

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, September 13, 1924

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

SILK MILL NOW RUNNING

Young Folks at College—Telephone Co. to Expand—Start Work on the Rock Rift Road.

The Delaware county Sunday school convention will be held in the Methodist church of Walton Oct. 30 and 31.

James A. Kelley has sold his farm at Mt. Pleasant to Earl Monroe of Meridale, and is moving to Washington, D. C., where James, Jr., will attend George Washington university.

The nursery at the Walton fair was conducted by the Red Cross chapter, the Home Bureau and the Anti-Tuberculosis association. The nursery proved a great convenience to mothers who left their children there while they saw the sights.

Milton McClenon of Palmer hill nearly severed the little toe of his right foot with an axe one day this week while clearing thorn bushes out of a swamp on his place. Dr. Gould dressed the injury and it is hoped that the toe may be saved.

The factories of Julius Kayser & Company, silk garment manufacturers, in Bangor, Sidney, Walton, Hornell, N. Y., and the three plants in Brooklyn have resumed work after the annual vacation closing. Officials of the company state that all Kayser factories are now operating to full capacity.

George Armstrong has sold his farm on the Third brook turnpike to Arthur Rinsma, possession to be given Oct. 1. Mr. Armstrong who sells because of ill health has owned the property for twenty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong will move to Walton, having rented the house of J. T. Cobb on Townsend street.

A clinic for cases of infantile paralysis and other deformities will be held at Walton hall on Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 8 a. m., to 1:30 p. m. Dr. LeRoy Hubbard, state orthopedic surgeon, will examine all cases, assisted by Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, R. N., supervisory nurse of that work in this district, and Miss W. G. Glokner, executive secretary of public health and tuberculosis work in Delaware county. It is hoped for the usual good attendance at the clinic.

The fall timetable on the Ontario & Western went into effect Sunday. Northbound trains leave Walton as follows: No. 55, Utica Flyer, 7:20 a. m.; No. 11, milk, 12:46 p. m.; No. 1, 2:47 p. m.; No. 3, Delaware County Express, 6:25 p. m.; No. 5, 1:06 a. m. The time of departure of southbound trains follows: No. 4, 7:58 a. m.; No. 6, 12:05 p. m.; No. 2, 2:43 p. m.; No. 12, 11:43 a. m. The Utica Flyer, train 56, arrives at 8:34 p. m. No passengers are carried on the Delhi branch.

The Delaware Telephone Company, Inc., has applied to the public service commission for permission to begin construction of telephone lines, or extension of such lines as are now owned and operated by the Walton People's Telephone company and the Downsville Telephone company, and for authority to issue \$63,000 of its common capital stock and \$32,000 of bonds, the proceeds from which are proposed to be used to purchase the properties of the Walton People's Telephone company and the Downsville Telephone company. A hearing upon the application will be held in Albany on Sept. 23 at 2 p. m.

Ground was broken for the new state road Monday on the bank between the Jaycox road and the Hammond house at Rock Rift. The highway here is to curve out somewhat making it necessary to build a retaining wall. At the sharp turn above the Legrand Houck place the bank is to be cut away above the road and the road straightened; thus a bad

turn in the present highway will be eliminated by the new one. The surveyors have the road nearly staked out through the Yeoman farm and are now at work on the Voorhies farm. The new road does not follow the old road bed on either farm but crosses it twice on the Yeoman farm.—Rock Rift correspondent.

During 1923-24 forty-five graduates of the high school were attending college. The following of the graduating class of 1924 expect to enter colleges this fall: Dorothy S. Avery, training school for nurses, Boston, Mass.; Marion Bagley, Oneonta normal; Rhoda P. Carman, Syracuse university; Clyde D. Chace, Ithaca Conservatory of Music; Cora E. Dann, Syracuse; J. Arthur D. ePuy, Union; Willa B. Frazier, Oneonta normal; Wilbur F. Hoyt, Union; James A. Kelley, Jr., George Washington university; Doris M. King, Keuka; Adrienne C. Proskine, Rochester conservatory of music; Cora L. Runnells, Sargents; Kathryn P. Scott, university of Pennsylvania; Agnes M. Sherwood, Syracuse; Evelyn H. Smith, Keuka; Selwyn B. Smith, Alfred; Roland W. Tweedie, Cornell; Ruth A. Tweedie, Muskingum. Very seldom has a class graduated without one of its members winning a state or Cornell scholarship. Of the 1924 class Miss Antoinette Henderson won one of the state scholarships. Since Miss Henderson expects to enter Wellesley a year from this fall, the scholarship was given to Roland W. Tweedie of the 1924 class, Walton high school, next on the list of eligible students for Delaware county.

PREFER TRAIN TO BUS

Delhi Residents Give O. & W. As First Choice

POSITION OF RAILROAD

Attorney Andrus Declares There is Not Enough Business for Both Bus and Train.

A delegation of citizens of Delhi and the territory between Delhi and Walton appeared at the hearing before the Public Service Commission in Albany Tuesday on the application of Glenn H. Green for a certificate for the operation of a motor bus line between Walton and Delhi and between Delhi and Bloomville, Delaware county. The delegation was present to register its expression that the territory desired railroad service above bus service, and that if there was possibility of the Public Service Commission compelling the New York, Ontario & Western Railroad to restore passenger service on its Walton-Delhi branch the bus certificate should not be granted. Hearing on the complaint of the residents of Delhi and vicinity against the railroad company, seeking to compel restoration of passenger service, was held at Oneonta last Friday and no decision has been reached by the commission.

Mr. Green testified as to the service he has been giving between Delhi and Walton since last December with his buses, and as to arrangements with the New York, Ontario & Western railroad for handling passengers for stations between Walton and Delhi since the railroad discontinued passenger service. It was brought out that Mr. Green runs five trips in each direction daily, whereas the railroad never operated more than three trains in each direction. Mr. Green was represented by Claude V. Smith of Oneonta.

C. L. Andrus represented the New York, Ontario & Western railroad. He declared that the railroad was anxious to have a franchise granted to the bus line in the event that the railroad is not compelled to restore passenger service on the Walton-Delhi branch. If the railroad is directed to restore service it is strongly opposed to the bus line competition, he said, claiming that there was not enough business for both. He testified as to the small amount of travel on trains formerly operated between Walton and Delhi, and declared that the people were now receiving better service than the railroad could give.

The delegation stated that 95 per cent of the people of Delhi and towns along the route desired the railroad

MORE HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS, BUT FEWER IN THE GRADES

At the opening of the Walton public schools for the fall term on Monday, September 8th, a total of 823 students were registered, divided as follows: High school, 323, including 20 in the training class, and 500 in the grades. Of the 323 in the high school 134 are residents and 189 nonresidents. Out of the 500 registered in the grades 15 are non-resident pupils. Among the 323 pupils enrolled there are 43 pre-academic students, i. e., who lack one subject for full academic standing; 24 of these are non-residents.

Following is a comparative table of registration for the first week of school during the past four years:

	1921	1922	1923	1924
Total	860	910	849	823
High school	303	312	308	323
Grades	557	598	541	500
Non-residents	193	219	210	204
Residents	667	691	639	619

There are few changes from last year in the personnel of the faculty. Miss Mabel F. Drury, A. B.,

service over the bus service, giving as one objection to bus service the fact that in a severe winter the buses would be unable to run. Mr. Andrus, for the railroad, in answer to this objection stated the railroad would consent to run all of its trains on the Delhi branch whenever the bus found it impossible to get through. It was also stated that an arrangement would be entered into between the railroad and Mr. Green permitting the sale of tickets from Delhi to any point on the N. Y., O. & W. by Mr. Green.

Petitions of the board of trustees of the village of Delhi and a committee of residents asking that decision on the certificate be held up until after a decision by the commission on the restoration of train service were filed by the delegation.

Appearances besides Mr. Smith and Mr. Andrus included Dr. M. D. McNaught and M. S. Crawford, Hamden; C. S. Hymers, Delancey; H. R. Fraser, Frasers, and W. T. Black, H. G. Harper and F. G. Thompson, Delhi.

At the close of the hearing it was agreed that a conference should be held soon, either at Delhi or at Walton, at which Mr. Green, the railroad and residents between Delhi and Walton would be represented. No date was set for the conference.

BANKERS HOLD BANQUET

Meet in Walton Saturday for Annual Gathering.

Some sixty-five members of the Delaware County Bankers association with their wives, sweethearts and guests, met in Walton last Saturday evening for the association's annual banquet which was held in the sunlight room of the Royal cafe. The presence of the ladies proved a pleasing innovation.

Following a meal such as the Royal is noted for C. E. Hulbert, president of the association, acted as toastmaster and called upon the various speakers, introducing each with a few appropriate remarks. The address of welcome was given by Village President A. J. Courtney, who took occasion to speak a few words of praise for what Mr. Hulbert has done for the people of Walton and Delaware county.

Prof. William Meyers of Cornell university, Ithaca, spoke on "Rural Credits." His talk was based on a survey made by the university in Tioga and Genesee counties and was illustrated with charts. The point he stressed as shown by the survey was that in these counties the farmers use store credit far more extensively than bank loans and that the cost of this is much higher than if the individual had borrowed directly at the bank and paid cash for merchandise purchased. His talk created considerable discussion as to conditions in Delaware county, some of the bankers taking the position that too much credit to the farmer has already been extended by the banks. Senator Bouton of Roxbury held the opposite view and stated that his bank would

of Gouverneur, and a graduate of Wells college, will have charge of chemistry, geometry and advanced mathematics. During her senior year in college Miss Drury won the Zabriskie science prize awarded to the person of the senior class who completes the greatest amount of work in science or mathematics during the college course.

Miss Neva V. Every, B. S., Syracuse university, will teach physics, geometry and intermediate algebra. Miss Every comes well recommended to Walton from the Mineville high school. Her home is in Brewerton, N. Y.

Miss Alice M. Nulty, who successfully taught commercial work in the Greenwich, N. Y., high school for two years, will have charge of similar work in the local school.

In the grades Miss Grace M. Neff of Corbett will have charge of the 8th grade, Stockton avenue; Miss Neff comes highly recommended from Corning.

like more farmer paper and that for every penny lost on such paper a dollar is lost on bond investments.

B. E. Smythe of the Chase National bank, a vacation visitor in Delaware county, Hon. Charles L. Andrus, general counsel of the O. & W. railroad, State Senator Arthur F. Bouton of Roxbury, and Farm Bureau Agent R. Q. Smith of Walton also spoke briefly. W. J. Merwin, president of the Hancock bank, gave an interesting analysis of several accounts showing that often an institution suffers a loss on a large balance due to the drawing of numerous checks.

A business meeting for the election of officers will be held within a short time.

WALTON FAIR PAYS WITH ONE RAINY DAY

Receipts Indicate Very Good Financial Basis Under New Management

Rain on Friday prevented the holding of any of the attractions at the Walton fair. The race track was in such condition from the heavy downpour as to preclude postponement of Friday's races until the following day and as a result the fair was a two-day affair. The association had insured against rain on Wednesday and Thursday but no on Friday.

It is yet too early to give a complete financial statement of the fair, but receipts at the gate and grandstand ran over \$1,200 ahead of last year and there was an increase of receipts from other sources. The gate receipts were \$4,279.80 and the grandstand receipts \$326. Rent of privileges brought \$721 with a few of the concessions yet unpaid for. From entries for premiums the receipts were \$358.59 and entries for races, \$165. Principal items of expense were \$224.62 insurance; \$1,385. for attractions and music; about \$500 for printing and advertising; \$945 for race purses. Items still unavailable include salaries of officers and employees.

The association will receive back from the state approximately 75 per cent of the amount paid in premiums, but this money will not be distributed until spring.

The statement of receipts and disbursements while not complete would indicate that the fair can be placed on a paying basis. Extra expense this year included the erection of a band stand. Repairs on some of the buildings will be necessary soon. Subscriptions have been received for about \$9,000 of the stock, part of which has not been paid in. With the sale of sufficient stock to cover the purchase price of the grounds, thus leaving the association without indebtedness, substantial earnings should be shown on the stock. Had Friday been fair it is thought the gate receipts would have exceeded a thousand dollars.

Dr. Talbot of Edmeston acted as judge of the races in a most satisfactory manner. The judges in the various departments were persons of

experience and little criticism of their awards was heard.

NED BUNTLINE'S LIFE RECALLED BY WRITER

Stamford Author's Early Life Full of Thrills and Adventures

(From Delhi correspondent.)

The following taken from the New York Herald and Tribune of Sept. 9, 1924, under the heading "Rod and Gun News" may be of interest to some Walton and vicinity people, as well as others who love the forests and streams:

"Without forests the streams and even small lakes would cease to exist. This is not mystery, but history. Barren hillsides and parched lands furnish dismal scenes of alternate deluge and drouth. The good work of the conservation commission in supplying without cost, liberal quantities of thrifty saplings to help the state in developing forests should be appreciated by the public."

There seems to be a coincidence of an encouraging sort to the angler in the fact that school district No. 1 of the town of Walton, Delaware county, has voted an appropriation of \$300 to purchase land and start a school forest. This is in line with the eternal fitness of things and will be pleasing to all the Waltonian clan. If this object lesson does not "teach the young idea how to shoot" in the primary school at Walton, it will teach the pupils in that region, where brook trout are plentiful, that trees must be planted and cared for so that the hills of Delaware shall be forever fitly crowned as when "Ned Buntline," ardent and famous novelist, first cast his line off the rod in his native town of Stamford, now a popular summer resort.

Ned Buntline, referred to above, who was Col. E. C. Z. Judson of Stamford in his declining years, and in his early youth "the Judson boy," who ran away from Stamford, concealing himself in the boot of an old-fashioned stage coach, thus getting a start on what proved to be a long and tempestuous journey. During his career he saw much of the wild west and took part in many exciting episodes in the Rockies and on the western plains. In the state of Tennessee he was hung on the limb of a tree and left for dead, but was cut down by friends in time to save his life. During the great draft riots in New York city during the Civil war he was set upon by a mob and would again have lost his life, except that he was again rescued by friends who suddenly opened the basement door of a public building and pulled him out of danger.

For many years, he was a popular writer of fiction much of which was published by the New York Ledger and also in the dime novel form. While yet at work as an author he returned to his native town and built a home, "Eagle's Nest," on the Hobart road near Stamford village. He married at this period an estimable young lady of Stamford and at Eagle's Nest he spent the latter years of his life, living in comfort and with some degree of luxury.

It was hard for the colonel to forget the exciting experiences he had had in the west and so at one time after he had settled down to a domestic life in Stamford he brought on to Stamford a lot of half breeds and cowboys he had known in the west and after drilling them for some time went on the road with a wild west show. As we now recall this venture was not very successful and did not last long. Judson was very fond of trout fishing and with friends from Stamford made many trips to the Beaverkill territory. For these excursions he had a long buckboard wagon constructed so that with comfort he could get over the narrow and rough roads of the Beaverkill country as they were thirty years ago. Probably owing to his rough experiences in his younger days the colonel was quite lame and so could not cover as much ground on fishing trips as his younger companions. However, he got even on this score by hiring a boy who belonged to the family where he stopped on fishing trips and who with his ironwood rod and cotton line could land more trout than the best of them, to fool along the stream and clandestinely slip him his catch.