

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, August 2, 1924

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

PREPARATIONS FOR FAIR

Boy Broke Arm—Fell 25 Feet—Care of the Streets—Milk Net Price, \$1.24—Circus Woman Thrown.

Mrs. Adam Cammer of Colchester station fell Wednesday between her house and barn and dislocated her right shoulder. Dr. W. R. Gladstone was called in attendance.

Robert Utter of Palmer hill recently had two ribs fractured when a metal basket fell and struck him in the side while he was cleaning out his barn, preparatory to bringing in hay.

Harry, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. James Barnhart of Garden avenue, fell Monday evening while playing leap frog with another boy and fractured a bone in his left arm. Dr. E. Ray Gladstone attended him.

The Dairymen's League Co-operative association's gross pool price for three per cent milk at the 201-210 mile freight zone for June is \$1.42 per 100 pounds, with deductions of \$.08 for expenses and \$.10 for certificates of indebtedness. The net pool price, therefore, is \$1.34 and the cash distribution is \$1.24.

During the afternoon performance at the Sells-Floto circus last Wednesday one of the horsewomen was thrown from her mount when the animal was making a jump. The report was current in Walton a day or two later that the equestrienne had died in Norwich as a result of her injuries. Inquiry in Norwich showed that this was not the case and it is not thought that the woman was seriously injured.

Under the leadership of Harry France the Walton band is rounding out into as good a musical organization as the village has ever had. The band has been practicing faithfully and plan to give their first open air concert, on Delaware street next Tuesday evening, if the weather is favorable. It is expected that concerts will be given each Tuesday and Mr. France plans to introduce various specialties such as vocal solos and block dances.

Two village ordinances of importance are called to the attention of the public by President A. J. Courtney. One ordinance requires that when it is necessary to dig up any street to repair water pipes or for other purposes that the street commissioner be notified and his directions followed. The object of this ordinance is to keep the streets in proper shape and not have a lot of bumps where pipes have been dug up and the roadbed not properly replaced. Another ordinance requires that property owners cut the grass between the sidewalks and ditches.

The premium books of the Walton fair association are now being printed and will probably be ready for distribution the latter part of next week. Copies may then be obtained from the secretary, Earl S. St. John. The premium list has been thoroughly revised and exhibitors will find substantial increases in many of the premiums in the cattle and vegetable departments as well as in the ladies' department. The management plans to repair the grand stand and put the race track in good condition. It is also expected to fix the roof garden building so that the band may be stationed there instead of in the grandstand.

Ferris Palmer met with what might have been a serious accident last week Wednesday while assisting George B. Tweedie with his haying. They were just enter-

ing the barn with a load when the half of the load where Mr. Palmer was riding slid off, allowing him to fall a distance of over twenty-five feet to the ground at the base of the bridgeway, the hay coming down after him. He landed on his feet so hard that the bones of his right knee were driven together, forcing out the knee water. The cords of the back of his neck were considerably strained. Mr. Tweedie took him to Walton Thursday morning, where his physician, Dr. Gould, attended to the injured limb. He is able to get about with a cane and with care hopes to soon be all right again.—Mundale correspondent.

A gang of peddlers and hangers-on following the Sells-Floto circus came to grief in Norwich on Thursday, the day following the showing of the circus in Walton. The management of the circus requested the authorities of the various cities and villages where the circus played to refuse licenses to these men who followed the circus in two automobiles on the ground that they were undesirables, not connected with the show and for whose acts the circus itself might be blamed. This was done in Walton and at the request of the circus management President Courtney notified Norwich of the situation and gave a description of the men. In Norwich one of these circus followers engaged, in peddling toy balloons became involved in an argument with employees of the circus with the result that the balloon peddler was beaten up, his goods destroyed and his clothes ruined. The fellow caused the arrest of one man connected with the circus but through reputable witnesses he proved that he was not present at the time of the fracas and was discharged.

MAKE THE GYPSIES SETTLE

They Rob Gas Station Cash Register While Owner is Busy.

(From Fleischmanns correspondent.)

Last week Tuesday our village president received a telephone call from Kingston, asking him to watch for a Cadillac touring car containing gypsies and detain same, as the occupants were wanted for the theft of the contents of a cash register. The party had stopped at Schriver's filling station, on the road west of Kingston, for gasoline. While Mr. Schryver was busy at the pump one of the party entered the office and relieved the cash register of its contents which amounted to \$22.

Mr. Sameth called up the police but the party had already passed through the village. State troopers were sent after the car, which was overtaken at Grand Gorge. The gypsies were arrested and taken back to Phoenicia and brought before Justice Voss. The stolen money was returned and the miscreants went on their way after paying a fine of five dollars.

ARMLESS YOUNG MAN USES A TYPEWRITER

Plucky Forrest Layman Makes Toes Take the Place of Missing Fingers

Forrest Layman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Layman, residing ten miles west of Walton, near Granton, was born without arms.

Forrest, now 19 years' of age, has proven what can be accomplished by one determined to overcome the various obstacles resultant from such a physical handicap.

Forrest is one of four children, has a happy disposition, lives on the sunny side of life, has been taught by his mother to use his toes so that he can play an organ, croquet, tat, sew, shoot an air rifle, play checkers, shaves with an old style razor, rakes hay with a horse rake and being mechanically inclined, takes pleasure in working around

FIND VEIN OF RICH IRON ON BOND FARM NEAR WALTON

What is believed to be an iron mine with vast potential possibilities in the matter of output has been discovered on the farm of Albert Bond near the crest of the hill between the Oxbow hollow and Marvin hollow watersheds.

Some forty years ago a prospector was through this section and in the course of his explorations visited what was then known as the Hendricks farm. Mrs. Albert Bond, who before her marriage was Miss Sarah Hendricks, recalls how this prospector declared he had discovered iron ore and promised to return. He never did and the story is that he was killed by a relative before he could carry out his promise.

Lightning frequently strikes on the Bond farm, apparently due to some mineral attraction. A few years ago Floyd Bronson and Robert Phillips cleared a tract of seventeen acres of woodland on the farm and in this area twenty-seven trees were found which had been struck by lightning. This is an unusually large number but at the time the family paid little attention to it.

Recently through an item in the Reporter, the attention of the family was called to the fact that Thomas Maffett had discovered coal at Willowemoc. Mrs. Bond clipped the item but did not write to Mr. Maffett until about two weeks ago. The Willowemoc man came to Walton last Wednesday and visited the Bond farm. The samples of rock he took from the ridge in back of the Bond house were the best iron ore samples he had ever seen, the Willowemoc man declared.

The same afternoon Mr. Bond

automobiles and farm machinery.

Young Layman has attended the district school, walking through the snow and slush a distance of two miles during the winter months. He was graduated in June so that he is now qualified to enter high school.

Colonel Elmer E. Johnson, who is well acquainted with Forrest, and knowing of his desire to continue his studies and believing it possible for him to use a typewriter, told Colonel Austen Colgate, of Colgate & Co., who is always ready to make someone happy, of Forrest's handicap and ambitions with the result that Colonel Colgate sent Forrest a new Remington typewriter.

Miss Mildred Peck, of Granton, his late teacher in the district school, has assisted Forrest to master the typewriter so that he now does his school work on the machine and writes long letters with remarkable accuracy.

Colonel Johnson has brought together, through typewriters, young Layman and Carl Bronner, who lost both hands and both eyes in the World War, and who is now in the U. S. veterans' bureau at Baltimore, Md.

Young Bronner also successfully operates a typewriter and although not even a graduate of a district school when he joined the navy, he has finished his high school course and will commence the study of law this fall.

All about us there are those who say, "This can't be done," "that can't be done." They are everlastingly using the word "can't." Love, loyalty, virtue, success are to them dreams and visions. They are to be pitied because they are spiritual and mental cripples. When we hear a person, child, man or woman deny life's beauties, its spiritual achievements and possible success we should call their attention to the surprising and amazing accomplishments of Carl Bronner and Forrest Layman.

COULDN'T FIND THE PONY

Runaway Animal Located Hours After Runaway.

(Franklin Depot correspondent.)
Brownie, the pony belonging to Miss Louise Stilson of Franklin Depot, ran away Monday and caused

and Olney Olmstead of the Oxbow motored to Forest City, Pa., with specimens of rock gathered by Mr. Maffett. In Forest City they visited Dr. Charles R. Knapp who is associated with Mr. Maffett in the development of the Willowemoc coal mine, and also another assayer. Both stated the specimens contained iron, zinc, eisenglass and soft coal, but that iron predominated and if the strata underground contained as large a percentage of iron ore as the specimens did they stated that a paying mine could be developed. Dr. Knapp is a former resident of Delhi and will be remembered by older residents of that town and Meredith.

The Walton men returned home the same night and Thursday Mr. Bond accompanied by Mr. Maffett visited Delhi and filed in the county clerk's office a quit claim deed giving Mr. Maffett the rights to minerals on the Bond property which will be mined on a royalty basis.

It is expected that in the fall Mr. Maffett will begin drilling operations on the Bond farm to ascertain for a certainty whether there is iron ore there in paying quantities. Meanwhile Mr. Bond expects to depend on his dairy for a livelihood but is looking forward to the day when his royalties from iron ore will provide him a competence. The specimens taken for analysis were from the ridge extending from the rear of the house to the crest of the hill. It is probable that if iron ore is found there in paying quantities that the veins extend over a wide area and probably to nearby farms.

quite a bit of excitement before she was found.

Miss Stilson was visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Marshall DeMelt, at Sidney Center. Early Monday morning they tied the pony out in the yard, but it broke the halter and started on a fast trot toward home. Miss Stilson and Dorothy Bowman immediately started for it in a car, but the pony was not home and they could find no trace of it. Toward night the state troopers found the animal at William Rosa's farm, about a mile out of Sidney Center.

MANY VISITORS TO MT. UTSAYANTHA.

(From Stamford correspondent.)
Last Sunday it is reported forty automobiles and about two hundred people visited the summit of Mt. Utsayantha.

NEW LICENSES AUGUST 15

Date is Set for New Motor Vehicle Tickets for Drivers.

Issuance of the new motor vehicle operators' licenses will be started by the state motor vehicle bureau on Aug. 15, it has been announced by Commissioner Charles A. Harnett.

The commission is preparing to issue as high as 2,500,000 operators' licenses by Oct. 1, when all operators must be licensed. The initial fee will be one dollar, with a 50 cents renewal fee each year.

Because of the impossibility of giving every applicant a road test, a questionnaire has been prepared which will be accepted when sworn to. Personal examination will be given if the answers are subject to question.

The questionnaires will ask how long the applicant has driven an automobile and how many miles he has driven; the type of car used; whether a license to operate has ever been refused, suspended or revoked in this or any other state; whether intoxicating liquors or drugs are used; the nature of motor vehicle accidents, if any; if there ever has been conviction for a crime or violation of any law or ordinance in connection with the motor vehicle law; condition of eyesight and

hearing; whether there is a tendency toward paralysis, vertigo or other nervous troubles and whether the applicant is crippled.

STOP YOUNG AUTO DRIVERS

State Troopers Are Busy Enforcing Motor Vehicle Law.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

State troopers at Stamford were busy the first of the week investigating complaints that the new automobile law regarding omnibus licenses was not being observed by some auto liverymen in that village and that there were other violations of the motor vehicle law.

The police court was quite busy with motor cases and some fines were imposed. As the law prohibits persons under the age of 18 from driving cars many young drivers were summoned and notified to stop driving cars.

Automobile traffic in the mountains is on the increase especially during the summer and the troopers should have the co-operation of all citizens in their work of making the highways safe for traffic. Stamford village is trying to solve the parking and traffic problem. Many nights each side of the Main street is lined with parked cars which makes a narrow thoroughfare for traffic. A public parking place is badly needed. About all large towns face the parking problem and the troopers are doing all they can to help the village authorities in the matter.

SINGERS' SEDAN WRECKED

Struck by Train When Stalled on Cobleskill Crossing.

The three members of the Knight MacGregor concert company, who appeared in Walton on the fourth day of the Chautauqua, jumped from their motor car to escape injury on a D. & H. crossing at Cobleskill where the company appeared last Thursday afternoon. Their car was struck by the locomotive of a freight train after becoming stalled on the crossing. Mr. MacGregor was driving the Studebaker sedan in which the company travel and had stopped with several other cars to allow a south bound freight train to pass. The gatekeeper, it is said, had raised the gates and was preparing to direct the traffic by a hand sign. However three cars crossed and MacGregor was following when signalled by the gateman of his danger. He stopped his car and started to back up but cars following crowded up. His engine stalled and to escape the rapidly approaching train the trio, MacGregor, Miss Alice Raymond and Miss Edna Wallace, jumped. Their car was hurled from the crossing and considerably damaged, but the occupants escaped injury. One of the wheels was torn off and hurled a long distance.

FELL FROM LOAD OF HAY

Deposit Man Lost Balance While Fixing Hay Fork.

(From Deposit correspondent.)

E. C. Briggs of Deposit was injured one day recently while helping his sons on their farm on Beebe hill. The men were unloading the hay and after fixing the hay fork Mr. Briggs stepped too near the edge of the load and fell to the floor hurting his back and shoulders. He has been laid up for, several days.

BOY DIVER SPRAINS WRIST.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Two minor accidents are reported at the Churchill Hall-Rexmere swimming pool near the Churchill lakes, Stamford. A Windham man suffered a scalp wound when he dived and struck the cement bottom of the pool, and Jackie Ott, the noted five year old youngster who gives exhibitions of diving, etc., suffered a sprained wrist, but is getting along nicely.