

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

BOYS BREAK INTO STORE.

To Oil Streets—Baseball Going Strong—Married 43 Years—Guardsmen Organized 45 Years Ago.

The camp training period of the Tenth Regiment, New York National Guard, at Peekskill will be from June 29 to July 13. Company F of Walton is a unit of the Tenth Regiment.

A carload of road oil has been received and it is expected that the oil will be applied to the village streets within a few days. Three carloads are needed to complete the work.

Walter C. Boyer, an employee in the Nestle plant, West End, had his left ankle sprained Saturday when a ladder he was using slid out from under him. Dr. Gould is the attending physician.

A plea of not guilty to a charge of forgery was made by William H. Mulford who was arrested in Binghamton on the charges of six local men, from whom he is charged with fleecing money. Mulford was represented by Attorney Herbert J. Tillaugh. Bail was fixed at \$2,000.

Wednesday, May 21, was the thirty-third wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hoyt and also Mrs. Hoyt's birthday. In honor of the occasion a few lady friends of Mrs. Hoyt gave her a surprise party that evening and presented her with a sum of money as a remembrance of the occasion. Luncheon was served and the evening spent with games and other social diversions.

The Walton high school baseball team defeated the Stamford seminary nine on the local diamond Saturday by a score of 8 to 5. The previous day the Walton team visited Franklin and played the team there. The game was called in the ninth with a tie score, 9 to 9, following a dispute over a decision, on a player's scoring from third after the pitcher started delivery. Walton plays at Downsville today, Friday, and Hancock will visit Walton Saturday.

The local town baseball team is shaping up for the coming season. Practice is being held nightly at 6 p. m. on Kayser field. Twenty eager candidates are trying to make the team. Indications point to a fast aggregation which will carry the local colors through many a victory this summer. The team as lined up presents a strong defense and the old horsehide is due for many long wallops, when the locals take on the strong opponents which are booked. The opening game with the fast Delhi team, Memorial day at 2:30 p. m., on Kayser field, should furnish many a thrill. Be there and show the boys they have your support.

The Walton Variety store, of which H. C. Nahrman is proprietor, was broken into by boys Tuesday night and a number of articles, including flashlights, a football, roller skates, and toys taken. The store is located in the Fiumera building between the stores of R. W. Smith and Harry G. Clark. The boys got into the cellar by crawling through a window and then forced entrance upstairs through a hatchway the lock on which was broken by them. Tuesday afternoon the bicycle of William Webb was stolen from the rear of the Burns store and through the good work of Officer Stidd the two thefts were connected and the guilty boys found. Just what action will be taken remains to be seen but if the lads are arrested the matter will come before Judge McNaught in children's court, as they are under sixteen.

Sheriff Ziba L. Holbrook of Cooperstown, Otsego county, was appointed receiver of the co-part-

STAGED AUTO HOLDUP, NOW LODGED IN JAIL

Schenectady Men Say They Wanted to Prove Robbery Could Be Easily Done

About 11 o'clock Monday night a daring hold-up by highwaymen occurred on the West Laurens and Morris state road in Otsego county. Two arrests have been made in the case.

Galen Harrison of Butts Corners, and Miss Eleanor Johnson, a school teacher, were returning home after the show at Oneonta, and were followed by a coupe. At a secluded place on the road the holdups blew their horn to drive by and Harrison slowed down and gave the car the road, and as it drove alongside his car one of the occupants jumped upon the running board, opened the door and with a gun thrust into his face, ordered him to stop, the car he left passing on and blocking the road.

Harrison was relieved of ten dollars in money and his watch. The highwaymen then broke out the headlights of the Harrison car. and

left them in darkness.

At about 8 o'clock Tuesday morning Corporal Hofer and Trooper Mangan caught two men near East Guilford. Roger Crandall and John Divers of Schenectady, the former of whom signed a confession in which full details of the robbery are given, professing that the attempt was only a demonstration to Divers, who has only been in the country about ten months, and formerly a resident of England, of the ease of taking money in this country. The men were touring while on a vacation. After the robbery they drove about twenty miles and then turned off the main highway onto a dirt road, where they stopped the car and slept. They were arrested when they started on the next morning.

They were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Harold Carpenter of Cooperstown and held to await the action of the next grand jury on a charge of robbery in the first degree, the penalty for which is up to 20 years.

nership of Risley & Green at a hearing before Justice A. L. Kellogg in supreme court chambers in Oneonta Saturday. The partners in the concern are Fred W. Green of Oneonta and E. E. Risley of that city, a former Walton man. Dissensions arose between the partners and Mr. Risley offered to buy or sell at \$10,000. This Mr. Green refused to do and instituted the proceeding for an accounting and the appointment of a receiver. The court appointed Sheriff Holbrook receiver with power to take possession, of and to sell all the co-partnership property according to law. He was directed to proceed with all promptness consistent with full realization of all the assets of the concern. Attorney A. G. Patterson of Walton represents Mr. Risley in the matter.

Forty-five years ago on May 20, 1879, the 33rd Separate Company was mustered into the national guard. There were upwards of ninety members, of the new company and at that time Walton was considerably smaller than at present when the local guard unit has an enlistment approximately the same. The late M. W. Marvin was in command of the original company with Harvey Morenus and George C. Robinson as first and second lieutenants, respectively. For seven years after the muster-in no member of the company died and it became a standing joke that if a man wished to insure his life he should join the 33rd. The first drill hall was in rooms over what is now Kent Brothers' store. The old armory, which later was converted into a school building, was built within a few years and later the battlemented building now used as an armory was erected.

AUTO STRIKES BRIDGE WHEN DRIVER SLEEPS

Motorist Is Cut About Face When Head Goes Through Windshield.

(Livingston Manor correspondent.)

Vern Turner of Divines Corners ran his new Jewett touring car into the bridge rail near the H. Cammer home on the state road below Deckertown Saturday evening, badly wrecking the car. Mr. Turner had taken some Divine Corners people to Hancock and was returning home when becoming drowsy through constant driving, he fell asleep with the above result. The young man's head was projected through the windshield and he received bad cuts about the face and head. A passing motorist brought him to Livingston Manor, where he was attended by Dr. J. William Davis.

Harry Hartig and Emil Peter of Livingston Manor had a spill Friday evening when returning from Callicoon, where they had attended

a meeting of the Masonic lodge. A broken steering wheel on Mr. Hartig's Essex car caused the car to plunge across the road into a bank of soft earth, into which it ploughed for some distance, before overturning. Neither man was hurt and the car was only injured to the extent of a broken rear fender.

Leon Mott and Frank Wortman met with an accident Sunday afternoon at the foot of Moore Hill between Liberty and Monticello when Mr. Mott's Buick roadster got out of control and hit the bridge railing, pretty well wrecking the front of the car. Mr. Wortman was badly cut about the face.

SCENIC MOTOR ROUTE

Much of Interest on Journey Around the Horn

COST \$1,441,343 TO BUILD

Automobiles Now Cover in Few Hours Route That Once Required a Week.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

A trip around the horn can and has been made in less than two hours by auto from Delhi. We do not refer to the trip around Cape Horn, the southern extremity of the western continent—only to say that the auto trip referred to received its appellation. from the long and perilous sea journey essayed by many of our forefathers to reach the gold fields of California in the years 1849 to 1860.

During the 1860's, was the period that the commercial travelers commenced to multiply rapidly and to seek customers in small villages as well as the more important towns. In those days they were called drummers and Delhi was a favorite starting place from which they covered many surrounding villages. As in these now remote days there was much talk about going around the Horn to California—so the drummers called the trip from Delhi to Stamford, Roxbury, Margaretville, Andes and intermediate villages going around the Horn.

This trip with the horse conveyance took from three days to a week, according to the condition of the roads and the line of goods the drummer carried. On the trip around Cape Horn the two perilous points were off Cape Hatteras on the coast of North Carolina and rounding the Horn itself. The trip from Delhi around the local Horn had its terrors—in particular the zephyrs met with in the Gilboa hills just east of Stamford and Palmer hill near Andes.

The distance around the Delaware county Horn is 71 and 93/100 miles. The road is now all macadam or concrete, some stretches county highway, some state highway, some federal aid highway. The total cost of the 71 and 93/100 miles for construction has been \$1,441,343.66.

The periods of construction were 1904 to 1923, and the estimated cost if all construction had taken place in the past five years would be \$3,000,000.

This trip around the Horn will afford the tourists much of scenic and pastoral beauty in the summer season. They will pass Wautauga falls, near Delhi; Churchill lakes and Mt. Utsyantha, at Stamford; at Grand Gorge the pass that takes you from the valley of the west branch to the east branch of the Delaware, you are in close proximity to the great Gilboa dam and Shandaken tunnel of New York city water works. Then there is Canada falls, Palmer hill, and Lake Delaware.

We doubt if in the state of New York or United States there is another consecutive 71 miles where, the dairy interests are as great as on these miles.

"Lafe" Gleason was recently quoted as saying, "Delhi is the great center of population. Within a radius of 200 miles from the town we have, perhaps more population than any city in the world. We of Delaware county line up with the rattlesnakes of Pike county, Pennsylvania, and the bears of Sullivan county. The hills of Delaware county are so steep that bears have to go down them backward."

Colonel Gleason might have gone farther as to the steepness of Delaware county hills and told how the aboriginal bears of the Catskill region constructed ladders to negotiate hills so steep they could not even back down. One of these famous ladders yet remains not far from Stamford in Schoharie county, another in Ulster county and one or two in Delaware county. The original bruin is not yet extinct in Delaware county, but specimens are rare. However, their place has been filled as to numbers by the Wall street bears which infest the Catskill region in the summer time. In days that are gone we have seen some of these bears when they could not even come down the steep hills backward and we would have shuddered to have seen them attempt to go up the bear ladder.

It is generally understood that pelts from wild animals are "no good" if taken off in the summer time. However, it is said boarding house proprietors skin the Wall street bears, even in midsummer.

Tourists who contemplate the trip around the Horn should not be deterred by Mr. Gleason's reference to the steep hills of the region, as only one steep grade will be encountered and that can be made on high if you have the right car and I have never talked to anyone about a car but what had it.

MUST CLEAR RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROCK RIFT HIGHWAY

The contract for Part 3 of the Deposit-Rock Rift highway cannot be let until after commissioners are appointed in the condemnation proceedings to acquire right of way through the Davis property in the town of Tompkins. The commissioners will be appointed by Judge McNaught on June 2.

The department will not advertise any highway until notified by the county board of supervisors that the parcels of right of way necessary for its construction have been reported on Form 6 which is a notification that the land has been acquired, released, placed under option, or condemnation commissioners appointed. This is an absolute requirement of the department.

The plans and estimates for this highway were recently forwarded from the district federal engineer's office in Troy to the bureau of public works in Washington, D. C., and word has been received from Congressman John D. Clarke that they were approved there and had been started back to Albany.

Information received from the state department of highways is to the effect that the contracts will be advertised upon receipt of the notice that the right of way has been completed. There are 53 different parcels which had to be acquired

and condemnation proceedings were necessary in only one. The notice of application for appointment of commissioners must be advertised three weeks and Monday, June 2, is the date when the matter is returnable. There are one or two other parcels, the deeds to which have not been returned but these should all be received before June 2.

It is understood the right of way for the East Branch-Downsville road, Part 1, has been secured. This road is also listed for letting this season.

FIND FRENCH JOHN'S BODY

Located Friday in Twenty Feet of Water in Cadosia Lake.

The body of John Molies, better known as French John, was recovered from the waters of Cadosia lake, near Apex, shortly after 3 o'clock last Friday afternoon. John was drowned Tuesday night when the boat from which he and Nathan Eaton of Beers brook were fishing was upset. His watch had stopped at 8:05 o'clock but the drowning occurred an hour or more before. Search for John's body was made Wednesday and Thursday without success. Thursday Captain Fox of the state police at the request of friends of French John detailed Corporal J. J. Warner and Trooper Seymour to assist in the search. Shortly after one o'clock Friday afternoon Austin Gorton, while looking into the lake through a cheese box, saw a pail in the deep water near the end of the lake. This was some distance from where Eaton thought the boat upset, but close to a fallen tree extending out into the water near which John often fished. The pail located the spot near which the accident occurred. The body was not brought to the surface until nearly two hours later by a long handled rake used by Luton Baxter. The water is twenty feet deep at this spot. In the boat with him were John Dropp, Austin Gorton, LeGrand Houck and John Flynn. The troopers were in the other boat at the time. The body was brought to the Holmes chapel in Walton and the funeral service held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the church of St. John the Baptist. Burial was made in the Walton cemetery.

INDICTED ON ARSON CHARGE

Deposit Man Pleads Not Guilty to Indictment.

Harry J. Crandall, 32, of Deposit, indicted in Broome county on a charge of arson, third degree, on Wednesday entered a plea of not guilty to the charge through Attorney H. William Smith of Deposit. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$1,000.

It is alleged that he fired a barn on the farm of Mrs. Myra Vincent, at Riverside on December 10. In an alleged confession following his arrest, Crandall is said to have stated that Mrs. Vincent, gave him \$10 to do the job so that she might collect the insurance.

TOOK SHOT AT THIEF

Several Unadilla Places Broken Into Friday Night.

(From Unadilla correspondent.)

Unadilla was the scene of several attempts at robbery last Friday evening, although not much loot was secured. At the feed and flour mill of R. O. Lewis there was considerable damage done to the safe by the intruders. At Ferd Gould's entrance was obtained through the parlor window, which awakened the family, although nothing was taken. Both Mr. Gould and his brother, Fred, saw one man and each took a shot in his direction. Attempts were also made at other private residences but nothing of much value was obtained for their efforts. The state troopers are at work investigating the affair.