

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**

\$50,000 IN WAR STAMPS

**Girl Falls, Breaks Arm—Boy
Falls, Jars Brain—Sells Ice
Business—Other Happenings.**

Chief A. E. Woollett recently examined the seventy-eight hydrants in the village. Four were found out of commission and were repaired.

Master Thomas Pine tripped over his sled near the Stockton avenue school Wednesday and in falling sustained a slight concussion of the brain.

While George Wakeman was at work in the Meadowbrook milk company's plant Friday a bottle broke on the cleaning machine and a flying piece of glass struck Wakeman on the nose, inflicting a painful injury.

The annual New Year's ball given by Company F Monday evening proved one of the most enjoyable of similar social functions in recent years. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Elks' orchestra from Binghamton.

Miss M. Janie Launt, art instructor in the Walton high school, has been awarded second prize in the design competition conducted by Ceramic Studio, an art magazine. Her drawing will be published in an early issue of the magazine.

Smoke from a stove in B. Simon's store, corner of Delaware and North streets the former Lyon block, caused the sending in of a fire alarm last Thursday evening. The firemen made a quick run from Walton hall but their services were not needed.

Floyd Broughton has sold his half interest in the restaurant business on Delaware street to his partner, Edward Carroll, and will open a market in the former Smith store where R. Winand conducted a market until recently. Mr. Broughton will open for business Saturday.

While Ralph Ballard and Arthur Foote were driving to Loomis one evening recently in Ballard's Ford truck the machine skidded and overturned on a curve at the top of the hill between Pines brook and Loomis. The young men were not injured but the machine was badly damaged.

Lewis Wheat and G. T. Kingfield, first and second trick agents, respectively, at the Northfield depot, engaged in a scuffle last Friday afternoon in which Kingfield was thrown and received a fracture of his right leg. Dr. W. B. Morrow, the railroad surgeon, was called in attendance.

The ice business of George T. Johnston, including the buildings and equipment, was sold on Friday to J. C. Eighmie through the agency of H. S. Ogden. Mr. Johnston has conducted the business the past eight years. Mr. Eighmie plans to personally supervise the business and promises prompt service to patrons.

Stamp sales at the Walton post office in the month of December, 1922, amounted to \$2,604.48 compared with \$2,073.02 in 1921. This would indicate an increase of about twenty-five per cent in the Christmas mail this year over the previous year. Postage receipts for the year 1922 will amount to about \$19,000, or \$1,000 more than in 1921.

Changes are being made in the First National bank building

which will aid that institution in the handling of the large volume of business transacted daily. The office on the first floor which has been occupied by Crawford Brothers has been connected with the banking rooms. Crawford Brothers will have an office on the second floor.

Fire on New Year's day damaged the Russell building on Main street, Cooperstown, in which are located the Cyril Jones toy, novelty and dry goods store and the Atlantic & Pacific tea store. The fire started in the basement under the Jones store and the stock of goods in that business place was badly damaged. The A. & P. store was somewhat damaged by water. Leon Rowley, son of H. W. Rowley of Walton is manager of the A. & P. store at Cooperstown.

Pauline Gray slipped and fell Wednesday while returning after the noon hour from the home of E. M. Stern, High street, to her work in Mrs. Inez Harby's millinery shop. Her left arm was fractured between the elbow and shoulder. The accident occurred at the top of the Park street hill. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture. Miss Gray had planned to finish her work at the Harby store Wednesday and was to leave soon for New York, where she had accepted a position.

Over \$40,000 in war savings stamps of the series of 1918 have been cashed through the Walton post office or exchanged for war saving certificates. Of this amount \$15,000 has been converted into certificates remainder cashed. The First National bank has cashed about \$10,000 of the stamps. There are still a large number outstanding. Those desiring to exchange the stamps for certificates bearing 4 per cent interest may have the certificates dated back January first if the stamps are presented before January 15th. Otherwise the certificates will date the day issued.

FEWER DEATHS SHOWN IN RECORD FOR 1922

**Births Also Show Decrease
From Previous Year**

GOOD YEAR FOR WIDOWS

But Total Number of Marriages Recorded Was Lowest Since War Period of Year 1918.

Vital statistics for the year 1922 show that there were 76 deaths, 117 births and 40 marriages in the town of Walton during the year 1922. Of the deaths 56 were in the village of Walton which has a population of 3,600. This is at the ratio of 15.5 deaths per 1,000 population. The death rate for the entire town is 13.8 per 1,000, which is above the average for the state.

Two persons were burned to death, Mrs. Hannah White and Woo Kong Seng, the Chinese laundryman, who met death within six weeks of each other. The two oldest persons who passed away during the year were Margaret J. Knox, 93 years old, and William H. Juckett, aged 91 years.

There were 15 deaths of persons 80 years of age or over and 14 of persons from 70 to 79 years of age, inclusive.

The number of births in the town in 1922 was less than 1921, but with that exception the number was the largest ever recorded. There were 117 births during the year. This gives a birth rate of 21.6 per 1,000 in the town.

The number of marriage licenses issued and returned to the town clerk was below the average. Only 40 licenses were filed in the clerk's office during the year. Marriage licenses are issued in the town in which the bride resides. Among the brides there were fifteen widows.

That a comparison may be made with other years, the vital

statistics for the past 19 years are given:

	Births	Marriages	Deaths
1922	117	40	76
1921	128	43	80
1920	112	68	88
1919	71	66	77
1918	102	33	113
1917	102	44	73
1916	108	45	101
1915	111	50	82
1914	94	57	80
1913	107	49	77
1912	92	43	73
1911	82	48	79
1910	112	40	96
1909	79	47	75
1908	68	34	80
1907	65	47	65
1906	49	42	64
1905	60	47	74
1904	61	46	68

The vital statistics for the year 1922 are as follows:

Deaths.		
Date	Name	Age
Jan. 18	Mrs. Mary E. Broughton	51
22	Infant son F. L. Huyck	
25	William J. Gabriel	49
Feb. 5	William H. Halleck	69
8	Marcus P. Brisack	84
12	Infant son Louis Munsch	
19	Mrs. Mary A. McDougal	70
19	Mrs. Hannah White	82
23	Nancy Coulter	89
Mar. 3	Mrs. Lucy A. Houck	76
10	Mrs. Mary Peasley	72
13	Duane E. Alger	66
16	Mrs. Caroline Johnson	77
17	Mrs. Adelia C. Hubbell	58
19	Thomas L. Travis	53
23	Mary H. Osborne	89
24	Mrs. Mary Webb Smith	64
26	Hugh F. Rutherford	41
28	Willis M. Hoyt	75
28	Edwin B. Hanford	82
29	Elmer Elderkin	42
29	Infant son E. J. Love	
29	Infant daughter Arthur e. Benedict	6 mos.
30	Woo Kong Seng	28
Apr. 6	Lawrence K. Peck	16
19	Harold L. Goldsmith	32
20	John T. Rutherford	70
22	Seymour B. Robinson	47
May 6	Kenneth Rhinehart	19
9	Harvey J. Hitchcock	88
11	Lafayette Henderson	67
11	Mrs. Mary L. Bagley	60
12	Mrs. Elizabeth Jamieson	61
19	Mrs. Mary Thomas	78
21	Mrs. Rose Barlow	68
22	Charles T. Guild	54
27	Margaret J. Knox	93
27	Margaret Griffin	86
27	Judah Eggleston	74
30	Homer E. Slade	34
31	James J. Townsend	49
June 2	George M. Parker	58
3	Mrs. Rose Rowley	58
7	George Bartow	63
12	Mrs. Elizabeth S. Wright	77
20	Mrs. Minnie Robinson	51
24	Infant son Oakley D. Terpening	
27	Mrs. Mary A. Wakeman	77
July 12	Mrs. M. Jane Christian	86
25	Gladys S. Bowker	9
27	Marcia E. Hawkins	15
Aug. 7	John Paine	73
7	Mrs. Deborah Dickerson	78
9	Infant son of T. Lignoury	22
22	Mrs. Adelia J. Palmer	65
23	Mrs. Lydia A. Anderson	80
23	Mrs. Lida Covert	70
24	Infant son A. G. Patterson	
28	Charles R. Howard	84
Sept. 4	Mrs. Martha L. Kinch	80
19	Mrs. Hazel B. Gage	31
30	Nellie Mae Tyrrell	16
Oct. 6	Mrs. Lettie Wright	65
9	Beecher H. Stowe	60
15	Mrs. Elizabeth Scofield	84
22	Mrs. Harriet M. Benedict	77
27	Harriet M. Perry	4
29	Charles H. Payne	68
Nov. 2	Mrs. Ursula Sherwood	78
8	Mrs. Clarissa Darrin	85
9	William H. Juckett	91
18	Infant son Harry Soules	
20	Mrs. Mary Bucknam	52
Dec. 7	Irvin Kinch	42
14	Infant son Tony Thomas	
31	Johny H. Houck	73

GIVE \$13,333 AWARD FOR DEATH OF MILLS

**Jury Divides Amount of the
Verdict Between Widow and
Two Children**

A jury in Supreme Court in Newburgh last Thursday awarded a verdict of \$13,333 in favor of Mrs. Mary G. Mills, widow of George A. Mills, head brake-

man on the southbound O. & W. freight that figured in the wreck at Cooks Falls on Nov. 29, in which Engineer Edgar E. Davis and Fireman John W. Lawrence were also killed.

Mrs. Mills had started suit for \$50,000. The court proceedings were for the purpose of dividing the verdict between Mrs. Mills and her two minor sons, George, aged seven, and Blake, aged four. The jury was out one hour and awarded Mrs. Mills \$7,333 and \$3,000 each to the two children.

Actions will also be brought by the heirs of the two other men killed to recover damages for their deaths. Within a month four employees of the O. & W. have been killed in wrecks, the other man being engineer Young of Oswego, who was killed in a wreck near Fulton on Christmas night.

Recently Mrs. Mills was granted letters of administration to bring action in surrogate's court. Mr. Mills died in Thrall hospital Nov. 29 from scalds received when the engine overturned after colliding with the caboose of a standing train.

DEATH OF BABY CALLS CORONER'S INQUEST

**Arrest May Follow Hearing
in Sidney Friday in Charge of
Coroner Silliman**

Dr. G. A. Silliman of Delhi, coroner, was called to Sidney Center Saturday to investigate a case of the death and improper burial of a son born Dec. 23 to Mrs. A. J. Carley of that village.

An inquest into the matter will be held today, Friday, at the municipal building in Sidney. Evidence may then be obtained which will lead to one or more arrests in the case.

The child was last seen alive by Dr. Lee a few hours after birth. When it disappeared and no burial permit was asked for or given the coroner was notified and an investigation followed. The body of the baby was found under the counter in a local store it is stated, under conditions which made further investigation into the case necessary. The woman's husband has been a prisoner in the Delhi jail for several weeks on a larceny charge and is not implicated in the matter. There are five other children in the family.

HORSE LOST NO TIME IN LEAVING HANCOCK

**Frightened Animal Smashes
Bobs and Crosses Railroad
Bridge Before Stopped**

(From Hancock cor.)

A runaway horse caused quite an excitement in Hancock Monday morning about 10 o'clock. John Obinick, who lives about seven miles from Hancock village on Sands creek, sent his son, Elliott, aged about 16 years, to town with a lively single horse attached to a light set of bob sleighs, to do some trading. As the boy went to turn into Wheeler street off Main street at the bank corner, the horse became frightened and started to run.

The young man did all he could to hold the animal but the horse ran all the faster. At W. A. Hall's feed store the horse turned in which slewed the sleighs around on the icy road and threw them against the office with great force throwing the lad out. Fortunately he was not hurt.

The horse continued running out to Stimpson street through Duane Rood's garden into Reed street and then onto the Erie tracks towards the long railroad bridge that crosses the east branch of the Delaware and ran completely across the bridge before it was stopped by Lester Maynard.

The sleighs were completely torn to splinters. Mr. Offnick has been very ill with pneumonia and not able to come to town to do his business.

Child Dies From Pneumonia.

Robert, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Newkerk of Delancey died Thursday afternoon, January 4, at the home of Mrs. Newkerk's sister, Mrs. H. R. St. John, Townsend street. Little Bobbie, who was about five months of age, was brought to Walton Monday and while here it was found that he was ill with pneumonia. There is one other child, John.

SHOT HIMSELF IN LEG

**Delhi Young Man Wounded
While Hunting Rabbits.**

(From Delhi cor.)

DeMoe Waring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Waring of Delaware avenue, Delhi, was accidentally shot while out rabbit hunting near his home early in the week. The bullet entered his right leg near the knee and passed through, making a clean wound. Dr. Silliman was promptly summoned and rendered medical aid. If infection does not set in young Waring will probably be up and about within about two weeks.

SHAW TO MAKE REPORT

**Supervisors Ask Treasurer
to State Amount of Fees**

TWO VOTE IN NEGATIVE

**Statement to Be Filled
With Clerk by January
15th—Tax Rolls Are Signed.**

The board of supervisors at its meeting in Delhi Wednesday evening adopted the resolution presented by Supervisor McGranaghan of Hancock at the December session asking County Treasurer A. B. Shaw to file with the clerk of the board on or before January 15 a report of all fees received by him during the years 1921 and 1922.

The resolution was tabled at the previous meeting on motion of Supervisor Marvin of Delhi. Wednesday evening Mr. McGranaghan again called it up. The roll call, taken after efforts failed to have the introducer change the resolution, showed only two dissenting votes, Supervisors Marvin of Delhi and Huyck of Deposit being recorded in the negative.

The effect of the resolution will be to make public the amount of compensation which the treasurer has been receiving through fees in addition to the salary of \$1,400 fixed by the board. The most important of these fees is the transfer tax which in recent years has varied from a few hundred dollars to over \$6,000 in one year. Section 230 of the tax law places upon the county treasurer the duty of acting as appraiser under the inheritance or transfer tax law and this is one of the regular duties of the office.

The board signed the tax rolls and in some of the towns the collection of the town taxes began Thursday. It was also voted to hold the quarterly meeting in February on the second Tuesday, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

RECOVERED HIS WATCH

**Timepiece Lost in Snow
Found After Recent Thaw.**

(From New Kingston cor.)

Elton Tait, who has been drawing logs from James Winter's hill lost his watch from his pocket on the last trip down, one evening several weeks ago, and that night it snowed. Despite his misgivings as to ever recovering it, after a thaw last Tuesday evening, the watch, a valuable timepiece, was found by Frank Russell, and was undamaged either by frost or weather, or by contact with the heavy loads that had been driven over the place.