

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

## ROAD OIL LAYS THE DUST

**Conductor Spring Sells  
House—Dig Up Mystery  
Box—The Grays Got Gay.**

The blacksmith shops in Walton will be closed on Saturday afternoons during the summer.

John Coddington, employed in the Miner-Edgar factory at Rock Rift, had his foot painfully scalded Wednesday when he stepped in a vat of hot water. Dr. Morrow attended him.

The Tenth Regiment team won the brigade match at Peekskill Tuesday, having the highest score of any team in the state. Frank McCook, Harry Wilbur and Robert Wilbur represented Company F on the Tenth Regiment team.

Conductor P. E. Spring has sold his house on Griswold street to Robert P. Littlejohn. Mr. Spring will move to Norwich as he has a run on the O. & W. between that city and Oswego. The sale was made through H. M. Robinson.

During the past week 16,000 gallons of oil were used on the village streets. There are still a few streets which have not been oiled and a new supply of oil has been ordered. Shipment is expected in time so that the work may be done next week.

George S. Gosper has bought the William DuMond house, Delaware street, and will remove from his farm on Third brook to the village in the fall. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson. The Gosper farm will be conducted by the sons, John and Ray Gosper.

A consignment of five pheasant eggs has been received from the state hatchery at Sherburne by the Delaware Valley Fish and Game club of Walton. Those desiring settings of the eggs may secure the same from Frank Gadwood at the Royal cafe.

Seven Walton high school students will try the examinations for the county Cornell scholarship which will be held in Delhi Saturday. They are Frances Benedict, Thena Olmstead, Beatrice Smith, Roland Tweedie, Ralph Haynes, Wilbur Hoyt and Earl Rutherford.

The Walton high school won two one-sided ball games the past week. Last Friday the Unadilla "hi" nine went down to defeat by a score of 30 to 3. On Memorial day the Oneonta school's nine was defeated by Walton, 18 to 1. Blything held pitching honors in both games, although Flynn pitched part of Wednesday's game.

The university of the state of New York has announced that with the June Regents' examinations a new standard of passing will go into effect. For a number of years students who had pursued a subject for the required length of time have been required to obtain a mark of 60 per cent, but hereafter 65 per cent will be required. Students who have not pursued subject for the required length of time must still attain a passing mark of 75 per cent.

C. E. Barnes and E. L. Lathan have formed a partnership under the name of the Delaware Motor company and

have leased the garage building on lower North street vacated by the Walton Auto Sales company. Mr. Barnes has conducted the Willard battery station on Delaware street and Mr. Lathan has the agency for Maxwell and Chalmers cars. The new firm will continue the Willard service station and will handle the cars named.

Andrew Gray and his son, William Gray, better known as Bill, imbibed too freely Wednesday night and created such a disturbance at their home on Mead street that the police were sent for. Officers Stidd, Wake-man and Houck, accompanied by President Courtney and F. C. Darling, visited the place and arrested the men. Bill Gray was in a condition to be arraigned Thursday afternoon before Police Justice J. M. Peake and was paroled in charge of Rev. A. A. Walker. Andrew Gray had not recovered sufficiently to be arraigned on Thursday afternoon. George B. McClellan Hiltz also looked too long upon the cup that cheers on Tuesday and about 8 o'clock that evening was found lying across the railroad tracks in the Walton yard. He was given a day to sober up and when arraigned before Justice Peake was placed on parole.

While David Douglas was preparing a geranium bed on his lot in the Walton cemetery Monday afternoon he uncovered a tin box which was closed with a padlock. On breaking open the lock the box was found to contain a quantity of jewelry and other articles which had apparently been stolen from some store. Included in the find were several watches, a number of jackknives, a testament, fish-hooks, keys, a flag and a few coins. The latest date on a coin was that of 1909 on a Lincoln penny. The box and its contents were placed on exhibition in the window of Courtney's store and caused much speculation on the part of those who examined the articles. The most plausible theory to explain the box and its contents is that the articles were stolen by boys from the store conducted on Delaware street by the late William Gaul some ten or twelve years ago.

## IN MEMORY OF THE DEAD

**Men in Fast-Thinning  
Ranks of the Grand Army  
Honor Comrades.**

With bared heads sixteen Civil war veterans on Wednesday morning stood at the base of the soldier's monument in the Walton cemetery and there carried out the G. A. R. service in honor of their dead comrades, whose names are inscribed upon the monument.

Memorial day never dawned fairer than on Wednesday and beneath a cloudless sky the long procession wended its way from Walton hall by way of the high school across the river to the cemetery, where the day's exercises were carried out. In the procession were the veterans of the three wars, the Civil war, Spanish-American war and World war, Company F, Tenth Infantry, various patriotic organizations and a large group of school children. Then followed several scores of autos.

At the cemetery the usual exercises in honor of the dead and of the living heroes of these wars were carried out. The address was given by Rev. Stanley U. North, who made a plea for a war on war. In times of peace when reason rules, we as citizens, should dedicate ourselves to the task of abolishing all war, the great blot on Christianity and civilization, the speaker declared.

Mr. North was also the speaker at the union Memorial service held in Walton hall Sunday evening.

## MAN NEARLY BURIED IN SAND BANK SLIDE

**Willard Felter Dug Out by  
Fellow Workmen**

## MAY HAVE INHALED SAND

**Particles Breathed in  
Affect Nasal Passages  
and Bronchial Tubes.**

(From Fishs Eddy cor.)

Willard Felter of Readburn, employed as a workman in the sand bank at Tyler's switch between Fishs Eddy and Cadosia, was nearly buried alive Tuesday in a sand slide. He has been in a critical condition since the accident.

Men worked hard to release Felter after he was caught by the fall of the sand, but not until he had been completely covered three times was he finally released. Mr. Felter was taken to the home of Ed Travis located nearby and the Doctors Woolsey of Hancock summoned. Later, Dr. Miller, a Binghamton specialist, was called. The physicians decided that the unfortunate young man had inhaled sand and it had become lodged in the nasal passages and bronchial tubes. Mr. Felter suffered terribly after the accident.

The sand bank where the accident occurred is owned by J. P. Davis. It is stated that about an hour before Felter was caught in the slide that Davis had warned the men to watch out for a sudden fall of the sand.

## WALTON GUARDSMEN ARE AWARDED MEDALS

**Presentation Made in Armory  
Friday Night by Captain  
William Hones, U. S. A**

The presentation of the New York state World war medals and aqueduct service medals took place at the Walton armory on Friday evening, May 25. The medals were presented by Capt. William Hones of the 8th Infantry, U. S. A. The medals of Sergeant John Armstrong, who died of pneumonia at Camp Wadsworth Spartanburg, S. C., Private Carl Jones, killed by an automobile at Van Cortland Park, New York city; Sergeant Frank Mead Eells, killed in action at Guillemont Farm, France; Herman Peak, killed in action in France; Howard Schoonmaker, who died of disease in the Hawaiian Islands; Robert Closs, killed in action at Guillemont Farm, France, were presented to their relatives.

After the presentation Company F staged a short drill in close order in honor of Captain Hones.

An excellent banquet was served to the company, veterans and guests of the company by the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Captain Charles T. O'Neill gave the history of Captain Hones' service in Company F, 1st Infantry, N. G. N. Y., and his experiences up to the present date. He stated that as a private, Capt. Hones came to Walton every Monday night, defraying his own expenses from Roscoe. In two years he reached the rank of second lieutenant by his excellent spirit and interest in the organization. He later entered the United States army as second lieutenant and by his excellent work has reached the rank of captain and is known throughout the U. S. army for his efficiency. Captain O'Neill introduced Captain Hones as a splendid example for the enlisted men of today to follow.

Captain Hones stated that he was very much pleased with the drill, discipline and steadiness in ranks of Company F. He informed those present that Company F was not only known throughout New York state as the most efficient company in the 27th Division, but that they had made their mark indelibly in the history of the world. He told the company members to always re-

tain that spirit which had always been so prominent in the organization throughout its history and to be always on the lookout to add new honors to its name. In closing he presented the company with a beautiful painting of Fort Ehrenbreitstein, Germany, which he had painted by a German artist especially for this occasion. The painting was placed on the mantel over the fireplace in the non-commissioned officers' room in the armory. The gift was accepted by Mess Sergeant Connelly with a well selected speech.

Several others were called on to make a few remarks and the meeting disbanded.

## Base Ball Team for Stamford.

(From Stamford cor.)

The committee appointed by the chamber of commerce to arrange for a base ball team for Stamford, comprising Charles Husted, Star Mase and G. F. Warren, have made arrangements with the University of Vermont team to represent Stamford this summer and the team will arrive here June 26th.

## AUTOS COLLIDE NEAR HANCOCK

**Occupant of One Car Was  
Thrown Through Windshield.**

Driving his new Durant car toward Cadosia last Thursday about 8:30 p. m. Mr. Viglione of Callicoon, who recently bought an interest in the shoe business of the Frisco estate in Hancock, collided with the five-passenger touring car owned by Floyd Dufton of Apex, whose car was standing alongside the road near the O. & W. trestle as he talked with Mr. and Mrs. Benny Stephens.

With Mr. Viglione was Frank Fortunato, who pitched head-first through the windshield when the cars met. His face was cut badly, from the corner of his mouth across the chin. Mrs. Stephens was pinned under the left front mudguard of the Durant. She escaped with minor bruises. Others in the party were uninjured. Both cars were somewhat damaged.

## New Bee Law in State.

According to the law of New York state, after June 1, 1923, it shall be unlawful to keep bees in hives the frames of which cannot be readily removed for inspection. Violation of the law shall be punishable by a \$25 fine for a first offense and by a \$200 fine for a second offense. This means that bees in box hives, and even frame hives with cross combs must either be transferred, or destroyed. Such severe legislation became necessary to protect the large investments of the commercial honey producers against the constant reinfection of their apiaries with foulbrood diseases from the yards of the box hive beekeepers.

## RAN AWAY AFTER THEFT

**Bicycle Smash Near Deposit  
Ends Boy's Adventure.**

Fearing to face his parents after he had appropriated a small sum of money given him to buy groceries, Charles Warren, 16, of No. 154 Front street, Binghamton, was brought to police headquarters in that city at 1:30 Wednesday morning from Deposit, where he is believed to have fled to escape the consequences of his theft. Eugene Little, driving a Deposit passenger bus, ran across young Warren near Silver-nail hill.

Seeing that the youth was apparently injured he took him to the office of a physician in Deposit. The boy, on a stolen bicycle, it is believed, crashed through a fence and over a steep embankment, causing extensive cuts and bruises to his body. A companion

on another wheel, whom Warren first averred was his brother, continued on to Deposit. There he abandoned young Warren and the bicycle, leaving it standing in front of a restaurant. Warren stated that his alleged brother had taken the money which was given him for groceries.

To Little the boy stated that he was a member of a troop of Boy Scouts from New York city. He stoutly maintained that he lived in "Fifth street." At police headquarters he was searched and found to possess a Binghamton newsboy's badge. Questioned, he stated that he found it.

In reply to various questions in regard to New York city Warren soon convinced the police by his unintelligent answers that he had never been to the city and was undoubtedly a resident of Binghamton. He later broke down and admitted that he lived in Front street. He was taken to his home in the police patrol.—Sun.

## Preach in Twenty-one Languages.

(From Franklin cor.)

A wonderful service is to be held in Masonic hall Saturday evening of this week. Rev. John A. Davis of the Bible school, Binghamton, and the noted singer, Mr. Mills, will be here. The male quartet will sing. The little soloist, Marion Beatrice Wahl, four years old, will also sing solos and recite. Twenty-one nations, represented by students of the different nationalities, will speak and sing in their language and translate into English. This is worth going miles to hear. Don't miss this great opportunity. It will be free to everyone. An offering will be taken to aid in defraying expenses.

## Stamford Country Club Opens.

(From Stamford cor.)

The Country club house and grounds opened for the season on Decoration day. The club house will be under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Harris of Miami, Fla. A dance was held in the evening.

## PAY TRIBUTE TO BURROUGHS AS NATURE SMILES ON SCENE

All nature smiled Sunday when a group of admirers of John Burroughs gathered about the memorial tablet erected at Boyhood Rock at Woodchuck Lodge, Roxbury, to pay a tribute to the great naturalist who passed away two years ago.

Flowers were blooming in profusion and the birds the naturalist so loved chirped and twittered in the trees nearby as a tribute was being paid at the grave. The annual memorial service last year was held on April 3 when sap snow still lay on the ground and the roads were well nigh impassable with mud. To those present on both occasions the two days presented a contrast.

The occasion this year was made memorable by the fact that Henry Ford, a close friend of Burroughs, has during the past year acquired title to Woodchuck Lodge and Burroughs birthplace at Roxbury as well as to his home in the town of Esopus, Ulster county, known through his writings as Slabside. The titles the automobile manufacturer then transferred to the Burroughs Memorial association. Some four or five hundred persons were present at the memorial service Sunday. The one address of the day was by Dr. Frank M. Chapman, president of the association and an official of the Metropolitan Museum of New York city. Poems were read, "God of the Open Air," by Henry Van Dyke; "In Blooming Orchards," written by Mr. Burroughs, and a poem written for the occasion by John Russell McCarthy, entitled, "When Hills Are Green." This was read by Mr. McCarthy.