

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, July 26, 1924

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

SCHOOL COST \$67,500

Jury List Made Out—Chautauqua Closes—Girl Breaks Arm—Fined for Speeding.

Ralph Kent has rented the new house of Olney Smith on Holley street and will move there about Aug. first.

Another examination for chauffeurs will be held in Walton, Thursday, Aug. 14. Applications must be on file in Albany at least four days before date of examination. An average of about forty have been taking the tests in Walton each month.

The annual report of A. H. Lincoln, treasurer of union free school district No. 1, will be found in another column. Expenditures for the year ending August 1, 1924, amounted to \$67,508.52. Of this sum \$53,874.07 was paid for salaries and \$4,179.28 for fuel.

The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Voorhies of Rock Rift fell Tuesday and fractured both bones of her left arm between the elbow and wrist. The child was returning home after bathing in the river when the accident occurred. Dr. W. B. Morrow reduced the fracture.

The Grand Union grocery stores have taken over and will hereafter operate the Globe grocery stores, one of which is located in Walton. They state there will be no change in local store managers or the general conduct of the stores. A. J. Miller is manager of the Walton store.

Volunteer work at the Chautauqua proved unlucky Friday for Malcolm, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Kelley. He was moving the steps to the platform and when he tipped the steps over they struck a wire and bounded back in such a way that the steel peg used to hold them in the ground struck Malcolm's leg and tore a bad gash in the flesh. Dr. W. R. Gladstone attended him.

The annual school meeting of union free school district No. 1, Walton, will be held Tuesday, August 5, at eight o'clock in the evening. At this time the budget for the ensuing year will be acted upon and nominations for trustees made. The annual election of trustees will be held the following day, August 6, from noon until 4 p. m. Three trustees for three year term are to be elected in place of Mrs. Bertha Terry, Rev. S. E. Carr and James A. Crawford, and a trustee for two years in place of E. B. Guild, resigned.

Supervisor G. M. Carpenter, Town Clerk Earl S. St. John and Assessors Fred B. Lyon, C. A. Churchill and John D. Smith met Monday and made up the jury list for the town for the ensuing year. Persons qualified to sit as jurors are men who are citizens and residents of the county, not less than 21 years nor more than 70 years old assessed for personal property belonging to him in his own right to the amount of \$250 or owner of real estate in the county to the value of \$150, or the husband of a woman who is a owner of a like estate. There are numerous exemptions.

The Walton baseball team lost a close game at Margaretville Saturday by a score of 9 to 8. The battery for the local team was Peck and S. Flynn. Last Thursday the Delhi Sox were defeated on the Kayser field diamond by the one-sided score of 10 to 1. Reville was in the box for Walton with Flynn behind the bat. Reville's superior pitching ac-counted in large part for the Walton victory. Saturday of this week Margaretville will play a return game in Walton.

This is the third game of the series, each team having won a game by one score, and a good game Saturday is assured. Reville will doubtless appear on the mound for Walton in this game.

The Redpath Chautauqua on Thursday evening closed the six days of entertainment provided the people of Walton and vicinity. The return of the Chautauqua for another year has been assured by the signature of a sufficient number of guarantors to the contract. It is hoped to secure eighty guarantors who will be divided into ten groups for the sale of tickets next season. This method proved satisfactory this season and the guarantee of 750 tickets was safely passed. The program the past week has contained some high lights, the only criticism found being that several numbers among the talent have been here before, either on previous Chautauquas or on the lecture course. The two plays were among the most popular numbers but the wide variety of lectures and musical entertainments gave everyone opportunity to select those to his liking.

CAR WRECKS FRONT OF HUYCK GROCERY

Highway Not Big Enough for Milligan Car

AUTO BADLY DAMAGED

Each of Occupants Claims Other Was Driving When Placed Under Arrest.

A Ford car occupied by Charles Milligan and Harry Clark of Mead street left the state road and crashed into the front of Frank Huyck's store, Prospect avenue, Wednesday evening.

The store, formerly the Beagle property, is located at the head of Delaware street, where the highway branches down the river and up the Third brook turnpike.

The car going at a good rate of speed mounted the stone curb, knocked out two of the iron posts supporting the balcony, smashed in one side of the glass front and landed on its side with a wheel resting against the stone hitching post at the south end of the porch in front of the store.

The top of the car apparently struck the glass front of the store a glancing blow. Six of the eight large 25 by 36 inch panes of glass in the front were smashed and the flying fragments broke the glass in a cigar case just inside. Theodore Davis and Alice and Pauline Huyck, who were in the store, were not injured. Milligan and Clark escaped with a few cuts and bruises.

When the wreckage was cleared the remnants of several beer bottles were found in the debris, it is said. The car jammed in a 40 gallon kerosene oil storage tank at the south end of the store porch. The machine itself was badly wrecked, the front axle being bent, top and fenders smashed, and windshield broken. Mr. Huyck has asked the young men for \$200 to cover the damage to his property.

The accident occurred about 6:30 o'clock. Milligan and Clark were later arrested by state troopers on a charge of reckless driving. Each claimed the other was driving at the time of the accident and made affidavit to that effect, but the car belonged to Milligan. Clark in his affidavit stated that Milligan asked him to go for a ride while the two were in John Roof's pool room, Delaware street, and that he had never driven a car in his life.

Police Justice J. M. Peake has not yet decided which of the two swore to the truth in his affidavit. The penalty on conviction on a charge of reckless driving is a fine not to exceed \$50 for a first offense. Registration licenses may also be suspended in the discretion of the justice.

Last year Grant Brothers of Lancaster demolished the other half of the front in the Beagle store and the machine stopped with the front

end in the store.

Tuesday afternoon the cars of Dr. W. G. Smith and Cyrus Conner collided at the corner of Delaware and Townsend streets, near Burns' store. Conner was going westwards in his Flint car and had the right of way over Dr. Smith, who turned from Delaware into Townsend street. State troopers preferred a charge of reckless driving against the physician under the provisions of the new motor vehicle law. The case was adjourned until Thursday morning, owing to the absence of Dr. Smith from town, when a plea of guilty was entered and - sentence was suspended.

FORESTERS TO VISIT DU MOND PINE GROVE

Meeting and Basket Picnic Planned on Walton Farm

EXPECT HUNDREDS HERE

Colonel Greeley, Chief Forester of United States, Will Give One of Addresses

Colonel W. B. Greeley, chief forester of the United States, and men prominently connected with conservation work in New York state will be among the speakers at the forestry demonstration which will be held at the farm of C. G. DuMond at Northfield on Thursday, Aug. 14.

The state conservation commission, the college of forestry in Ithaca, and committees representing the four counties in the thirty-fourth congressional district are co-operating with Mr. DuMond and Congressman John D. Clarke of Frasers in making the event a noteworthy one.

Mr. DuMond has reforested some 200 acres on his farm. Starting on a small scale ten years ago he has set out pine trees year after year until now the farm is well covered with nearly 200,000 pine trees of varying ages. The reforestation experiment is the largest in this section and is said to be second in size in the state to that of Thomas C. Luther, who has reforested some 5,000 acres near Saratoga Springs.

Congressman John D. Clarke of Frasers is intensely interested in forestry work and is the author of the Clarke forestry bill enacted by the recent congress and signed by President Coolidge, which is hailed by conservationists as being a great forward step in the preservation of the nation's forests. Congressman Clarke and Mr. DuMond have succeeded in securing as speakers for the day some of the leading men in forestry work in the country.

Besides Colonel Greeley there will be present G. H. Collingwood, extension forestry worker with the federal government, Alexander McDonald, conservation commissioner in New York state, and Clifford R. Pettis, superintendent of lands and forests in the conservation commission, who is a former Delancey man, and representatives of the state college in Ithaca. Thomas Luther of Saratoga Springs, who has the largest reforestation plantation in the state, also plans to be present.

An invitation is extended to all residents of the counties of Delaware, Broome, Chenango and Otsego, comprising the 34th congressional district, to be present on Aug. 14th.

The program will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning. At noon a basket picnic will be served in the pine grove. Colonel Greeley will speak at one o'clock and his address will be followed by talks by other notables present. Charts will be on hand showing how the reforestation work was carried out and those seeking information on this question will find their questions gladly answered.

LIGHT MOUNTAIN TOP

Searchlight Will Play from Utsayantha Tower.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Mount Utsayantha house and tower at Stamford is now lighted by electric lights, an electric plant having been recently installed. It is planned to soon place an electric searchlight on the tower. The house has been improved and furnished and equipped to care for guests who wish to remain overnight. Refreshments will be served. The roadway to the summit has been improved so that automobiles can ascend to the summit and already there has been an increase in the number of visitors to the mountain. The mountain house and tower were presented to Stamford village by the late Dr. S. E. Churchill. The mountain is 3,365 feet above sea level and a view of 40,000 square miles of territory can be obtained from the observatory. A large crowd visited the mountain last Sunday.

TO LICENSE MOTORISTS

Commissioner May Decide to Issue Without Tests

10,000 AUTOS IN COUNTY

One Person in Six Owns Auto, and Many More Drive Family Automobile.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

Considerable anxiety seemingly exists as to the new law about car operators' licenses. At present the idea of the department seems to be that anyone who has driven a Car 1,000 miles without accident, and where no special objections seem to exist, will be granted a license without examination, good until the 1st of July, 1925, if such license is procured by October 1st, 1924.

There is to be a meeting at Mayville, Chautauqua county, of the county clerks in the state, which will be attended by Hon. Mark Graves, Mr. Harnett, the new commissioner, Mr. Wenzel and the expert who is working out in detail the plans for the automobile bureau.

It is hoped by August 15th that plans will have been fully adopted and that county clerks will be in shape to grant operators' licenses.

Edward J. Turnbull, county clerk of Delaware county, left Wednesday to attend the meeting at Mayville.

It is expected that 10,000 motor cars will be licensed in Delaware county in 1924. Already licenses have been issued for over 7,000 pleasure cars. That is, one in every six persons in Delaware county owns an automobile. It is estimated that the number of applicants for operators' licenses will be double the number of those owning cars.

BLOOMVILLE PRINCIPAL DIES

Prof. Hill Passes Away at Alexandria Bay.

Prof. O. H. Hill of Richmondville died Wednesday, July 16, at Alexandria Bay, where he and part of his family had gone for a short vacation. He had recently accepted the principalship of the Bloomville school for the ensuing year.

Word had been received at Richmondville that Mr. Hill had submitted to a slight operation while at the St. Lawrence river resort, but no one was aware that his illness was coupled with serious portent.

Prof. Hill was principal of the Richmondville high school four years and had secured a position as principal of a new school at Bloomville, N. Y., at which place he had also purchased a home. He leaves a wife and seven children, the oldest of which is about 17 years of age.

CHICKEN THEIVES BUSY

Pay Visit to Chambers Hollow Farmers.

(From Hamden correspondent.)

Last Saturday night an auto, with two men and a dog for protection, visited Chambers hollow and stole several hens from the Bryden and Currie families. Farmers will be on

the lookout and keep "old trusty" ready for immediate use on a thier, either man or dog.

LIGHTNING KILLS CATTLE

Horse, Bull and Eight Cows Victims of Storm.

A horse and a bull on the Steve Rosier farm, north of Hobart, were killed by lightning and a second horse was badly shocked during the severe electrical storm early on Thursday morning of last week.

Hilton Delamater of Meridale had eight valuable cows killed by lightning during the same storm.

EGGS FOUR CENTS A DOZEN

But, Tea and Cloth Goods Were Costly 100 Years Ago.

(Sidney Center correspondent.)

The following interesting prices of nearly 99 years ago were copied from an old scrap book. They are the charges in an old "counter book" of 1825-26; Eggs, 4 cents a dozen; butter, 8 cents a pound; pepper, 50 cents a pound; coffee, 30 cents a pound; tea, \$1.50 a pound; bacon, 6 1/4 cents a pound; wheat, 40 cents a bushel; oats, 15 cents a bushel; corn, 25 cents a bushel; muslin, 20 and 37 1/2 cents a yard; calico, 36 and 50 cents a yard; flowered wall paper, 4 1/2 cents a yard; salt, 3 1/8 cents a pound.

GAS TANK BLOWS UP

Men in Downsville Quarry Had Quit Before Explosion.

(From Downsville correspondent.)

The gas tank in Johnston & Rhodes' quarry blew up Saturday after quitting time. On Saturday the men finish work at 3:30 p. m. If they had stayed until the usual hour for quitting probably some of the men would have been killed.

HAND CAUGHT IN DERRICK

(From Downsville correspondent.)

Wednesday of this week, while operating the engine that runs the derrick in Johnston & Rhodes' stone quarry at Downsville, Homer Vail caught his hand in the machinery and tore the joint of his index finger loose. Dr. Brittain attended to it.

MOTORCYCLE WRECKED BY FORD

(North Kortright correspondent.)

Ralph Hill, of West Kortright, while riding his motorcycle Saturday night on the state road, collided with a Ford car, badly damaging his machine.

PARIS GREEN KILLS HORSE

(From Coe Hill correspondent.)

One of H. M. Carpenter's large horses died Monday from Paris green poisoning. Sometime during the previous night the animal became loose and swallowed a quantity of the poisoning. Dr. Brand of Oneonta prescribed treatment but such a large quantity had been taken that it was useless to try and save the horse.

HIT WHILE CROSSING STREET

Margaretville Man Escapes With Slight Injury.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

Last Thursday forenoon Philip Derringer was knocked down by a passing car on Main street, when he was crossing. Mr. Derringer escaped with a slight bruise to one of his hands. Mrs. Derringer was recently injured in an automobile collision.