

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, October 25, 1924

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

SEASON'S FIRST SNOW

Postoffice Building Sold—Injured at Playgrounds—Examine 275 School Children.

Flurries of snow have been seen in the air daily since Monday and winter temperature has prevailed.

Elmo Boice, son of A. J. Boice of Loomis, is ill with infantile paralysis. He is under the care of Dr. W. G. Smith.

The quarantine for scarlet fever has been removed from the home of Charles Knowles, Pines brook, two of whose children have been ill.

Mrs. Nancy Nichols celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday Sunday at the home of Dr. C. S. Gould. She received numerous remembrances of the day.

Logan J. Gould has bought from the Cathedral Farms, Oneonta, a registered Guernsey bull, Cathedral Royal Prince, to head his herd of Guernseys.

Platt Hanford has sold his farm on Dunk hill to James D. Brown of Fox mountain, near Liberty. The sale was made through the agency of C. G. Robinson.

Walter Petersen, who has been employed at the Reporter office, will become pastor of the Free Methodist church at Maplecrest, near Windham, Greene county, November first.

Austin Covert was operated upon Tuesday by Dr. E. Ray Gladstone, for the relief of appendicitis. Dr. W. R. Gladstone and Dr. Gould assisted. A gangrenous condition was found.

New seats which are more com-fortable than the old ones, are being installed in the Majestic theatre and other improvements made to the property by W. C. Smalley, the theatre man.

Charles Gregory fell from an apple tree at the home of his son, William Gregory, South street, one day this week and sustained a fracture of the left arm. Dr. Holley attended him.

Horace Fitch smashed the index finger of his left hand between two logs while working for Floyd Bronson on a lumber job at Gregory hollow Friday. Dr. Morrow dressed the injured member.

Corporal Krass and Trooper Metcalf of the state police have been working in the vicinity of Walton checking up to see whether all motor vehicle operators have the required license. Failure to have a license is a misdemeanor punishable by fine.

Congressman Frear while in Walton was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McKenzie. The congressman and Mr. McKenzie were associated in the successful fight waged against the proposed sales tax bill in congress when Mr. McKenzie represented the American Farm Bureau as tax expert.

Marie Entrott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Entrott, fell while swinging on the rings at the Miller avenue play ground last Thursday morning and sustained a Colle's fracture of her right wrist. Dr. Gould reduced the fracture. This is the second accident on the school play grounds in which a fractured bone has been sustained. The Entrott girl is about ten years of age.

The Dairymen's League Co-operative Association Inc., announced that its gross pool price for September for three per cent milk at the 201-210 mile freight zone is \$1.93

per 100 lbs., or 21 cents more than for August. Deductions for expenses in September amounted to 8.5 cents, making the net-pool price \$1.845. Deductions for certificates of indebtedness amounted to 10 cents and the cash distribution is \$1.745.

While Dr. Heimer was driving up the West brook highway Friday morning he turned out too far in passing a car on the curve above Frank Gould's and lost control of his machine. The machine crossed the road and smashed into the guard rail. Mrs. Heimer and Mr. and Mrs. Bagley of Hamden were with the doctor at the time. No one was injured. One fender of the car was badly jammed.

Dr. C. S. Gould, town health officer, has completed the examination of the school children in the district schools of the town. Nineteen schools were visited and 275 pupils given a medical examination. Out of this number 139 were indicated as needing dental or medical treatment. Bad teeth was the prevailing trouble. District 10, the Russell district on West brook, had the best showing with only one out of twelve reported.

An important realty deal was consummated this week in the sale of the post office block to A. J. Holmes by Henry W. Retz, who has owned the property in recent years. The building, formerly known as the Guild block, is one of the oldest brick business blocks in Walton. Possession will be given Jan. 1. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson. The post office and More's drug store now occupy the first floor of the structure.

OCTOBER COURT TERM MAY RUN THREE WEEKS

Few Cases Ready at Opening On Monday

FOURTEEN INDICTMENTS

Sidney Bank Wins Case and Sidney Damage Action is Now On.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

The October term of the Delaware supreme court convened on Monday, Oct. 20, with Justice Rhodes presiding.

Fifteen trial jurors were excused and fifteen others were summoned. H. D. Henderson was made foreman of the grand jury, which reported fourteen cases Thursday. On the call of the calendar no cases seemed ready for immediate trial from a total of twenty-seven. While court matters seem to be dragging this week it would seem that the court will be fully occupied the coming week. The case of Irene Lent of Cornwall against Lawrence Budine of Walton, a retrial of a breach of promise case, is among those ready for next week.

The next case was that of Helen M. Cummings, an infant, by Joseph C. Cummings, guardian ad litem vs. The Village of Sidney, an action for damages for personal injuries. The attorney for the plaintiff is Charles C. Flaesch of Unadilla and William Thorp of Sidney for the defendant. This is now on trial.

Supreme court convened at 9:30 Wednesday morning and the first case to go on trial was No. 11 on the calendar. This case is Sidney National Bank vs. Jay W. Murphy for conversion. The attorney for the plaintiff is Julien Scott of Bainbridge and for the defendant James O'Donnell. The jury brought in a verdict of \$300 for the bank on Thursday.

The grand jury reported Thursday morning at opening of county court having considered 18 cases and finding 14 indictments. The indictments follow:

John Mayo, burglary, second degree, arraigned Monday; Frank L. Pettis, Walton, rape, second degree, set down for Monday; William H. Backus, adultery; Frank Howe, Corbett, burglary, third degree, pleaded guilty and sentence was suspended; George Mann, burglary, third degree; Bruce A. Martin, grand lar-

FIRE DESTROYS LARGE BARN WITH MACHINERY AND HAY

Fire destroyed two large barns in Delaware county this week. On Thursday night last the large barn on the farm of Eugene Chase at Bovina burned. Saturday fire razed the barn on the Milton Johnston farm a half mile below Sidney village. The Johnston property is owned by Claude Shaw.

(From Bovina Center correspondent.)

The fire in the Chase building was discovered by Mrs. William B. Smith, who gave the alarm but by the time help arrived nothing could be done except to save the house. The large barn was a modern structure with silo attached and contained all of the year's crops. There was burned in the barn a pair of horses and two cows together with farm implements. Some implements usually stored on this barn floor were not burned as they had been taken out while threshing and had not been replaced.

ceny, second degree; Charles Van Valkenburg, abduction, rape, second degree; Glen Allen, abduction, rape, second degree; Stephen Weidman, assault, second degree; John D. Frayer, assault, second degree; Peter F. Kittle, assault, first degree; Amos Doilaway, Andes, carrying concealed weapons, fined \$25 and six months; Raymond Van Pelt, forgery, second degree; Velie Harris, Dunraven, assault, second degree, pleaded guilty and sentence suspended.

Most of the arraignments will be made today, Friday.

WILL NOT RESTORE REVOKED LICENSES

Motor Vehicle Commissioner States Attitude Toward Drunken Drivers

Any person convicted of driving an automobile while intoxicated will be unable to obtain a new license within a year, Charles A. Harnett, commissioner of motor vehicles, has stated. The new law prescribes that such an offender loses his license upon conviction and the issuance of another is entirely within the discretion of Mr. Harnett's bureau.

"In no case," Mr. Harnett continued, "would I give the matter even the slightest favorable consideration until the person convicted presented to me a communication in writing from the judge or the magistrate before whom the case had been heard and the revocation made, reciting special circumstances seemingly warranting a restoration and a recommendation from the judge or the magistrate that the license be restored. Even then, I do not say that I would act in accordance with the recommendation.

"With this policy carefully adhered to, the probability of second offenders inviting a compulsory jail sentence is materially lessened." In the elimination of the drunken driver we need the co-operation of the motoring public as much as in any other phase of motor vehicle law enforcement, or more. No person with a conscience and with any regard for human life will attempt the operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated."

WILL LIGHT MARGARETVILLE

Village Expects to Have Electricity By January 1.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

To be or not to be, that is the question. If Margaretville gets electricity by Jan. 1, well and good. If not the contract made by the village board and the New York State Gas and Electric company will be void. The contract has been signed. It will cost Margaretville \$1,625 yearly for lights. There will be 37 lights of about 175 candlepower per lamp. The material for the local installation has been ordered and is expected here in about two weeks. Margaretville will be lighted with current from the west.

The loss is a very severe one to Mr. Chase. There was an insurance of \$2,000 on the building and \$1,000 on the contents which will not over half cover the loss. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The Johnston farm, on which the barn burned Saturday, is located on the Sidney side of the Susquehanna river and about a mile from the village. Workmen were engaged in filling a silo and when they discovered the flames the fire had too great a start to check. The cause of the fire is unknown but it is thought that a burning cigarette may have been responsible.

Claude Shawer, the owner, is a dealer in wagons and paints and had a large stock in the building, besides some 200 tons of hay. His loss is said to exceed \$10,000. The Sidney fire department was called out but their work was limited to saving adjoining buildings.

FAR FROM A SPORTSMAN.

It has recently been discovered that someone has stolen, probably by a net, all the trout from the small pond on George Lindsay's farm at North Franklin, which the fish and game club of that place used as a nursery for raising small trout received, from the fish hatcheries to a suitable size for releasing in the larger streams.—Dairyman.

BUYS HOBART PLUMBING BUSINESS.

Edson B. Hoag has sold his plumbing business in Hobart to George E. Flower of Delhi, who will take immediate possession. The deal includes the two-story and basement building on Main street and the stock in the store, including tools. Mr. Hoag retires from a business he has conducted for about 18 years. His plans for the future are not announced.

FACES ABANDONMENT CHARGE.

Frank Macumber of Unadilla was arrested in Oneonta recently by state troopers on a charge of felonious abandonment. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Edward E. Mills of Unadilla, waived examination and was held for the grand jury. He was taken to the Cooperstown jail. Macumber is alleged to have deserted his wife last Friday. She is said to have been destitute and in a precarious condition. Last Wednesday Mrs. Macumber gave birth to a child and the continued absence of her husband led to his arrest.

CHILD ATE POISON PILL

Prompt Medical Attention Saves Baby's Life.

(From Fishs Eddy correspondent.)

Last week Friday Ernest Deitz's baby in some way got hold of some tablets containing strychnine. Mrs. Dietz rushed to a neighbor's house with the child and while there, Dr. L. E. Woolsey drove by and was hailed. The doctor worked faithfully over the child, pumping its stomach and using all remedies in his power.

The child was in convulsions for a long time and its life was despaired of, but it has weathered the storm and although quite weak from the shock of the poison, is on the road to recovery now. Dr. Woolsey's timely arrival saved the child's life.

MT. UTSAYANTHA TOWER

Stamford Village Treasury Enriched By \$400.

Stamford village will receive about \$400 as its share of the receipts for admittance, season 1924, to the grounds and observatory on Mount Utsayantha, which was managed the past summer by G. F. War-

ren. By making improvements to the observatory building and to the road to the summit, the mountain was accessible to automobiles and the patronage was greatly increased, some four thousand people visiting this noted mountain during the summer.

HELD ON VOLSTEAD CHARGE.

Frank Grant and Francis K. Grant, his son, both of Stamford, are out on \$1,000 bond for appearance in United States court after being arraigned on charges of illegal possession of intoxicants. The charge grew out of their arrest following a raid by state troopers in which a quantity of alleged liquor and a Studebaker touring car were seized. They were represented by Attorney Donald H. Grant.

USED SPOTLIGHT FOR DEER.

Last Thursday night while Inspector Fred DeWitt and Game Protector B. M. Castle of Kingston were parolling at the head of Big Indian valley they apprehended Harry Brouck using a spot light and with a loaded rifle in his possession, being a violation of Section 190 of the conservation laws. The case was stipulated for settlement for the sum of \$25, subject to the approval of the conservation commission.

PARALYZED BY BULLET

Leaden Pellet Removed From Boy's Spinal Canal

FOOLING WITH PISTOL Lads Were Playing With Pistol When Weapon Accidentally Discharged.

Earl Gurney, a 14 year old Sidney boy, lies in the Parshall hospital, Oneonta, partially paralyzed by a bullet wound which punctured the spinal canal.

Young Gurney, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Gurney, was playing last Thursday with Ernest Stebbins, 18, and Allen Borden, aged 16 years, at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. Ethel Borden. They secured possession of a revolver said to belong to young Borden. In some way the weapon was discharged while in the Borden boy's hands and the bullet lodged in the back of Gurney.

Dr. R. H. Loomis of Sidney, who was called, directed the lad's removal to the Parshall hospital and an operation was performed there that evening by Dr. Brinkman assisted by Dr. Batcher and Dr. Loomis. The bullet was removed from the spinal canal in which the spinal cord runs. The piece of lead had been, badly battered through its contact with the bones of the back.

Young Gurney's lower trunk and legs were paralyzed by the lodging of the bullet near or against the spine. It may be some time before the outcome of the accident will be learned and it can be discovered whether the paralysis is only temporary.

APPLE PICKER HAS FALL

Margaretville Man Injured When Limb Breaks.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

Last Friday was an unlucky day for Isaac Merchant of Margaretville. While picking apples on the Gorsch property a limb broke and Mr. Merchant fell several feet striking on the docking along Bull Run stream. His cries were heard, a stretcher procured and he was carried to his home nearby on Main street. Dr. Keator of Fleischmanns was called and pronounced Mr. Merchant's injuries so serious that he was taken to the Kingston City hospital Saturday. He has a broken leg and is injured otherwise. He was carried to the hospital in the G. H. Patrick truck. A. K. Holmes, of the furniture store here, very ably assisted in preparing Mr. Merchant for the trip and as he is a poor man Supervisor Dugan came forward and went security for his bill at the hospital. The accident will lay Mr. Merchant up for the winter no doubt.