

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

DRUNKEN DRIVER FINED

Troopers Arresting Reckless Autoists—Franklin Baen Burned—Sunday Schools to Meet in October.

Ward R. Howland has bought the farm of the late John Henry Nichols, East brook, from the Nichols estate.

Mrs. Jennie Bristol has sold her house, located on William street, to Chauncey Bovee, through the agency of C.G. Robinson.

While men were engaged in lowering the wagon house on the farm of Cecil Budine at Loomis the building toppled over and was badly smashed. —Loomis correspondent.

Ferris Stevens, better known as "Pet," was taken into custody Tuesday by Officer Stidd on a charge of public intoxication and was fined five dollars by Police Justice J. M. Peake.

Howard, son of Thomas Speed of Cleaver, aged about 15 years, is ill with infantile paralysis. Dr. W. G. Smith is the attending physician. As far as known this is the only case of infantile paralysis in this section.

The finals of the Walton tennis tournament were played off on the Congregational church tennis court. Saturday afternoon, August 30th. Miss Doris Holmes won, the trophy cup for women's singles and Robert Laidlaw the cup for men's singles.

In the matter of the action of residents of the villiage of Delhi and of the towns of Bovina, Delhi and Hamden relative to the discontinuance of passenger service on the Delhi-Walton branch of the O. & W., a hearing will be held in Oneonta before Assistant Commissioner Burkart today, Friday, at 10:45 a. m.

The Delaware County Sunday school convention has been postponed until sometime in October. The date will be announced in the near future. So many of the officers and committee members have been away on vacations that it was found to be impossible to complete arrangements for the convention upon September 10th and 11th, as previously announced.

The open season for trout in New York state closed August 31. During the past few years the Delaware Valley Fish and Game club has consistently stocked vicinity streams with trout fry and fingerlings year by year and as result good fishing is maintained. The summer rains have kept the brooks in good condition and those who tried their luck generally met with good luck.

The barn on Ira Seward's farm on upper Frear hollow, town of Franklin, was destroyed by fire early last Thursday morning, August 28. The building and the entire season's hay crop, about forty tons, together with some farm implements, were destroyed. The horses were in the pasture at the time. The farm was formerly the Parlman Beardsley place. It is understood that \$1,500 insurance was carried on barn and contents.

While Robert Palmer of Palmer hill, Franklin, was pouring some gasoline into the carburetor of the engine in his barn Friday morning the gas in some way caught fire and blazed up to the ceiling. Some of the burning fluid, was spilled on the concrete floor. Mr. Palmer managed to carry the pail of gasoline out of doors and the flames in the engine room were put out without any damage being done.

Barney Bush of Norwich was arrested on a charge of reckless

driving by Troopers Skelly and Gallon of the state police on the West brook road Sunday afternoon. The troopers stated that Bush's Overland car was zig-zagging across the highway and that he was apparently intoxicated. He was arraigned before Justice E. S. White and the case adjourned until Monday morning when Bush entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine. The registration license of his car was suspended until October first.

While Mrs. J. A. Crawford, James Crawford, Miss Alice Crawford and Mrs. S. U. North and two children were on their way home Friday evening from an outing at Henryville in the Pocono mountains they came upon the scene of a fatal automobile accident, which occurred at St. Remy's, a few miles south of Kingston, only a few minutes before their arrival. A Cadillac car was racing with a Paige and in attempting to pass the latter the Cadillac struck a culvert and swerved against the rear end of the Paige, hurling it over against a tree. Three men in the Paige car were killed.

Ed Fuller, who works for Wilmut Houck, East brook, was wounded in the back Saturday by a bullet from a .22 calibre rifle in the hands of Charles, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Houck. Mr. and Mrs. Houck had gone to Walton, and Mr. Fuller was playing with the two boys in the house. He was sitting on a piano stool when Charles picked up the rifle and pulled the trigger. Everyone in the family thought that the weapon was not loaded but the reverse proved to be the case and the bullet, struck Fuller a glancing blow, lodging in the muscles of the back. Dr. C. S. Gould was called to dress the injury.

HUGE CROWD THROWS WALTON FAIRGROUNDS

Senator Copeland Delivers Pleasing Address

EXHIBITS MUCH BETTER

State Troopers Please With Horsemanship Exhibits—Closing Day's Program.

Clear skies have favored the Walton fair this week and Thursday brought to the grounds the largest crowd in recent years. A steady stream of autos followed the road to the fairgrounds, until a late hour in the afternoon.

Soon after the noon hour it was found necessary to discontinue the sale of seats in the grandstand as the structure was thronged to its capacity of twelve hundred. Automobiles were parked in every available spot about the grounds. The state troopers rendered valuable assistance in directing traffic.

The exhibits this year are better than in any recent year, the increased premiums in many cases bringing more competition. An attractive exhibit of vegetables and farm produce was that of the Walton grange under the grandstand. Here also is. located the nursery maintained by the county anti-tuberculosis association, the home bureau and the rest room association. About seventy-five babies were cared for Thursday while the mothers saw the sights. Other attractive booths under the grandstand are those of J. E. Wood, the antituberculosis association, the Walton high school, the Camp company, the First National bank and the Farm Bureau.

The junior project workers have their own department and demonstrations were given Thursday by various units, including the Harpers-field group. The showing in the cattle department is excellent.

The platform attractions are excellent. The Caprula sisters came in for much applause for their fancy dancing. One of the stellars was the exhibition of fancy horsemanship by the members of troop C, state police, under the leadership of Captain D. E. Fox. Aviator Bennett of Binghamton made exhibition flights in his aeroplane with parachute drops by his assistant.

DEPOSIT MAN FATALLY HURT WHEN AUTO STRIKES POST

(From Deposit correspondent.)
Silas D. Crumb of Deposit, World War veteran, was fatally injured in an automobile accident last Friday night. He died Sunday.

Mr. Crumb and a friend, Mr. Cummings, of New York, were coming up the stare road about midnight When near the Bell farm as the night was very foggy he mistook a road leading down to the farm as the state highway. Discovering his mistake and in trying to keep to the main highway Crumb ran his car into a post and the machine upset. rolling down the hill about fifty feet and landing on its side. Crumb was thrown out and the car rolled over him, crushing

Thursday afternoon Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York gave an address in front of the grandstand. Senator Copeland is a pleasing speaker and his address was heard by many. His central thought was the necessity of better organization among the farmers. Capital and labor have learned the necessity of organization, the speaker declared, and only through better co-operation than now exists can the farmer secure rightful values for his produce. The senator pointed out how the farmer in many cases is taxed coming and going by the high tariff. How he must pay a higher price for his manufactured products and at the same time pay a toll to the fertilizer trust through the tariff. Mrs. Copeland accompanied her husband and they left immediately after his address, expecting to reach Utica that evening on their way to Alexandria Bay.

An unusually large number of horses were on the grounds for the races. In the 2:24 trot Wednesday first money was awarded The H. & B., Wheeler & Farrell, Stamford. Second money went to Dr. Ranc-tall, F. Osborne of Monticello, and third money to Lexington H., J. T. Lewis of Norfolk, Va. Best time, 2:23 1/2. In the 2:20 pace the same day Rex S., Jr., C. S. Smith of Schenectady, took first money, Buster Boy, Harrison Gray of Delhi, took second, and third money went to Woodland Gratton, William McDonough of Carbondale, Pa. The best time was 2:18 1-4.

Eight horses were entered in the 2:20 pace. In the fourth heat Jess Willard, owned by J. T. Lewis of Norfolk, Virginia, and driven by William Reed of Sidney fell and Reed had his. collar bone broken. Dr. W. B. Morrow reduced the fracture: The accident being unavoidable the judges gave the horse fourth money. The accident occurred back of the barns.

Due to the policy of the management barring all questionable shows and their attendant games of chance from the grounds there are fewer sideshows than usual but the refreshment stands are numerous. The various riding devices furnish amusement for old and young.

The program today, Friday, includes two races and a fire fighting demonstration by the Walton fire department.

RAIL WRECKS AUTO WHICH HITS FENCE

Plank Crashes Through Dash board of Franklin Man's Machine

Miss Mary Dyer of Scranton, Pa., suffered slight injuries to her side last Thursday evening when the Buick touring car, in which she was riding with Lester Hyzer and Miss Mable Christian, both of Franklin, ran into the guard rail on the Oneonta-Otego state road near the Hale farm.

The party left Franklin at about 8 o'clock in the evening in the 1922 Buick touring car of William Hyzer of that village, father of the young man. They were said to be traveling at about 30 miles an hour, Miss Christian driving, when the car failed to make the turn and the car ran into the guard rail.

Three posts were taken out there, and one of the top rails was driv-

ing through the car, entering on the right side of the dashboard and ploughing through the front seat and on to the rear one.

Miss Christian was unhurt, Hyzer was thrown from the car, sustaining bruises and abrasions of his cheek, and Miss Dyer was the only one considerably hurt.

Miss Dyer was taken to Fox hospital, Oneonta, by Daniel Baker and Walter Bailey of that city, who had followed their car from Unadilla, and these two young men later returned to the scene of the accident for Mr. Hyzer.

JAW BONE BROKEN TWICE

Rockroyal Man's Ankle Also Frac-tured in Auto Wreck.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

Monday evening as Sidney Simmons with George Hathaway, Mrs. Arthur Backus and child were driving along the Trout Creek road towards Cannonsville with Mr. Simmons' car, when near the curve this side of N. J. Pierson's place the driver lost control of the machine which plunged down the steep bank and overturned. Mr. Simmons was hurled through the windshield. He sustained serious injuries to his back, had his jaw bone broken in two places, sustained a broken ankle and suffered several cuts from the broken glass. Mr. Hathaway was cut and bruised and, received a bad scalp wound. Mrs. Backus and child were uninjured. The car was a complete wreck.

AUTO DEATH STORY A HOAX

No Truth in Report of Finding Three Bodies.

(Fishes Eddy correspondent.)

Your correspondent while traveling in the western part of the county recently was asked by no less than fifty people about an automobile accident said to have occurred on Hawks mountain. The story goes that a man riding a motorcycle lost control of his machine and it went through the fence and down the bank. The man was uninjured and while going down the bank after the machine he found an automobile with the bodies of three people in it, there being nothing left of the bodies but the clothing and bones and that the car bore an Ohio license of 1922. For the benefit of those who have heard this story I will vouch for its untruth. Nothing of this sort has been found. There have been a great many accidents on Hawks mountain but no one has ever been killed there yet to my knowledge.

POOL 470,000 POUNDS OF WOOL.

Through the agency of the New York State Sheep Growers Co-operative association somewhat more than 470,000 pounds of wools have been assembled and graded during the past four months. These wools were consigned from practically every county in the state where sheep growing is carried on to any extent. The individual shipments ranged from 25 pounds to 4,000 pounds. The county consignments ranged from 2,000 pounds to 40,000 pounds. The amount pooled

this year is practically the same as the amount pooled in 1923.

GIRL SHOT IN HIP

Then Car Bringing Her Home From Doctor's Has Collision.

(From Burnwood correspondent)
Flora Inman was accidentally shot through the hip by Otto Schnekenberg, a young boy of Carlstadt, N. J., last Thursday. She was taken at once to Dr. J. A. Miller at Roscoe who dressed the wound.

It seemed to be Flora's unlucky day as on their return home the car she was a passenger in was run into by a passing auto damaging it quite badly, although no one was hurt. A passing party brought the injured girl home. At present she is getting along as well as can be expected.

EAST SIDNEY CHICKEN THIEVES.

Some one stole fourteen hens from Bert Constable of East Sidney Friday night.

ECHOES OF THE FLOOD.

(From Masonville correspondent.)

The big flood which came on Monday of last week over the town of Masonville, was a great damage to many. The Fuller farm on Beach hill was badly washed besides having two bridges washed away. Frank Jones thinks he lost about fifty bushels of potatoes, also Ralph Beach lost many of his. Many gardens were spoiled. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cole's And Miss Alice Eggleston's gardens were completely washed away.

FOUR PERSON DROWN AT SUMMER RESORTS

Death Toil Over Week End Unusually Heavy

BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Boy Seeking to Save Brother From Death Loses Own Life in Attempt.

Drowning accidents took a death toll of four at the resorts of Sullivan and Ulster counties over the week end.

Mrs. Birdie Goldschlager of New York, city was drowned Sunday afternoon in Masten pond. The woman left the Mamakating Park Inn that afternoon dressed in a bathing suit and was last seen walking in the direction of the pond. She failed to return Sunday night and a search was started. Monday morning the woman's body was found by a searching party down on the bottom in six feet of water and but a short distance from shore. Dr. Breakey of Monticello, the coroner, gave a verdict of accidental drowning. Mrs. Goldschlager was 25 years of age.

Jeanette Ginsbe, 9, of 324 Roebing street, Brooklyn, was drowned Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Silver. Lake, near Woodridge. She had been stopping at the Garden House, Kiamasha Lake, and had gone for a swim in the lake. Persons nearby recovered her body soon afterwards. Coroner P. H. Groginsky investigated, declaring it to be accidental drowning.

Samuel and Irving Sandler of Brooklyn, aged 16 and 17 years respectively, lost their lives Sunday in Windsor lake near Ellen-ville. The pair had been spending the summer at a summer hotel near Windsor lake and shortly after luncheon had gone with other guests to the bathing beach nearby. There Sam Sandler, instead of waiting for a time, plunged into the water and after swimming for a few minutes suddenly went down. Reappearing he called for aid and his brother swam out to assist him in reaching the shore. Frightened the youth seized his brother and both went down. Their bodies were recovered shortly afterward by other bathers from several feet of water. Efforts to resuscitate the pair failed.