

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, October 18, 1924

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

ROOSEVELT WILL SPEAK

New Bridge at Rock Rift—Kiwanis Charter Night—Woman Goes Bankrupt—Branch Broke.

Adam Cammer of Colchester station will start a new milk route in Walton Monday.

Larry Ryan has sold his property on Burton street to Mrs. Emma Edic of Ventura, Ia., through the agency of C. G. Robinson.

Mrs. Hazel Schlafer will commence receiving the fall installment of the school tax Monday. The rate is \$9.30 on each \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt. Republican candidate for Governor of New York state will speak at Walton, N. Y., on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 2:15 p. m.

Mrs. Charles Howland, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Beckwith, fell Tuesday while walking across a room and sustained a fracture of her right hip. Dr. W. B. Morrow is the attending physician.

L. Joint Dunn, one of the state road foremen, recently had a bad turnover at rock cut crossing in his coupe. The car turned over three times. Though inconvenienced by a painful lameness for a few days neither Mr. Dunn nor his companion were much hurt.

Hawley Fitch and Thomas Smith, who left Walton Oct. 3 for a transcontinental trip in a Ford car, reached Linneus, Missouri, Saturday morning, Oct. 11. After a few days' stay at the home of Fred Fitch in that place the young men will continue their journey by way of Texas and may take temporary employment in the oil fields in that state.

While Gerald Cairns was picking apples Tuesday a branch of the tree on which his ladder was leaning broke beneath his weight. The ladder in falling struck a fence and pitched young Cairns headlong. He fell about fifteen feet but escaped with nothing more serious than a bad cut near the left temple. Dr. Morrow dressed the injury. Gerald's father, William C. Cairns, had his leg broken in Conner's stone quarry last week.

Dorothy E. Husted, proprietor of the Peggy O'Neill shop at Walton, filed a petition in bankruptcy in federal court in Utica, Oct. 15, with liabilities of \$5,311 and assets of \$3,126. Most of the 100 creditors are of New York city; others include Fred Lyon, \$50; Walton Reporter, \$51. Woodburn Bros., \$54, of Walton; Stamford bank, \$125, and Howard Dyckman, \$75, of Stamford; and First National bank of Hamden, \$500. Attorney A. D. Peake represents the bankrupt.

With four steam shovels at work the widening, raising and leveling of the road as far the Fish brook bridge will soon be accomplished. For some distance near the town line the bank is being reinforced and built up with stonework and logs. The river here cuts through the island and a strong current is thrown to the west side. The concrete abutments are ready for the new bridge over Chace brook at Rock Rift to meet the requirements of the state road. A well built bridge of concrete is necessary.—Rock Rift correspondent.

The Kiwanis club was organized and chartered about two years ago. There is planned a big ladies' night for Friday, Oct. 24, to be held at the armory. Dinner will be served at 6:45. The Rev. George Leichter of

Buffalo will be the principal speaker. He made a great hit at the New York state Kiwanis convention, attended by several of the members. The quartettes from Utica, Oneonta and Binghamton are expected to be present and sing. There will be dancing after the dinner and speaking and singing. Those who had the privilege of attending charter night two years ago had a great time, but this one will outshine charter night. The Lt. District Gov. Charles Bennett of Utica will be here to make his official visit. Kiwanians and their wives are all expected to be present and many visitors, not members of the club, will also be expected. Large delegations from Oneonta and Delhi will attend.

The town boards of the towns of Walton and Tompkins held a joint meeting in Walton Monday at which time it was agreed to place George Edgecomb in charge of the construction of abutments for the new bridge over the Delaware river at Rock Rift, made necessary by the construction of the Grant-on-Rock Rift road. The location of the highway is greatly changed and the state plans call for a new bridge 24 feet wide with 186 foot span, which must be erected at the expense of the two towns. The highway department is insistent that the abutments be built this fall as a big fill is to be made on each side and the fill has to settle one winter before concrete is laid. Mr. Edgecomb's figure on the work is \$11,930, 'which is considerably below the estimates of the engineering company which drew the plans for the bridge. Propositions to bond the two towns to defray the cost of the steel superstructure will be submitted to the voters later. The cost of the steel work is placed at from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

EARLY MORNING FIRE DAMAGES WALTON HOME

Fire Works in Partitions in Tony Liquory's and Does \$500 Damage.

Fire starting in a room at the rear of the home of Tony Liquory on Delaware street, Walton, Friday night did damage of about \$500.

The fire was discovered by Mrs. Liquory, who had spent a wakeful night caring for her son, Frank, who had been knocked down that afternoon by an automobile. Mrs. Liquory smelled smoke and on investigating found the house on fire. She aroused her husband who in his night shirt rushed over to Sherman Hoyt's, the next door neighbor, and had the alarm phoned in from there.

The firemen were soon on the scene but when they arrived the kitchen, which is in an addition to the house, was a mass of flames. The fire here was quickly extinguished but it had eaten through the partition and the flames had been drawn upward to the air space under the roof and fire broke out through the roof in several places. It was necessary to cut holes in the roof in several places to get to the fire and it was nearly an hour before the last spark was out.

Mr. Liquory's three small children were carried to the home of Sherman Hoyt where they were put to bed. The house was insured with the town insurance company and the loss was adjusted at \$537. Lindgren and Brainard's pool room and V. H. Laidlaw's dry cleaning establishment in the front of the building were not damaged.

BLOWOUT CAUSES UPSET

Andes Man Nearly Suffocated Under Overturned Truck

LOAD OF MILK SPILLED

Tree Saves Hambleville Man From Plunge Into Delaware River With Truck.

(From Andes correspondent.) ' Harold Cole of Andes, while on his way to the creamery Tuesday

morning with his Ford truck, met with an accident that nearly cost him his life. In passing another car he either ran off the edge of the macadam or had a tire blowout with him. The mark on the road showed the tire was off when the car came back on the road. The car topped over, pinning him underneath. Mr. Cole states that he was being suffocated and had decided on waiting for the end when the milk from the cans began to run on him and it appeared to give him new energy and he began to struggle. Mrs. Ward Truesdale, who lives near, went to his rescue and by hard work he got freed from his position. Mr. Cole was bruised about the head but escaped what might have been a fatal accident.

A Hambleville man driving a truck loaded with milk met with an accident which fortunately resulted in only slight damage. The incident is described by the Reporter's Deposit correspondent as follows:

Orin Mills of Hambleville, returning from Deposit, where he had been with a truck load of milk, attempting to turn around near Stilesville bridge he lost control of the truck and it went down the bank. Had it not been for a tree the truck with empty cans and milk would all have been in the Delaware river, but the tree was there and no one was injured. G. H. McLaughry, with his wrecking crew, soon had the truck back in the highway.

A motor accident experienced by a Hancock man is related by the Reporter's correspondent at that place:

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dingee and two children of Hancock made a trip to Dunmore, Pa., Sunday to visit friends and after spending the day started home about 5 p. m. After they had passed through Forest City, Pa., it was very dark. They met a big car with glaring headlights driven at a rapid rate of speed and hogging the road. Mr. Dingee was crowded to the lower side of the road and before he could get his machine stopped the two right wheels were off the roadbed and just hanging over a high embankment. Fortunately the car did not go over into a creek. A wrecking car was gotten from Forest City which soon got them back into the road and by good luck his car was not damaged. After getting righted the party came on home without further trouble. Mr. Dingee got the number of the car that crowded him off. He has not as yet decided what he will do in the matter.

JUMPED HIS BOARD BILL

Man of Many Aliases Now Behind Prison Bars.

Everett Rowe, alias Edward Yeomans, alias Ed White, who came originally from Downsville, was sentenced to Delhi jail by Justice Holmes of Downsville Monday on a charge of defrauding a hotel keeper.

Rowe, who has had a somewhat checkered career, arrived in Downsville last Wednesday, accompanied by a man and wife and two girls. Rowe passed as manager of the White show company, which he had organized in Elmira, and brought his companions to Downsville on the strength of his statement that he had a show booked for that village. He contracted with Mrs. Ed Smith, manager of the Eagle hotel, to board the party. He told his companions that things had not broken right and no show was given. Two days later he left town ostensibly to get a booking at Roscoe. One of the young ladies accompanied him. When he failed to return the matter was reported to the state police in Sidney and Corporal Krass and Trooper Metcalf were assigned to the case.

Troopers went to his mother's home in Elmira but could get no information. It was learned that his father, Alexander Rowe, and a married sister live at Maryland, Otsego county. Corporal Krass and Trooper Metcalf went to that place Monday afternoon and found him

at his father's farm home, where they placed him under arrest. He denied everything until brought to Downsville and identified by Mrs. Smith as the man wanted.

Rowe pleaded guilty when arraigned Monday and was sentenced to six months in the Delhi jail. While in Walton two years ago Rowe was arrested on a charge of petit larceny in connection with an automobile deal with Rudolph Leigh, but his father settled the matter and the charge was withdrawn. Rowe is 22 years of age.

MIGHT HAVE BEEN A CHILD

Reckless Auto Driver Kills Pet Cat at "The Hook."

(Lake Delaware correspondent.) "Billy Bouton," the beautiful taupe color blooded coon angora four year old cat owned by Miss Mary Bouton of Lake Delaware, was hit by a speeding auto Sunday morning and instantly killed at Mrs. Sums'. A whole community mourns. He was admired by everyone who saw him and was petted and loved by all in the neighborhood. He had qualities and instinct as near human as an animal could be and knew every word spoken to him. On being told he was naughty and told to go to bed he would promptly go upstairs and get on his own bed, which was a pillow and blanket and wherever that was placed or changed he'd seek it. He made a daily round of calls and was always welcome. The state troopers could reap a ripe harvest right in the Hook. They would spend one day seeing the cars come around the curves, seldom blowing horns, making it dangerous for one to walk through the Hook across the bridge to the church. Lucky for Billy's murderer it was only a cat. Next time it may be a child or grownup, and yet it seems that the continued speeding is allowed to go on regardless of the motor laws, regardless of the signs posted. Upon every lip is the sentence, "What a shame to kill Billy Bouton. Will this speeding of cars around those dangerous curves be allowed to go on until a human life is taken?"

STEAL CARPET FROM CHURCH

Vandals Invade Edifice at North Franklin.

Several days ago some of the members upon going to the Congregational church on the Oule-out, found that someone had forced their way into the building and taken the carpet from the floor, about 100 yards of nearly new wool ingrain, all of the lamps from the chandelier lamp, all chains but two and brackets and other articles. This church has not been used for regular service for several years but has been looked after by its old members. During Rev. L. A. Roberts' pastorate it was all redecorated and newly furnished.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tiffany Married Fifty Years.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, marked the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Tiffany, respected citizens of Franklin. About one hundred relatives and friends gathered to congratulate them on the occasion. Their three children, George Tiffany of Franklin, Mrs. T. A. Henderson of Walton, and Mrs. Bert McClellon of Franklin, together with their ten grandchildren, were all able to be present. The only ones present that attended the wedding fifty years ago were Frank Graham, Mrs. Esther Davidson, brother and sister of the bride, and two nieces, Mrs. Henry Jester and Mrs. T. D. Lathan. After a bountiful dinner had been served and the beautiful wedding cake carved and passed Rev. C. A. Lay, pastor of the Mundale United Presbyteri-

an church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Tiffany have been members since that congregation was organized, with a few well chosen words on the golden time of life, presented them with an amount, a little more than one dollar per year, after which Mr. Tiffany spoke their appreciation of the kindly manner in which their friends had remembered them. The afternoon was spent in visiting and games and the reception ended with good wishes for the aged couple.

BUMPER CAULIFLOWER CROP.

(From Halcottville correspondent.)

The cauliflower crop in this vicinity is a bit on the wane these days. Nevertheless, it has been the largest crop ever harvested in this vicinity and was a very good success. It is thought that even more will be planted next year again. A better method of transportation is being worked out for the betterment of the farmer next year and it seems that cauliflower will to a large extent replace dairies as a means of livelihood in this part of the Catskill mountains.

MAN FOUND IN HOME HELD FOR BURGLARY

Prowler Caught in House at Deposit Awaits Grand Jury Action

(From Deposit correspondent.)

Some men who were working in a corn field on the Robinson farm west of Deposit, saw a man prowling around one of the tenant houses occupied by Leland Decker. The workmen went to the house and found inside the building a man who gave his name as Patrick Cardassi. They tied him with a rope and brought him to Deposit. He was arrested on the charge of burglary. He demanded an examination which was held the next morning, October 10th. On examination Decker swore that he locked the house on the morning of October 9th and that the keys that the prisoner threw upon the floor he never saw before. Judge Flower held the man for the grand jury with the privilege of giving \$300 bail. R. S. Shapley took him to Binghamton jail Friday afternoon.

AUTO HITS CALLICOON GIRL.

Jennie Keim, the 15 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Keim of Callicoon, returning from school last Friday noon, was struck sustained a break of both bones below the right knee.

A MONSTER PUMPKIN.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

S. K. Walley has on exhibition in one of his windows in his blacksmith shop one of the largest squasumpkins ever raised in this locality. It tips the scales at 69 pounds. Who can beat this squash story? It was raised on the Frank Balcom farm, near this village.

JEWELS WORTH \$5,000 STOLEN

Unadilla Woman Robbed in Savannah, Georgia.

Her offer of a reward revealed the theft of \$5,000 worth of jewels from Mrs. Harrison L. Beatty of Unadilla, who is a guest at the DeSoto hotel in Savannah, Georgia, says a dispatch to the New York Times. Mrs. Beatty reached Savannah on September 27th in an automobile on her way to Clearwater, Fla.

One theory is that Mrs. Beatty may have dropped the bag in which she carried the jewels as she arrived at the hotel. The bag was found in a trash receptacle on the side of the hotel the next morning.