

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

ATTRACTIONS FOR FAIR

**Young Trout Planted—
Bridge Broke Down—
Cut by Mower—Two
Hurt in Sawmills.**

Twenty-two thousand passengers were carried on O. & W. trains to the summer resorts along the railroad on July 3rd and 4th. This is said to be a record.

Woodrow Wagner, formerly of Rock Rift, now employed in Johnson & Proskine's saw mill in Bovina, was struck in the abdomen by a flying stick Monday and painfully injured. He was brought to Walton where Dr. Smith dressed the injury.

The weather bureau reporting station has been moved from Walton to the State School of Agriculture at Delhi. For a number of years the late J. Q. Barlow of Walton acted as weather observer and since his death the work has been carried on by his son, J. Alan Barlow.

Charles May, employed in John S. Lakin's saw mill near the electric light plant, suffered a bad scalp wound one day this week. Another workman threw out a piece of wood which struck a second stick in such a way as to cause it to fly up and hit May in the head. Dr. E. Ray Gladstone was the attending physician.

Llewellyn Legge, chief game protector of the conservation commission, has recommended to the commission that the request of representatives of various game clubs for a closed season for pheasants be granted and that the closed season be continued over a second year. Mr. Legge recently held a hearing on the question in Margaretville.

While Ralph Baker, Beerston state road, was helping his father, Wesley Baker, in haying Wednesday he stepped in front of the mowing machine and had the Achilles tendon in his right foot nearly severed by the cutting bar. He had stepped in front of the bar to remove an obstruction when the machine was started too quickly for him to get out of the way.

St. John Brothers had on display in their windows this week a glass can containing two tarantulas captured by Frank and Thomas St. John, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Frank, St. John in the back yard of their home at Phoenix, Arizona. The bite of these giant spiders is deadly poisonous. Dr. St. John writes that the thermometer stands 120 there at times.

The management of the Walton fair has secured as attractions the Lanoles, trapeze performers, and the Cora Y. Corson sextette who appear in various musical acts. A detachment from Troop C, state police, in Sidney will give exhibitions of fancy riding. The premium books will be out before Aug. 1st and applications for copies should be addressed to E. S. St. John, the secretary. The fair will be held as usual the first week in September.

Three of the stringers on the bridge over a binnekill on the road leading from upper Townsend street to A. W. North's flat gave way last Thursday afternoon when E. R. Howland's team was crossing the bridge with a load of fertilizer. One side of the bridge went down just as the horses were leaving the structure. Horses and wagon were pulled into the debris. George Warner and Ralph Bodoit, who were on the load, got clear before the horses were pulled back by the wagon as it dropped and both escaped serious injury. The fertilizer was not damaged while the team was able to be put at work again a few days later.

One hundred seventy-six cans of

fingerling trout from the state hatchery at Bath were received in Walton Thursday morning and distributed in vicinity streams at the direction of the Delaware Valley Fish & Game club to which all but ten cans were consigned. The club is doing a fine work in restocking the brooks in this section and considerable expense is entailed. Many of the old members have not yet renewed their memberships for 1924 and the same may be paid to any of the officers: Frank Gadwood, president; William Mastro, secretary; Robert Nichols, treasurer. Further shipments of trout fingerling are expected.

George Lyon came near being crushed to death Monday while working under the Maxwell sedan of the Lyon family in L. C. Bush's barn, North street. He had jacked up the rear of the car and put in several blocks to hold it up while he went under the machine on a mechanic's bed to grease the springs. The wooden floor of the barn must have weaved under the weight of the car for he had been under the machine only a short time when one of the jacks gave way and the various blocks followed. The rear end of the car settled down so that the gasoline tank pressed upon young Lyon's chest and the extra tire in the rear came down upon his legs. Fortunately one jack held and kept the full weight of the machine from settling on his chest and smothering him. His calls for help attracted the attention of Miss Irene Griffith, who was on her way home to dinner, and a group of men was quickly gathered who lifted the rear end of the car and permitted Lyon to slide out. He was sore across the chest for several days where the gasoline tank pressed down upon him.

CHILDREN ARE BURNED CELEBRATING FOURTH

**Delancey Girl's Clothing
Fired By Sparklers**

EXPLODED IN HIS FACE

**Fire Cracker Goes Off and
Injures Boy's Eyes—Balloon
Causes Small Blaze.**

The Fourth of July brought its usual grist of injuries to children celebrating the day. There were no fatal accidents in this section, but several serious mishaps occurred.

Little Joyce Williams, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Williams of Delancey was frightfully burned on the evening of July 4th while playing with what is supposed to be the harmless sparklers. Her clothes were ablaze when her screams were heard by a passerby and before they could be torn from her little body she was terribly burned above the waist line. Dr. McNaught was called at once and attended the little sufferer and with tender care from family and nurse, Mrs. Anna Tripp, she is now resting as comfortably as can be expected. Her sister, Ruth, and Pauline Arbuckle were with Joyce at the time.

On the Fourth of July a match was accidentally dropped on a large table of fireworks owned by H. Kron of Fleischmanns. In several seconds the entire table was a mass of fire and explosions. The fire alarm was given and the damage was lessened by the appearance of the engine.

Albert Franklin of Hancock had his left hand badly burned Thursday night, July 3rd. While handling fireworks a sky rocket backfired and struck his left hand on the back, which badly burned him.

Tommy McDonald, the young son of Mr. McDonald, who has his summer home at Davenport, was badly injured by a firecracker one day last week. The father with the children were lighting firecrackers when one large one refused to go off. After several attempts the father went to light another when Tommy picked up the first. Just as it was in his hands it exploded throwing powder into his face and eyes. First aid was given by the family and friends after which he was

HANCOCK MAN DROWNS WHILE WADING IN DELAWARE RIVER

(From Hancock correspondent.)
Rudolph Keller of Hancock was drowned in the east branch of the Delaware river just below that village, Saturday afternoon, July 5th. Keller was wading in the river near the Erie railroad bridge. There is some very deep water in that vicinity and before he was aware he had gotten in a deep hole much over his head. He could swim but sank at once, drowning before help could reach him. Two companions, Frank Sauter and George Ernest, of Utica were unable to help him. Keller may have become entangled in some wire discarded by the Western Union linemen last spring and thrown into the pool. Several men were soon at the

taken to the Fox Memorial hospital for treatment. Dr. Brownell attended him and found that the sight of the eye was not injured. On Monday he was moved home although his eyes are still bandaged. All hope for his speedy recovery.

A paper balloon set fire to the roof of Rev. A. E. Holmes' house on Bridge street, Unadilla, Friday evening. The fire was extinguished before the engine arrived. The damage was confined to the roof and was not serious.

DEATH TOLL OF TWO IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

**Delaware County Woman
Is Killed Near Binghamton**

MANY WEEK END SMASHES

**Exodus from Cities and
Heavy Holiday Traffic
Cause Many Accidents.**

The heavy automobile traffic over the week end, due to the Fourth of July holiday, resulted in a number of serious accidents and two deaths in this section.

Mrs. Wilbur L. Cook, of Binghamton, formerly of Elk brook, Delaware county, was killed Friday night in an automobile accident on the Conklin road, near that city.

The other occupants of the car, all of whom were more or less injured, are: Mrs. Maude Hasbrouck and her 3-year old daughter, Edna; Mrs. Edith Kessler; Mrs. Margaret Finch; Arthur Finch and Merritt Finch, all of Binghamton.

In the front seat of the car when the accident happened were Arthur Finch, driver, and Mrs. Cook, who held the three-year old child on her lap. The accident is said to have been caused by the breaking of a rear wheel, and as the car sagged down one of the women in the rear seat stood up and grabbed the child from Mrs. Cook and while this action was in progress Finch's arm was knocked from the steering wheel, causing the car to take to the ditch. The car turned completely over, pinning the occupants underneath. The Hasbrouck child's skull was fractured and she may die.

Mrs. Cook, who was instantly killed, is survived by her husband, two daughters and a son; also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Finch, of Conklin, four brothers and two sisters. Mrs. Edger Finch is a sister of Mrs. A. P. Cook of Cooks Falls.

Arthur James Mainhard, of Jersey City, N. J., died Sunday in the Middletown sanitarium from injuries received at Rock Hill, Sullivan county, Friday morning when struck by the car driven by Adrian Worth, of Elmhurst, Long Island. Mainhard was proprietor of the Lakewood House at Rock Hill. With two companions he was walking along the state highway when the machine driven by Worth, in attempting to pass another car side-wiped them, hitting Mainhard and one of his friends. Worth failed to stop and was later apprehended by Sergeant Lockhart of the state police. A charge of manslaughter will be laid against him, Mainhard died from a fractured skull and never regained consciousness after the accident.

Sallis Handleman, 21, of the Ester

place and Donald Guild, who is a good swimmer, dived for the body and after three attempts succeeded in bringing it to the surface. Every effort was made to restore life but without avail. The man had been in the water about twenty-five minutes when the body was recovered.

Mr. Keller came to this country about a year ago from Germany and located at Hancock, making his home with Charles Stephens, a distant relative. Most of the time he has been here he has worked under John Stephens as section hand on the Erie. The funeral was held Monday with burial in St. Paul's cemetery. Keller was 24 years of age and leaves relatives in Germany.

Riverside House, South Fallsburg, suffered shock and contusions about the head, received in an auto accident Friday morning. Five others were slightly injured, but were not taken to the hospital.

The Reporter's correspondents this week report an unusually large number, of automobile accidents, among them the following:

Car Ahead Causes Smash.

(From Halcottville correspondent.)

As Harry Hewitt and family, of Halcottville, were on the road to visit some relatives in Halcott Center Saturday evening, and when about one mile below Arkville village, a car stopped suddenly in front of the Hewitt Ford and in trying to avoid hitting the head car, the Hewitt car hooked the bumper and was turned over in the road, completely demolishing it.

All the occupants, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt and two sons, George and Archibald, and Mrs. Hewitt's mother, Mrs. Archibald, of Kelly Corners, were badly frightened and shaken up. Mrs. Archibald was injured the most severely, sustaining an "injured side and head and a slight concussion of the brain. Mrs. Hewitt, who was thrown clear of the car, was bruised a bit, but not seriously hurt. Harry Hewitt, the driver, was injured about the hip and leg. The son George, was but slightly bruised, while Archibald sustained a bad cut in the face, which required four stitches to close. The injured were rushed to the office of Dr. Telford in Margaretville by George Hull, a friend, who lives near where the accident occurred, where the injured were taken care of and their wounds dressed. After which they were taken to the Hewitt home above Halcottville. It is thought that none of the victims of the wreck will be any the worse for the accident. The wrecked Ford was towed in Saturday night to the Morse garage.

Auto Hits Wagon at Roxbury.

(From Roxbury correspondent.)

A car driven by a Gilboa man collided with a wagon driven by Miss Sadie Strausmann, of Vega, early Friday evening in the square at Roxbury. Miss Strausmann, who had been to the train to meet someone, had driven across the square and the horse had started up Elm street when the car, coming rapidly down Orchard street and running very close to the curb, struck the wagon, smashing it and throwing the occupants out. Miss Strausmann suffered severe bruises of the head and face, and a man in the wagon had one arm seriously injured. The car was damaged but little.

Car Over Kortright Bank.

(North Kortright correspondent)

A serious automobile accident, concerning which we have only learned minor details, occurred July 4th at Kortright, near the home of Walter Lee. Something went wrong with the steering gear of a car driven by a Bloomville man, accompanied by two other men, and the machine went over a bank, as they were driving towards Stamford. One of the men jumped to safety, but his companions were pinned under the car, one being found unconscious. Dr.

Hubbell, of Stamford, attended the injured men.

Ran Down City Boarder.

(From Dry Brook correspondent.)

Kenneth George, of Dry Brook, while going down Todd mountain in his new sedan last Saturday night, in some unaccountable way ran over one of the guests of the American House, injuring him so he was taken to the hospital. That not being enough, when getting down near the station Mr. George ran his car in a rock, damaging it to quite an extent, and was there met by the cop, and was taken before Judge Mayes. He is now awaiting the outcome of the injuries of the man he hit.

Arena Woman's Ankle Broken.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

The past week has been one of several serious automobile accidents. On July Fourth, as Wm. Tremper and his sister, Miss Kate Tremper, of Arena, were going at quite some speed near the Hess farm on the Roxbury road, when the driver lost control while passing a truck, and after turning over the third time landed down a steep bank. The car was towed in Arena late at night by a truck, minus a wheel and in many ways out of commission. Mr. Tremper was not seriously hurt, but Miss Tremper, who was taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. Richard Cantwell, in Margaretville, sustained a broken ankle and several bruises. Two other passengers in the machine were not injured.

Margaretville Car Wrecked.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

Sunday night about 10 o'clock, as attorney A. C. Fenton and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Philip Derringer, both of Margaretville, were returning to their home from a trip to Kingston, their car got struck by a passing car, causing a serious accident. The car was put out of commission, but Mr. Fenton escaped injuries. However, Mrs. Derringer was not so fortunate, as she got badly cut about the head and face and received severe bruises, although no bones were broken. The car was taken to the Fenton home, Walnut street, where the injured woman was cared for, and at present she is resting quite comfortably, considering the accident and bruises received.

DIDN'T MISS FRIEND THROWN FROM AUTO

**Jack Perry Rams Car Into
Fence and Later Rams
Off Road at Colchester**

Friday night between 9 and 10 o'clock a Ford touring car ran into the guardrail of the state road on Haverly hill between the houses of Irving Baker and Guy Fitch. Two sections of the rail were demolished and the machine stopped on the edge of the steep embankment going down to the Delhi branch tracks of the O. & W.

One of the occupants of the car, who gave his name as Ralph Inman of Platner brook, was thrown from the machine. Apparently the two other occupants of the car were not in a condition to miss Inman and about an hour after the accident members of the Fitch family heard him calling for help and investigated. Inman was cut around the face and some time later his brother came after him and took him home. Broken glass about the scene of the accident indicated that the windshield of the car had been broken in the smash.

Inman stated that the car was driven by Jack Perry, who is cutting wood at Platner brook. A third man was in the car whose name has not been learned. After the accident on Haverly hill the car continued on its way until near the home of Fred Bond at Colchester where it again left the road but did not upset. Perry stayed in the car overnight and the next morning a passing truck pulled the car back into the highway and Perry continued home. What became of the third man is not known.