

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

REGISTER OCT. 11 AND 18

Hunting - Season Opens—The Milk Prices—Fire Department Inspection—Two Break Bones.

A mammoth minstrel show will be produced in Walton during the week of October 20 for the benefit of St. John's church.

Mrs. William S. Holley fell Friday near Charles E. Smith's, upper North street, and fractured a bone in her right arm. Her glasses were broken in the fall and she suffered a bad cut near the eye from the broken glass. Dr. E. Ray Gladstone was called in attendance.

William H. Mulford, formerly of Walton, was sentenced, to three years in Auburn prison when he pleaded guilty in Broome county court in Binghamton Wednesday on an indictment charging forgery, second degree. Mulford will be given the benefit of the time he has spent in the Broome county jail.

Saturday, October 11th, from 7 a. m. until 10 p. m., and Saturday, October 18th, from 1 p. m. until 10 p. m., are the two days of registration for the general election on November 4th. Every voter should see that he is registered although personal registration is not required. Unless a person is registered he cannot vote.

Harold Van Gordon, employed by the Beerston Acetate company, cut a bad gash in his foot with an axe while working in the woods Friday. On Monday Joseph Hendrickson, employed as a fireman, in the acid factory, struck his right elbow in such a way as to fracture the internal condyle of the elbow. Dr. W. G. Smith attended both men.

The Walton fire department will hold its annual inspection and parade Tuesday evening, Oct. 7. All firemen are asked to report at Walton hall at 6:30 o'clock. Following the inspection a clambake will be served at the Royal restaurant. The Walton department has voted not to attend the firemen's tournament at Oxford on Thursday of next week.

Henry Eckhardt of Trout Creek, a student in the Walton high school, sustained a Colles' fracture of his left wrist last Thursday. Young Eckhardt and his sisters have rooms over Carman's store, Mead street. Eckhardt and a friend, Isaac Carman, were playing with some barrels when Eckhardt fell over backwards from a barrel he was riding. Dr. E. Ray Gladstone reduced the fracture.

The automobiles driven by Hiram M. Tiffany of Oneonta and Wells Baker of Walton collided on the Delhi state road near Walton on Wednesday afternoon. According to Tiffany in his report of the accident he was coming around a curve well over on his side of the road when the Baker car side-swiped his machine. The fenders on one side of the Oneonta car were badly jammed. The Baker car was not much damaged.

October milk prices will remain the same as in September, according to the forthcoming number of the Dairymen's League News, which also announces a third lot of certificates of indebtedness will be purchased by the association at 95 cents on the dollar with accrued interest to October 1st. Prices adopted by the board of directors September 24th for 100 pounds of 3 per cent milk at the 200-201 mile zone during October are: Class 1, \$2.60; class 2-a, \$1.90; classes 2-b and 2-c, \$2.05; class 3, \$1.45.

Members of Company F, 107th

Infantry, living in Walton and vicinity and a number of members of the old Company F, First New York Infantry, held a banquet and reunion in the sunlight room of the Royal restaurant Saturday evening. About thirty-five were present. Speeches were made by Major C. T. O'Neill and Mayor A. J. Courtney. A committee of five was appointed to organize a veterans' association of Company F, First New York Infantry, and a meeting for this purpose will be held on October 18.

The open season for cottontail rabbits began October first and closes January 31. Varying hares may be taken from October 15th to March first; squirrels from October 15th to November 15th, both inclusive; and grouse or partridge from October first to November 15th. Mink may be taken from November 10th to March 15th, muskrat from December first to March 31st, and skunk and raccoon from November 10th to February 10th. Many sportsmen believe that the seasons on the various kinds of game should begin at the same time.

Tuesday's high water recalls the flood of October 9, 1903. At that time Delaware street was entirely under water and boats were used. Water, stood five feet deep on upper Delaware street. Among the bridges carried out at that time was the one over East brook on Benton avenue. Fifteen head of cattle on the More farm below the village were carried downstream but only one was drowned. The others reached shore at various places, most of them two or three miles downstream. The flood of 1903 was reported as greater than the one of 1869. In 1903 the Delaware river was fourteen inches higher than the high water mark on the bridge at Hawley's station at the time of the 1869 flood.

FLOOD ON TUESDAY CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

Water Higher Than at Any Time 1903

BRIDGES CARRIED OUT

Roads are Badly Washed, Crops are Burned and Cellars Filled With Water by Continued Rain.

What older residents say is the worst flood since that of October 9, 1903, visited Walton and Delaware county Tuesday.

The rainfall began Monday morning about 9 o'clock and continued almost without interruption until after 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, with a slight cessation that afternoon.

The rainfall Monday and Tuesday as recorded by the state school of agriculture in Delhi amounted to 4.86 inches. The average rainfall for a month is less than 4 inches.

Both East and West brooks rose rapidly Tuesday afternoon and toward evening went down nearly as fast as they had come up. East brook overflowed near the East street bridge. From Mrs. Alida Bates house the water crossed the field and inundated Griswold street from the Union street corner to the bridge near John S. Holley's. The roadbed of the street was badly washed.

West brook overflowed A. W. North's flats and the waters came out near the site of Mead's dam and flowed down Townsend street to East street, thence to Liberty street. The brook was over its banks at several places along Liberty street and at one time that street was under water from one end to the other.

Delaware street was flooded by West brook beyond the Liberty street corner. Fifteen inches of water stood in the shop of Coulter's garage at the foot of Liberty street. Delaware street was under water from the East brook bridge to the foot of Griswold street and part of Benton avenue was flooded. The waters came within about a foot of

MILD FALL, UPEN WINTER FORECAST BY MAJOR WEBB

Major James I. Webb, who established his reputation as a weather prophet by his prediction a year ago of an open winter with little snow and in the spring forecast a cool summer, is not in accord with DeVoe, the Hackensack prophet.

DeVoe predicts a cold fall with snow on election day. Major Webb says that he looks for a late and somewhat warm fall with comparatively mild weather until late in the season, followed by a winter with no deep snowfall at one time. He believes the temperature the

ensuing winter will not be as mild as last winter, but on the other hand will not be characterized by the extreme cold of some winters.

The past year has been one with very little sunshine. There will be more sunshine in the year to come, the Major predicts.

Major Webb bases his forecasts upon conditions during the week or ten days preceding and following the line storm. The sun crossed the line on Sept. 22 and before that the weather had been clear with southerly winds. The line storm itself was not severe.

the stringers supporting the various brook bridges.

Cellars were flooded and the wonder is that with the amount of water more extensive damage was not done. The streets flooded were little damaged with the exception of Griswold street. Outside of the village the high water undermined the bridge over West brook near Frank Gould's and the bridge on the Woodford road near W. R. Russell's, as well as a bridge at Loomis. The Fish hollow, McGibbon hollow and other hill roads were badly washed. Considerable damage was done to crops as the water flooded a number of corn, potato and cabbage fields.

Hogs Drown in Flood.

(From Rockland correspondent.)

The rain that began falling Monday continued all night and Tuesday morning water in the Beaverkill at Rockland was at the danger point. The rain continued during the day until it became a flood.

An elm tree that had long leaned over the upper end of the mill pond was uprooted and fell across the pond. Pieces of timber, sections of trees and debris of all sorts came down. The island between the mill pond and the river was all roaring water and in the afternoon the water went over the bank of the pond as far as Main street at Mill street, flooding cellars and street. A section of stone work was taken out of the corner below the mill pond toward the river side that calls for a good bit of masonry. The bridge which Joseph Taylor had built across the tail race below the mill was loosened at one end and swung part way around. People who had not lived here during a flood were some of them panic stricken, others were angry and threatened to collect damages of anyone who had any money to pay, while those who could see across the flood tide said they really enjoyed it. It is over twenty years since our last real flood. People can now wash down their cellar walls with a hose and once more put their house in order and thank the Lord it was no worse.

Albert Tremper had a field of cabbage flooded. The road toward Delaware county at the upper end of the flat near the covered bridge was damaged. The door of the Mapledale amusement hall lies in the Rockland House grove.

Three hundred feet of state road at Horton was taken out and people are having to detour from Roscoe over the hill by Tennanah lake. A car was caught in the current on Barbee's flat north of Roscoe, turned around and-caught in a washout. The passengers were taken out in a boat and Wood's truck towed the car to safety Wednesday morning.

One of Will Stickle's hogs was washed against a tree, wrapped around it and killed. Another hog was washed away as were hogs from a slaughter house on the Darbee flat near the bridge.

CAME BACK TOO SOON

Arrest Man Who Ran Away With Another's Wife.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

William H. Bockus, a former resident of Delhi and more recently of South Dakota, was arrested on Main street, Delhi, Sunday afternoon on a warrant charging adultery. Under-sheriff Stewart

chanced to be standing on Main street when he saw a South Dakota car approaching and thinking of the possibility of Bockus held it up and found his suspicions were right and Mr. Bockus was made a prisoner.

Bockus was accompanied by one who was Mrs. Alice Shaw, wife of Charles Shaw of Delhi. She obtained a divorce from Shaw in South Dakota recently and was married to the prisoner on Sept. 2, 1924. The adultery charge is pre-historic so far as the divorce and marriage are concerned. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were married some twenty years since and led a quiet and domestic existence here at Delhi for these years, Mrs. Shaw being possessed of considerable property, among the items, a house in the village and a farm just outside of town. Mr. Shaw is a member of a well known family and has the respect of his neighbors and the citizens of Delhi.

Bockus came to Delhi as an ex-service man at the state agricultural school, but soon had trouble there and was expelled. He continued to loaf around Delhi, posing as a detective. Soon his relations with Mrs. Shaw were a matter of common talk. Some months since the couple left Delhi and drifted to Dakota where a divorce was obtained. The now Mrs. Bockus gave bail for the appearance of her husband before Justice Wight on Wednesday by depositing a \$1,000 Liberty bond which was the amount required.

The case was called at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday. Judge Parsons of Binghamton appeared for the defendant and Hamilton J. Hewitt for the people. After considerable squabbling as to the proceedings Charles E. Shaw was sworn, the former husband of the now Mrs. Bockus. As the attorneys insisted that Justice Wight commit all questions and answers to writing the trial proceeded very slowly and summing up was not finished until about 6 p. m. Mr. Shaw was the only witness sworn and his testimony reduced to an essence was that when he discovered the alleged offense he was followed by Bockus, who offered him \$6,000 in cash and a house and lot if he would keep his mouth shut about the affair. Mr. Shaw testified his reply was that money was out of the question in a matter of this kind. Imagine it passed through the minds of the listeners in the court room that this offer of the defendant was something like the offer the devil once made to give "all the kingdoms of the earth" when he did not own a foot of real estate. Justice Wight held the defendant to await the action of the grand jury, the \$1,000 bail already furnished at time of arrest to continue. When court was dismissed Bockus was again arrested by Undersheriff Stewart on a warrant charging him with assault and alienation of Shaw's wife's affections. Bockus again came to the front and furnished the \$2,000 bail demanded in the last proceeding.

CARRIER DROPS DEAD TRYING TO KILL HAWK

Hancock Mail Man Stricken With Heart Trouble While Hurrying

(From Hancock correspondent.)

Louis Bissell, carrier on the Hancock-Scott Center mail route, died suddenly from heart trouble

Saturday afternoon while hurrying across a hill to get a shot at a hawk.

Mr. Bissell left the Hancock post office about 3:30 o'clock that afternoon. At Autumn Leaves, Pa., he was joined by his wife and they proceeded on their way in Mr. Bissell's automobile.

Near the home of Henry Roberts Mr. Bissell noticed a large hen hawk and told his wife that he was going to get a shot at the bird. He stopped at the Roberts home to borrow a gun and then started on a run up a steep grade to get a shot.

After Mrs. Bissell had waited for some time for her husband to return she sent a boy to look for him. The lad came back on a run saying that Mr. Bissell had fallen and was awful white. Mrs. Bissell hurried to the place and tried to arouse her husband but to no avail. Death was caused by heart failure brought on by excitement and over exertion.

The body was removed to the home of Mr. Bissell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bissell, and the funeral was held Monday at the Baptist church in Hancock, Rev. J. F. Weinbauer officiating. Burial was made at Honesdale, Pa.

Mr. Bissell was married a few months ago. His wife and parents, and one brother survive.

AFTER THE BOOTLEGGERS

Federal Officers Make Raid at Andes and Stamford,

Federal agents operating under the direction of Edward Schaffer, agent in charge of the Albany office, together with state troopers from Troop C at Sidney barracks, on Monday made two raids resulting in three arrests and the seizure of a large quantity of alleged whiskey, wine and beer.

The officers first visited the home of Frank Grant on the Stamford-Hobart road, under a search and seizure warrant issued by United States Commissioner Seybolt of Oneonta. Here the officials declared they found several bottles of alleged liquor and a five-gallon jug, some of which was found in the automobile.

Frank Grant and his son, Francis K. Grant, were placed under arrest and brought to Oneonta, where they were arraigned before Commissioner Seybolt charged with the illegal possession and transportation of intoxicants. The two were represented by Attorney Donald H. Grant, pleaded not guilty and demanded a hearing, which was set down for October 7, before Commissioner Seybolt in Oneonta.

They were released under \$1,000 bonds each, which was furnished by Charles E. Grant of Stamford.

The second raid made by the enforcement officers was upon the old structure in Andes formerly used as a creamery and which is occupied in part by Angelo Lodevici. Here the officers alleged they found a quantity of beer and wine which was seized and Lodevici placed under arrest. The intoxicants are believed to have been made in the building. The structure is owned by the Delaware & Northern railroad.

Lodevici will be arraigned before United States Commissioner John G. More in Walton today, Friday.

DETAIN RUNAWAY BOYS

Deposit Officer Takes Youngsters From Erie Train.

(From Deposit correspondent.) R. S. Shapley, policeman in Deposit village, received a telegram Saturday that two boys, nine and fourteen years of age, had run away from children's court in Ithaca. They were taken from the train and detained in the village lockup until an officer from that place came after them.