

# LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, August 30, 1924

## THE WEEK IN WALTON

**What We Are Talking About at the County Hub**

### SHOT HIMSELF IN FOOT

**Maj. Webb Wants Old Newspaper—Passed Bogus Check.—Fell from Load of Hay.**

Two deer, a buck and a doe, were seen one day last week on E. F. Godrich's farm at Dryden.

Mrs. Warner Wormsley has bought the house on High street owned by John G. Howland. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

Drilling for iron ore on the Albert Bond farm, Oxbow, has commenced under the direction of Thomas Maffett of Willowemoc. Mr. Maffett has sought to interest local capital in the venture.

The Delaware county Sunday school association will hold its annual convention in Walton on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 10 and 11. The session will be held in the Methodist church. Full announcements will be given next week.

Walton friends have received announcements of the marriage of Harold A. White, to Miss Alice Adele Hatch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dana A. Hatch of Naples, N. Y., on Thursday, Aug. 21, at Naples. Mr. White is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George White of East street.

Mike Onifur of Read's creek, a Polack farmer, fell from a load of hay Friday. He had his foot on the brake of the wagon and the bump as the wagon struck the planking on the approach to the barn threw him from his seat and off the load. He suffered painful contusions but no serious injury.

Two Beerston residents had freak eggs on exhibition this week. A Rhode Island Red hen owned by B. J. Keene laid an egg last Thursday which was double shelled. The outer shell was imperfectly formed and through it can be seen the perfectly formed inner shell. Mrs. Clark Beers had on exhibition during the week an egg measuring 8 inches around lengthwise and 7 inches around the middle. The egg is thought to be triple-yolked.

Oscar Cleaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cleaver of Trout Creek, shot himself in the left foot with a .22 calibre rifle, while visiting at the home of his grandfather, Oscar Scoville, Mallory brook, on Tuesday. The boy was resting the muzzle of the rifle on his foot when the gun was discharged in some way and the bullet went through the foot. The bone of the second toe was badly shattered, but Dr. E. Ray Gladstone, who was called, hopes to save the toe.

William Tompkins, who lives near Downs ville, was arrested by Officer Axford Beagle Friday on a warrant issued by Police Justice J. M. Peake of Walton on a charge of passing a worthless check on Gilbert Sherwood & Son, shoe merchants. A few days before Tompkins visited the Sherwood shoe store and bought a pair of shoes, giving in payment a check of \$6 signed William Thompson. The check was accepted and Tompkins given the change of fifty cents. When the check went to the Walton bank it was sent back as there was no account for William Thompson. Through some good detective work it was learned that Tompkins was the check passer and had tried a similar game at other Walton business places. A warrant for his arrest was issued under section 1394 of the penal law. When arraigned before Justice Peake he entered a plea of guilty. A jail sentence of sixty days was suspended on condition the young man make the check good and pay a fine of \$10, which he did.

Sixty-two years ago on Aug. 27, 1862, Sickles' brigade started from

Warrenton Junction, West Virginia, for Alexandria along the line of the Orange & Alexandria railroad. The brigade had proceeded about eight miles when they engaged the Confederates and fought their way through the woods for two miles to Bristow. There they found the 56th South Carolina infantry waiting for them behind a stone wall about 50 rods beyond the edge of the woods. J. I. Webb, then a first lieutenant, had been relieved from duty as adjutant at 5 o'clock that morning and given command of Company I of the 71st regiment. The order was given the brigade to charge and dislodge the Confederates and in the attack half of the personnel was either killed or wounded. Lieutenant Webb received a bullet and three buckshot in his right arm and shoulder.

The ball destroyed the shoulder joint and lodged in the shoulder blade where it still remains. A reporter for the New York Herald came to him as he lay on the battlefield. Webb had carried in the pocket on the left side of his vest a big silver cased English watch. Mr. Webb asked the newspaper man to look at the time for him. The reporter found that the ball had struck the watch and driven one case through the other but had stopped the bullet and doubtless saved Mr. Webb's life. The Herald the following day, Aug. 28, contained an account of the battle and told of the wounding of Lieut. Webb and described how the watch had saved his life. Major Webb is desirous of securing a copy of this issue of the Herald and offers a reward of ten dollars for the same. He lay on the battlefield three days before removed to the hospital.

## WALTON FAIR NEXT WEEK

**Something of Interest Going On at All Times**

### COPELAND WILL SPEAK

**Acrobats, Dancers, Musicians, Aero-plane and State Troopers in Horsemanship Exhibition.**

Everything is in readiness for the Walton fair next week, Sept. 2, 3, 4 and 5, and the management assures visitors something of interest every minute.

Tuesday as usual will be given up to receiving and arranging the exhibits. The secretary's office in the Jenks-Patterson block will be open until 9 o'clock Saturday evening to receive exhibits. The greatly increased premiums in the various departments should assure more active competition.

The list of attractions has been rounded out by arrangements for daily aeroplane flights. The attractions consist of the Cora Y. Corson Sextette, the DaNoles acrobats, the Caprarula sisters, Margaret and Madeline, in fancy dancing, the exhibition of horsemanship by Troop C of state police of Sidney and the aeroplane. The aviator will be R. D. Bennett of Binghamton, who will give exhibition flights which will include a descent in a parachute by an assistant who will jump from a wing of the plane at a height of 4,000 to 5,000 feet. While exhibition flights are not given Mr. Bennett will carry passengers for hire. The Walton band will furnish music from a specially constructed band stand located near the roof garden.

The Caprarula sisters of New York, who have been spending the summer in Walton, will appear in fancy buck and wing, toe, and skirt dances in special costumes.

On Thursday afternoon United States Senator Royal S. Copeland will give an address, probably about 1:30 o'clock. Senator Copeland was health commissioner of New York city before his election to the senate in 1922 and will have a message of interest. Friday the motorized Walton fire department will give an exhibition of the new pump engine. A building will be set on fire and the pumper put to work to extinguish the flames. The race card is a strong one with two races daily on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Some fast horses have been entered

## OPERATORS' LICENSE BLANKS MAY BE FILLED OUT NOW

Application blanks for licenses as motor car operators have been received by County Clerk E. J. Turnbull and are being distributed. In Walton application forms may be obtained at the garages or at the office of Town Clerk E. S. St. John.

The blanks should be filled out and mailed to the county clerk's office in Delhi with the fee of one dollar. In the time allotted it means that the county clerk will have to handle and pass on six hundred applications per day, and these can be disposed of much faster if received through the mail than if the applicants appeared in person. Applications received after October first will be subject to a road test.

The blanks contain twenty-one questions which must be filled in by the applicant himself and be sworn to by him or her before a notary public. The oath includes the statement that the applicant is "thoroughly familiar with such portions of the highway law and the general highway traffic law as are necessary to secure the safe operation of motor vehicles; and I hereby promise not to violate the provisions thereof."

After a physical description of the applicant, date of birth, color, sex, weight, height, color of eyes, and of hair, come the following queries, among others:

"Do you read, speak and understand English? How long and how many miles have you operated a motor vehicle on a public highway. If you are not the owner, give the name of the owner. To what extent, if at all, do you use (a) intoxicating liquors? (b) drugs or narcotics? Have you ever had any accidents while operating a motor vehicle?"

"Were you ever convicted of any crime?. Answer yes or no. Four blank spaces are allowed for the circumstances."

"Were you ever convicted of any offense, or violation of any law, ordinance or regulation connected with or related to the operation of a motor vehicle? Four blank spaces for details.

"Are you crippled in any manner? Is your eyesight or hearing impaired? Have you any organic affection of the heart, suffered an attack of epilepsy, stroke of paralysis, vertigo, or are you subject to fainting spells? Do you suffer from any

and race lovers are promised a treat. The ferris wheel, merry go-round and riding devices, together with the shows on the midway will furnish amusement at all times.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are the days the fair will be in actual operation, Sept. 3, 4 and 5.

## HEAVY CAULIFLOWER SHIPMENT

**Amount Sent to City Much Larger Than Last Year.**

(From Halcottville correspondent.)

A full carload of cauliflower was shipped from here on Monday afternoon of this week. Nearly five hundred crates were loaded. This is about five times the amount that was being moved from Halcottville one year ago, and last year was considered a record breaker.

No. 1 Catskill cauliflower is bringing from \$2.50 to \$4 in the New York Market.

## YELLOW AND BLACK PLATES

**Distinctive Auto License Numbers For 1924.**

Next year's New York state automobile license plates will have black figures on a yellow ground and will have a letter incorporated with each number.

The second character in each license number will be a letter. For example, 2A7896, 1B7896 and 8N1991. The numbers will be in series from 0001 to 9999, with prefixes of 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 3D, or other combinations of one figure and one letter.

This method will give a "greater

marked nervous affection?" Blank lines are left for "all particulars."

Perforated lines hold a renewal stub for the year 1925-1926, and the stub must not be detached until application is made for the renewal.

In the case of minors between the ages of 18 and 21 years a copy of the birth or baptismal certificate or an affidavit of the parents as to the applicant's age must be submitted.

If it is comparatively easy to get a license, it will be even easier to be deprived of it, once the law has been put in good working order. The inspectors will be strangers in their territory. As soon as they become well known, they will be shifted. They may be recognized by the clothes, half uniform and half livery, which State Motor Commissioner Harnett will make them wear as soon as their appointment has been made permanent.

The uniform is of autumnal brown worsted whipcord coat and breeches, visored cap of the so-called Pershing model; cordovan shade puttees of calfskin; plain toe shoes of mahogany calfskin, U. S. army officers' model; brown cotton twill shirt and brown four-in-hand tie. Pippings of maroon-colored cloth on the breast, pockets, sleeve cuffs and down the side of the breeches to give a touch of brightness to the garments, and the coat will be cut full length, doublebreasted sack style with four bronze buttons bearing the seal of the state.

Delaware county is one of nine counties grouped in a district of the state motor vehicle bureau which Fred J. Graff of Utica will supervise. The motor vehicle inspectors for the nine counties are: Otsego county, Frank W. McCook, Walton; Chenango county, Thomas J. Shannon, Ithaca; Delaware county, Allan J. Cragin, Oneonta; Franklin county, Howard J. Gurry, Utica.; Herkimer county, Stuart J. Youngs, Amsterdam; Jefferson county, Andrew J. Darkin, Home; Dewis county, Griffith M. Jones, Utica; St. Lawrence county, James J. Fahey, New Brighton, and James I. Short of Canton for Oneida county. Making road tests and enforcing the new motor vehicle law will be the principal duties of these men. It will be noted that none of these appointees are to serve in the county in which they reside.

## HAIR REPLACES FUR ON WOMEN'S WRAPS

**Bobbed Hair Craze Causes Delhi Man to Speculate On the Future**

(From Delhi correspondent.)

In 1852, according to the "Bloomville Mirror" of that year, the hair clipped from the inmates of the county almshouse was sold in Delhi for \$80. We believe at this period, there was a fad for working up human hair into watch chains, ear rings and finger rings.

That history repeats itself is shown by the fact, that the ultra fashionable wraps for women this coming year are to have military collars, trimmed with human hair instead of fur. The bobbing fad is now so prevalent it would seem that human hair for trimming might be within reach of ladies of ordinary means. Most of the gentler sex seem to have forgotten, or at least ignore, what St. Paul says in First Corinthians, "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her for her hair is given her for a covering." At the present rate of elimination of female attire, the three or four petty-coats worn by our grandmothers, even by our mothers, have one by one disappeared. Now, with the corset going out of style and other of her garments much abbreviated and

disappearing, it may begin to dawn on lovely woman that St. Paul was right and that she will need her hair for a covering.

Modern architects are always studying ancient structures and adapting their styles to our homes and public buildings. Furniture designers are copying the bedsteads and couches of the 12th to the 16th centuries for our slumbers.

The designers of new fashions for women are studying and copying the garb of the ancient Greeks and Romans—even copying what they imagine were the costumes of the goddesses of ancient mythology.

With the advent of trimming wraps and dresses with hair, the tonsorial artist's position in society will go up a notch. He will be an exchange, broker, buying and selling the luxuriant tresses sacrificed on fashion's altar—exchanging red hair for black, black for brown, brown for yellow, yellow for gray and gray for white. In a commercial way, there are so many shades of colors in women's dress fabrics, generally indicated by French words, that when it comes to using human hair for trimming, it will be necessary to distinguish the different shades of red hair, brown and yellow by some distinctive appellation and no doubt French terms will be used for this purpose. However, as an American, I would suggest, that at least two of the new names to designate peculiar shades of human hair be "Skaneateles and Scarborough." These appellations no doubt came to my mind as I recalled an old story, told to illustrate the proverbial stupidity of the Englishman in seeing the point of a joke.

These friends, were on their way to New York city and when Sing Sing was reached, the Englishman was told about the great prison located there. The next station below Sing Sing is Scarborough, and here a young lady with ordinary brown hair came into the car. The Englishman now nudged his friend and called his attention to this girl, saying her hair is Scarborough color. "Why do you call it Scarborough color" and the answer came, "because it's so near. Sing Sing." The Englishman had traveled 250 miles from Skaneateles, but not yet seen the point of his friend's pleasantry.

## BURGLAR PROOF VAULT

**Andes Bank Will Soon Move to New Location.**

(From Andes Correspondent.)  
W. T. Hyzer and a force of men are putting in the concrete and steel vault in the new bank at Andes. This bank, when completed, will be very modern and up, to date. The bank is in part of the new concrete block that was built this summer to replace the one destroyed by fire last fall. The vault will be burglar proof. The bank will probably be moved to its new location sometime in October.

## CAUGHT HAND IN WRINGER.

(From Stamford correspondent.)  
One day recently while Mrs. Jennie McMurdy of Stamford was using an electric wringer she caught her hand in the machine badly injuring it. Dr. Hubbell dressed the injury taking eleven stitches to close the wound.

## MADE THEMSELVES AT HOME

**City Boarders Take Possession of Private Cottage.**

(From Roscoe correspondent.)  
Saturday night a party of young people who are stopping at Campbell Inn, Roscoe, were taken before Justice Stickle by the state troopers on a charge of illegally entering Hones' cottage known as "The Eyrie." They were fined two dollars apiece. Miss Dorothy Hones discovered the party and asked them to leave. When they would not, she took the guest book in which they had signed their names, to the troopers who took them in custody as related above.