

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, October 11, 1924

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

GASOLINE NOW 17 CENTS

Quarry Worker Breaks Leg—Lumberman Drops Log on Foot—Farmer Cuts Arm With Axe.

Gasoline dropped two cents in Walton the first of the week. The retail price in the village is now seventeen cents a gallon.

The first killing frost of the season came Wednesday night. Practically everything that might be damaged has been harvested except fruits.

H. M. Robinson has sold his building on Delaware street, formerly the Shepard furniture store, to D. W. Parsons, who conducts a market in the building.

James Coddington, employed by the Keery company at Rock Rift, fell against a woodpile Monday and loosened a rib. Dr. W. G. Smith is the attending physician.

At a meeting of the town 'board Friday evening Thomas Clark of Liberty street was appointed overseer of the poor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Albert Smith.

Permits allowing the holder to learn to drive a motor vehicle may be secured from the county clerk on payment of ten cents. A permit is good for thirty days and the holder must be accompanied by a licensed chauffeur or operator while learning to operate a motor vehicle. An operator's license does not entitle a person to drive a motor vehicle as an employee or for hire but in such instances a chauffeur's license must be secured.

Mr. and Mrs. William Chase returned Tuesday evening from an extended motor trip to Kato-nah, Union Hill and other places. They covered some 600 miles or better and did not have a mishap until nearly home. While coming down factory hill, near the novelty works, about 8:30 o'clock that evening Mr. Chase's Jewett car and an Oakland driven by Adam Cammer of Colchester station collided. A fender on the Chase car was badly jammed. Blinding headlights doubtless caused the accident.

The road has been blocked below the Voorhies barn since Saturday by two steam shovels. The Cannonsville auto-bus mail carrier comes up on the Apex side of the river, as he is likely to be compelled to do much of the time in the future until the road nears completion. The fourth steam shovel arrived on Saturday. It is being unloaded from the end of the switch by the acid factory and will be taken through the river and started at work by the end of the week at some point down below.—Rock Rift correspondent.

Miss Katherine Wright was operated upon last Thursday night for relief from an acute attack of appendicitis. The operation was performed by Dr. Fred Douglas of Utica, assisted by Dr. W. R. Gladstone. Monday E. Ray Gladstone, assisted by Dr. W. R. Gladstone and Dr. C. S. Gould, operated upon Arthur Lakin, son of Herry Lakin of Shavertown, for appendicitis. The operation was performed at the home of William Coulter. Both patients are making good recovery.

Monday afternoon while H. C. McKenzie was driving toward Walton on the Beerston road a car operated by Blinn Howard came up from behind and rammed into the rear of the McKenzie machine. Howard's car was thrown into the fence and down the bank. Howard has been working at Frasers. Witnesses state that he was driving in a reckless manner and was apparently intoxicated. A hearing will be held before Justice E. S. White Sat-

urday morning to determine whether Howard's operator's license shall be suspended or revoked.

The Smalley circuit took possession of the Hamilton theatre last Thursday, Oct. 2. This theatre will be run in the regular Smalley channel. The Hamilton theatre has several offices and four large stores, all in the same block. It has a large stage and seats between eight and nine hundred people. Colgate college is located in Hamilton with about nine hundred and fifty students. This town should be a big addition to the Smalley circuit. W. C. Smalley, owner and manager, keeps in personal touch with his theatres at all times and does all the booking, routing and buying. The Majestic theatre in Walton is owned by Mr. Smalley, who also leases Walton Hall. His string includes fourteen theatres owned or leased.

William Cairns, who is employed in Henry Conner's quarry, Marvin hollow, had his left leg fractured Monday when the member was caught by a heavy block of stone weighing nearly a ton. Mr. Conner managed to hold the 'block back until Mr. Cairns was released or the leg would have been terribly crushed. The knee was also injured. Kenneth Smith, employed by B. H. Jones, East brook, was cutting a log Tuesday when the end dropped on his left foot, causing a painful injury. Harry Lambert of the Walton Auto Sales company force caught the thumb of his left hand under the body of a car while helping to assemble Fords Monday and had the end of the thumb taken off back to the bone. Dr. W. B. Morrow. was called to attend all three men.

SOME ECHOES OF FLOOD

Mother and Babes Carried to Place of Safety

CORBETT FARMER LOSES

Damage to Highways, Bridges and Farm Crops Will Amount to Many Thousands.

Reports of damage from the high water of last week continue to come in. It is difficult to estimate the total damage, but it will run into the thousands of dollars. The various towns suffered severe losses from the washing out of roads or damage to bridges. Many farmers suffered severe crop losses.

The Reporter's correspondents send in the following reports of damage not mentioned last week:

Water Carries Out Docking.

(From Corbett correspondent.) The heavy rain of last week caused considerable damage in and around Corbett. Homer Palmer places his damage at \$1,000. The docking in the Campbell brook which crosses his farm gave away. He and his wife had worked many days building the docking to protect his farm. Two large butternut trees were torn out by the flood, one of the trees falling so as to change the course of the stream. The other tree was taken some distance farther down the stream where it struck the docking that was built to protect J. L. Stuart's cabin, changing the course of the stream for a few minutes. Mr. Palmer had a lot of corn that he had cut a few days before to protect from the frost taken away by the flood. He thinks he lost about 20 tons of corn. Another docking above the Corbett school house gave away letting a torrent of water around the school building. Only a few minutes before this the teachers had dismissed school and the scholars were carried to safety. Mr. and Mrs. Abram Houck, who have living rooms in the basement of the school house until a house is vacated for them, were forced to leave as the water came in to the depth of 18 inches. In the morning the water had gone and school was resumed.

Rescue Babes and Mother.

(From Deposit correspondent.) While the reports of damages

ENFORCEMENT OF MOTOR LAW WILL COMMENCE AT ONCE

The period of grace which Commissioner Harnett, of the state motor vehicle bureau requested police authorities to observe in the enforcement of the new operator's law, has passed and all police officers are expected to see that the provisions of the measure are lived up to.

Ample opportunity has been given everyone to secure a license and failure to do so is due solely to the individual. It is expected that the state police and other peace officers will at once begin a check up of delinquents. Every operator must show his license when requested by an officer and failure to have the license is punishable by a fine for the first offense. Enforcement of the law will greatly lessen motor accidents, it is expected, through the suspension of licenses of drivers who are found in tox-

icated or guilty of reckless driving. Commissioner Harnett has announced that in any cases where it is found that a car is being operated for hire without the owner having secured the liability bond required by law that the chauffeur's license of the driver will be revoked regardless of whatever additional action is taken against the owner of the vehicle.

A resolution was adopted at the closing session of the New York State Automobile association's annual meeting in Little Falls Tuesday opposing agitation to permit the state motor vehicle bureau to lower the age limit for the issuance operators' licenses. Eighteen years, it was agreed at the meeting, was the lowest age at which it is advisable to permit anyone to operate an automobile.

and escapes of the recent flood are nearly all in, yet Deposit has one of the most thrilling, daring and heart rending stories yet to tell. On Monday morning before the flood a Mrs. Stanton, a respected lady residing on Elm street, gave birth to twin babies, a boy and girl. On Tuesday morning the house being in a low part of the village, was inundated, the water being nearly to the bed. Her physician, Dr. C. V. Latimer, and L. F. Tucker carried her out on the bed and placed her in a truck. The babies were asleep and were safely transported to the home of Mrs. Stanton's daughter.

Bridges Out at Andes.

(From Andes correspondent.) A force of men and a team have been busy the past week making repairs in the corporation that was damaged by the flood of last week and it will take quite some time yet to finish, as there are abutments to build for, an iron foot bridge that went out on Delaware avenue, near the meat market, and also a new bridge to be erected. It will cost our village quite a sum to replace all the-damage done.

Hancock Highways Damaged.

(From East Branch Correspondent.) The superintendent of highways accompanied by the town board of Hancock visited Fishs creek, Pea brook and Hollihan brook, where damage was done by the late flood. They estimated the cost of repairs at less than two thousand dollars.

Laundry Tank Washed Out.

(From Fleischmanns correspondent.) During the high water of last Tuesday the washing tank of the Fleischmanns laundry was washed from its foundation and floated down stream to the bridge, near the high school grounds, where it was anchored fast until such time as it could be moved back to its position in the laundry.

WALTON MAN GIVEN \$1,029 COMPENSATION

Referee Decides in Favor of John Dann

HAD STRAINED HIS HEART

Effort in Raising Shingles to Roof Cause of Carpenter's Long Illness.

R. J. Cooper, referee, has rendered a decision awarding John Dann of Walton workmen's compensation for a period of 53 1-3 weeks at \$19.30 a week, a total of \$1,029.33, and the case is continued to determine further liability.

The case was contested by the Fidelity and Casualty company, the insurance carrier, upon the grounds of no notice within the time allowed by law, that the alleged injury was not accidental and that the condition from which the claimant is and was suffering is not the result of an accidental injury.

It was claimed that Mr. Dann while employed by Dr. J. A. Hol-

ley on the construction of a house on lower North street on June 28, 1923, suffered a heart strain due to lifting which has since incapacitated him. Attorney A. E. Conner has represented Mr. Dann in the matter.

In his decision the referee holds that proper notice was given on the injury. In regard to the other two questions he finds that the testimony of Dr. McKanna of Troy, a specialist, confirms that of Dr. Gould and Dr. E. Ray Gladstone of Walton that the injury received by claimant was a heart dilation or enlargement due to a strain while in the act of raising shingles from the ground to the roof of the building.

The referee finds that the claimant met with an injury known in the workmen's compensation law as an accidental injury and was a strain which aggravated a heart condition and disabled the claimant so that he was unable to work.

COLLISION AT CANNONSVILLE

Hulbert Car Badly Stove Up in a Smash.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.) Last Friday evening W. C. Hulbert, driving his Ford touring car in which were Mrs. Hulbert and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Eggleston, had a collision with a car driven by George Faulkner, who was accompanied by Mrs. Faulkner. The accident occurred just beyond the bridge over Trout creek on the Deposit road.

The Faulkner car struck Mr. Hulbert's Ford, tearing off one front wheel, bending the axle and fender, and breaking spokes out of the front wheel, in fact putting one side of the machine out of commission. The other car was only slightly damaged. None of the occupants of either car were injured other than a bad fright and a thorough shaking up.

CHILD NEARLY DIES FROM SUFFOCATION

Aged Deposit Woman Also Suffers Severe Burns

FIND FIRE IN BEDROOM

Flames Destroy Bed and Bedding in Riggs House Before Extinguished.

Fire broke out Tuesday evening in the house on Myrtle avenue, Deposit, owned by Robert Riggs and occupied by the Huyck and Brisack families.

The fire was in a back bedroom, where a bed was on fire. The bed and bedding were consumed, but the flames were extinguished before the building was damaged to any great extent.

Mrs. Hannah Huyck, an aged lady, was badly burned on both hands, face and back.

The five year old son of Mrs. Edra Reynolds, which was in a front bedroom, came near being suffocated by smoke. He was discovered by William Lee, who carried him into the open air. As the

child did not revive then, he was rushed to the office of Dr. Axtell, who soon had him breathing normal again. The child was severely burned on his back and is suffering from pneumonia, caused by inhaling the smoke.

No one seems to know how the fire originated.

NEW WAY TO CATCH MICE.

A Walton lady has discovered a unique method of capturing rodents. She bought a quart can of molasses, used part of it, and then set the can away for future use. When she went to get some of the molasses later she found the can full of mice who were entangled in the sweetness and stayed there. Any lady in Walton is at perfect liberty to use the new discovery in the mouse-catching line.

WALTON WINS AT TENNIS

High School Players Take Five Out of Six Matches.

The Walton high school tennis team met the Delhi tennis team Saturday on the Congregational court. The Walton team was victorious, losing only one out of the six matches. There were three men's singles: Augustus Smith vs. Hugh Dick, score, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, won by Dick; Harry Fagan vs. Robert Wyer, score, 6-2, won by Fagan; Robert Laidlaw vs. Jack Clarke, score, 6-0, 6-0, won by Laidlaw. There was one girl's singles: Doris Holmes vs. Ann Jackson, score, 6-1, 6-0, won by Holmes. Also mixed doubles: Doris Holmes and, Robert Laidlaw vs. Miss Curtis and Jack Clarke, score, 6-0, 6-2, won by Holmes and Laidlaw. Also men's doubles: Walter Terry and Richard White vs. Thompson and Becker, score, 1-6, 7-5, 6-2, won by Terry and White.

FIRE IN COLCHESTER SCHOOL

Blaze Started by Defective Pipe Causes \$200 Damage.

(From Corbett correspondent.) Last Friday morning at about 7:30 the Colchester schoolhouse was discovered to be on fire. By hard work the fire was extinguished but not until it had burned a large hole in the building. It is estimated that the damage is \$200. It is thought that the fire started from a defective stove pipe.

JUSTICE KELLOGG IMPROVING.

Justice A. L. Kellogg of Oneonta, who has been seriously ill, is reported as much improved in health. Justice Davis will preside at the Cortland county term of supreme court in place of Justice Kellogg.

D. & N. SPEEDER DERAILED

Two Railroad Employees Injured in Accident.

(East Branch correspondent.) The D. & N. speeder ran off the track last Thursday, severely injuring Mr. Sheagle of East Branch and Ralph Sprague of Harvard. Dr. Brittain of Downsville attended the injured men, both of whom are recovering slowly.

GOT DRUNK IN DEPOSIT.

(From Deposit Correspondent.) Officer C. A. Wheaton arrested two drunks from Lordville last week and placed them in the village lockup. They were brought before Judge Flower the next morning and plead guilty to public intoxication and were fined \$7 each. They were accompanied by two other fellows who say they came along as secretary and treasurer of the company. The secretary acted his part and the treasurer paid the bills.