

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

CO. E TO PLAY TONIGHT

Kent Bros. Lease Big Store—Auto 'Bus Granted Franchise—Two Hurt by Axes—Measles Plentiful.

Lent, which usually begins in February, will not commence this year until Mar. 5, making Easter Sunday fall on Apr. 20. Valentine's day is Thursday, Feb. 14.

Measles has broken out among the school children. Sixteen were out of the second grade of the Stockton avenue school Wednesday and the disease is assuming epidemic form.

Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Henderson of East brook, fell Monday at the Miller avenue school, where she is a student, and sprained her foot. Dr. Gould attended her.

Sidney Utter of West brook, who has been helping harvest ice at Nestle's pond, fell down the ice chute Monday. He sustained a bad cut over the eye and was otherwise injured about the face. Dr. Smith dressed his injuries.

Jesse Jones, a high school student, sustained a Colle's fracture of his right wrist last Thursday evening when the engine of an automobile he was cranking backfired and the crank struck Jones' arm. Dr. E. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture.

Clinton Wood has purchased the furniture and undertaking business of William R. Chase at Windsor, Broome county, and has taken possession. This is an old-established business. Mr. Wood, who is a licensed embalmer, will be assisted by Mr. Chase for a time.

Stanley Vannakin of Granton cut a bad gash in his left hand while splitting stove wood Wednesday. S. W. Buchanan, employed by the Keery company on a lumber job up West brook, struck his knee with the blade of his axe Tuesday, inflicting a painful injury.

A. J. Pierce of Deposit, assistant division engineer of the state highway department, was in Walton Monday making a survey of the Delaware street crossing over the Ontario & Western tracks and of the crossing at Colchester station. It is understood that steps will be taken to eliminate these crossings.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pierce made them a surprise at their home on Saturday, Feb. 2, in honor of their 20th wedding anniversary. About 80 were present. The day was very pleasantly spent and during the time they were presented with a sum of money as a remembrance of the occasion, with many best wishes for the future.—Pines Brook correspondent.

Injunction proceedings have been instituted by the state of New York against the Central Copper company of Arizona, on the ground that it employed fraudulent practices in the sale of its stock to 50,000 buyers. Investigation is said to disclose that the company has collected in subscriptions five times the amount it has spent in development work. Some of the stock was sold in Delaware county but the amount is not believed to have been large.

The village board at its meeting Monday evening granted Glen Green a franchise to operate a

motor bus in the village of Walton for two years at an annual tax of \$25. The franchise is subject to the right of revocation and to certain police restrictions as to stopping places. The bus will stop in front of Henderson's store on its trip to Delhi and in front of Osterhout's on the return, except in the evening the stopping place will be near Clark's ice cream parlor. The fee of \$25 is the same as is charged in Oneonta.

Kent Brothers have leased the Retz-Lincoln store building at 124 Delaware street and take possession February 16th. The building will be closed about a week while extensive changes are being made to the interior and Kent Brothers will then move their stock of ladies and gents' shoes and gents' furnishings from their present location at 114 Delaware street, adjoining Wood's hardware. They will add a complete line of dry goods and all stock in this department will be new. Kent Brothers have been in business in their present location since August, 1919. J. E. Wood has rented the Kent store and will use it for a display room in connection with his hardware. It is planned to connect the two buildings.

The Company F basketball team met defeat at the hands of Company G in Oneonta last Thursday night by a score of 28 to 1. The Walton guardsmen had previously beaten their Klipnockie rivals in three games but Thursday they were outplayed and Oneonta led throughout the game. Saturday evening on the armory court in Walton the company quintet overcame Barnes' Bingham-tonians by a 36-27 score in a fast contest. The game which basketball fans are looking forward to is that Saturday evening on the local court, when Company E of Binghamton will try to make it three straight from Walton. In both previous games the Binghamton guardsmen have been victorious and a fast and exciting game is promised Saturday evening.

NEW ROYAL RESTAURANT

Improvements to Building Are Nearly Completed

LARGE BANQUET HALL

Accommodations Provided for Large Gatherings in Commodious Room on Second Floor.

The addition and improvements to the Royal cafe, Delaware street, are rapidly nearing completion and when the work is finished Charles Evans, the proprietor, will have the finest equipped restaurant in this section.

The former structure has been raised to two stories and enlarged. A front of yellow tapestry brick has been added and the sides stuccoed, making an attractive exterior.

Walton has long felt the need of a banquet hall which will accommodate large gatherings. This is provided for on the second story of the building. The hall is 32 by 38 feet in dimensions and in one corner a private dining room for parties of 12 to 15 is partitioned off. Sliding panels permit this room to be thrown open when desired. Between 125 and 150 persons can be seated in the hall.

Nine large casement windows furnish light for the banquet room. Electric ventilators are provided to clear the atmosphere of smoke when required. To the rear of the hall is a butler's pantry and back of this a large kitchen with the most modern equipment. Sliding panels separate the two rooms.

The upstairs rooms are reached by two entrances from the first

MOVE WALTON REST ROOM TO VAIL BLOCK LOCATION

The Walton rest room was moved Friday, February first, from rooms over the Boston candy kitchen to the second floor of the brick building, Delaware street, owned by Ernest Vail. The rooms were formerly occupied by the Kayser club.

During the year 1923 over ten thousand persons visited the rest room. The place is largely used by the wives of farmers while waiting for their husbands and by out of town school pupils.

The officers of the rest room committee are as follows: President, Mrs. A. W. North; vice presidents, David More and Mrs. Robert George; treasurer, C. B. Lincoln; secretary, Miss Edith Olmstead; directors, J. J. Farrell,

floor. At the head of each pair of stairs is a washroom, one for the ladies and the other for men. Mr. Evans states that these rooms will be open at all times for the convenience of the public.

Birch trim is used throughout on the second floor and the finish will be dull mahogany. Sunlight shades will be used for the electric lamps and the window decorations will carry out the same effect.

Mr. Evans plans to use the banquet hall for Sunday dinners, Sunday night specials and for regular suppers three times a week. Reservations may be made for banquet engagements at any time. Several are already booked, the first being that of the Civic club on February 18.

The building makes an attractive addition to Delaware street and is one of the finest of the improvements made to Delaware street properties in recent years.

STEEL IMBEDDED IN FLESH

X-ray Necessary to Locate Metal in Delhi Man's Arm,

(From Delhi correspondent.)

Everett Wright, a mechanic employed by the Russell Archibald company in their garage in Delhi, was badly cut on the arm a few days ago while at work. A piece of a cold chisel which he was using broke off and besides cutting his arm imbedded itself in the flesh. It was impossible to locate or remove it without taking an X-ray and this was done, the small offending piece of steel being found midway between the elbow and the shoulder. Last Thursday Mr. Wright returned to the Oneonta hospital to have the steel removed.

HIGHWAY MAP ADDS 26 MILES OF ROADS

Byrne-Cross Bill Adds Delaware County Routes

BACKED BILL COMMISSION

Walton - Masonville and Walton-Downsville Roads Added to Hewitt Map System.

Two new county highways in Delaware county will be added to the county highway system built with state and federal aid provided the Byrne-Cross bill now before the legislature is enacted into law.

The two roads are Masonville-Walton, fifteen miles, and Walton-Downsville, eleven miles. In the bill before the legislature last year the Walton-Masonville road was included but instead of the Walton-Downsville highway the Cadosia-Rock-Rift road was added to the map. This bill was prepared by the state highway department and was vetoed by Governor Smith because of the numerous amendments made by the

Louis Camp and John G. More. Harold E. Kelly is chairman of administration committee and has charge of renting the rooms for social purposes. A nominal charge will be made for such use.

The Home Bureau office will be located in the new rooms and the bureau will have general supervision of the place.

The maintenance of the rest room, including rent, calls for a budget of between \$400 and \$500 annually. The Chamber of Commerce, Civic club and grange have already voted substantial contributions and it is believed that other organizations will do likewise. An appeal is being made for articles needed to equip the rooms.

assembly which added hundreds more miles to the map.

The map this year was prepared by the state department of highways with the aid of a non-partisan advisory committee on which there were representatives of the State Automobile association, the State Grange, New York State Motor Federation, County Superintendents' association, Dairymen's League, Farm Motor Truck Association of America, New York Association of Real Estate boards. It adds about 2,000 miles to the system embraced in the Hewitt bill.

Route 3-A, the so-called Delaware boulevard, is restored to the map by the Byrne-Cross bill. This is the proposed highway running along the Delaware river between Port Jervis and Hancock, connecting in the latter village with Route 4, the Liberty highway between New York and Buffalo.

The proposed map would supersede the Hewitt highway map adopted by the legislature a few years ago. The roads on the Hewitt map are retained but additional roads are added with the plan to make a connected system when completed, which will require about ten years. The roads in Delaware county which are on the Hewitt map but are not yet contracted for are Parts 3 and 4 of the Deposit-Rock Rift road; North Franklin-, Meridale; Stamford-Summit, Part 1; East Branch-Downsville; Downs-ville-Dunraven; Unadilla-Franklin, Part 1; Franklin-North Franklin; North Franklin-Oneonta, Part 1.

IN WILSON CORTEGE

Sidney Marine One of Twenty-four In Guard of Honor.

Elldyn G. Rowe of Sidney, a gunnery sergeant in the United States Marine corps who wears the Croix de Guerre with bronze star, awarded by the French government for conspicuous gallantry during the World war, was selected as one of the 24 men from the three fighting arms of the nation who conveyed the body of Woodrow Wilson from the scene of his final activities and death to the place of entombment in the cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Washington.

The navy squad came from the presidential yacht, Mayflower, and some among them were of those who served on the ship when Woodrow Wilson used her in the dark hours of his heavy responsibilities in the war years. The marines came from the ships and posts about Washington and among them were veterans of hard fought fields in France. In like manner the eight army sergeants were selected. Records of personnel in all posts from which men could be drawn were examined to locate war heroes as far as possible to bear the fallen war president to his long rest.

The 24 men formed the guard of honor from the home to the cathedral and from them were picked those who carried him forth from the place of his death and lowered his body into the crypt where for the present it will lie.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Sidney Center Couple Married Fifty Years.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McLaughlin of Sidney Center were pleasantly surprised on Monday, when about thirty of their relatives and friends met at the home of their son, Delancey, Jr., the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day. A bounteous dinner was served in the spacious dining room which was tastefully decorated with gold and white. The table, decorated with the same colors, bore a wedding cake surrounded by fifty lighted candles.

Among the numerous presents was one of fifty dollars in gold. Mr. McLaughlin, in a few well chosen words, expressed their appreciation and thanks for the kindness shown them. All joined in congratulating and wishing them many more happy anniversaries.

WOMAN STRUCK BY AUTO

Driver Blamed Rain on Windshield for Accident.

(From Hancock correspondent.)

Mrs. A. H. Peaslee of Hancock was struck by an auto owned by Fred Warfield and driven by his son on Monday evening. Mrs. Peaslee was walking in the street and the Warfield car came along and ran into her. The driver claimed that owing to rain collecting on the windshield he could not see any distance ahead and was upon the unfortunate woman before he could give any warning. The car was partially turned to one side and she was hit a glancing blow. Although she was knocked down and badly bruised it is hoped that no serious results will follow.

FELL THROUGH SKIDWAY

Davenport Mam Has Collar Bone Broken.

William Moran of Davenport fell and fractured his collar bone last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Moran was assisting at the saw mill on the L. R. Pierce farm, and in some way fell through the skidway a distance of about ten feet. He was brought to his home in Davenport, where Dr. Craig attended him.

THROWN OUT AS WAGON SLEWED

(Bovina Center correspondent.)

John Henry of Bovina met with a serious accident on Tuesday when the wagon in which he was riding slewed on the ice, throwing him out.

THROWN FROM HIS PONY.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

Norman, son of Earl Griffin of Kelsey had his arm broken by being thrown from his Shetland pony recently.

INJURED BY ROLLING LOG.

(From Rockroyal correspondent.)

William Eastwood of Rockroyal had an accident last Friday while working in the woods. A log rolled around and struck his leg, bruising and tearing the ligaments. He went to Deposit and Dr. Latimer dressed the injury.