Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Hinman has gone into the garage business at Hamden and his successor was not familiar with the running time of the branch trains. He understood the afternoon train left Walton at 3:10 o'clock instead of its actual leaving time of 3:05 and was coming down the branch to the Walton depot on the speeder when he came upon the train after it had left the Bridge street station. Couch took one look and jumped. He escaped serious injury but the speeder was struck by the train and wrecked while the pilot of the locomotive was also smashed.

CRIED "FIRE" FOR BURGLAR

**Alarm at Sidney Caused by
Aged Woman's Screams.**

(From Sidney
correspondent.)

The fire alarm sounding early last Saturday morning startled many from sound sleep. The alarm however was found to be without cause, but started when an old lady on Willow street became frightened thinking someone was trying to break into her house and screamed "fire", which caused the alarm to be rung in.

Enlarge Meredith Church.

(From Meridale
correspondent.)

Ground was broken on Monday for the addition to the Meredith church for dining, social and Sunday school rooms. The material of the vacant church in Meridale is utilized for this purpose.

CADOSIA Y. M. C. A. OPENS

**Former Mountain House
Refilled by Railroad
Company. (From Hancock
correspondent.)**

The railroad Y. M. C. A. at Cadosia was officially opened Tuesday evening, April 18th, when about 250 people assembled and enjoyed a pleasant evening together as guests of the O. & W. Railroad company. The general public are invited to make use of the Y. M. C. A. building at any and all times. The building, the former Mountain House, has been entirely renovated at a cost of about \$10,000, it is stated. Sleeping accommodations are provided for some twenty-six persons.

Railroad men will appreciate the recreational features as well as the sleeping accommodations. Mr. Benedict of Buffalo, a Y. M. C. A. worker, will act as secretary of the Cadosia association

DROVE TEAM INTO TRAIN

**Andrew Bard Escapes
Injury in Accident Near
Unadilla.**

A grain drill owned by Andrew F. Bard, who lives near Trout Creek, was demolished Tuesday evening by a freight train at Potter's crossing two miles from Unadilla.

Mr. Bard was moving his household goods from Trout Creek to Otego and was driving a pair of horses attached to a grain drill which in turn was pulling a wagon. He states that he must have fallen asleep for he does not remember seeing or hearing the train. As the horses came upon the crossing they must have pulled to one side, swinging the grain drill and wagon against the side of the train. The drill was demolished and one horse slightly injured. Although dragged nearly 200 feet Bard escaped with minor bumps and bruises. He was taken to the office of Dr. Whitney in Unadilla where an examination revealed no serious injuries. The train was an extra north bound freight.

AUTO BREAKS STORE WINDOW.

(From Fleischmanns
correspondent.)

Sunday morning a Kaplan boy, son of I. Kaplan, who owns a summer hotel on the Redkill road, while driving a ford car on Main street ran into Walder's butcher shop and broke a large plate glass window,