

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

A RAINLESS AUTUMN

Join the Red Cross—Auto Thieves at Work—Facts from Game Law—Mashed His Toe.

The Chicago Lyric Singers will give the next number on the lecture course in- Walton hall Monday evening, November 24.

The Downsville high school boys were defeated in the game of football at Walton last Saturday. The score was 35 to 12.

Indications are that the eighth Red Cross roll call now going on in Walton and vicinity will increase the membership in the Walton chapter. Facts are not available thus early to determine the result of the canvass for the public health fund.

Seymour Alverson, while working for J. S. Dakin on a lumber job, suffered a painful injury to his left leg Monday when struck by a log. No bones were broken but a painful gash was cut in the leg. Dr. C. S. Gould was called in attendance.

The town board of Walton has approved the estimates of T. P. Howland, superintendent of highways, for the ensuing year as follows: Item 1, general highway, \$12,000; item 2, bridges, \$2,000; item 3, machinery, \$2,500; item 4, miscellaneous, \$4,000.

While at work in the woods Monday afternoon Floyd Miller of Mundale had the misfortune to have his left great toe quite badly injured by a tree striking it. Rev. Charles A. Day took him to Walton where Dr. William R. Gladstone dressed the injury. Three stitches were necessary to close the cut and the end of the bone was slightly crushed. It is doing as well as can be expected.—Mundale correspondent.

Walton and vicinity have been practically rainless for more than a month. The government weather bureau states that nothing in the bureau's files of more than 52 years can approach the present dry record. A few rain drops fell Wednesday and one night last week enough moisture fell to wet the sidewalks but except for these two times there has not been any rain since Oct. 7. The total rainfall for the month of October was only .44 of an inch compared with an average monthly precipitation of about four inches. Weather forecasters state that in the past a mild October has been followed by an open winter two times out of three.

Last Thursday night a Ford truck owned by William Kent and the touring car of Olney Olmstead of the Oxbow were stolen from the parking place on Gardiner Place, near Lincoln's store. Next morning the truck was found abandoned near the Keery factory at Cadonia, headed in the direction of Walton. The gasoline tank was nearly full and the truck was undamaged, but a set of chains, was missing. The Olmstead auto-mobile was found on Delaware street later in the same evening that it was taken. One mudguard was jammed. Mr. Olmstead had taken the key out of his car before he left it. On the night of the recent Kiwanis banquet at the armory the car of Dr. D. W. Nutt was taken by joyriders and somewhat damaged. Village officials are determined to stamp out the stealing of cars by joyriders and if arrests are made it will go hard with the offenders.

Robert S. Jones of Walton, who has been engaged on a construction, job at Maine, Broome county, was seriously injured Sunday afternoon when his Maxwell touring car skidded and overturned on the western slope of Belden hill. Mr. Jones had been home for the week end

and was returning to Maine in his new Maxwell. While going down Belden hill at a good rate of speed he attempted to put on the brakes. Snow had fallen and the highway was wet and slippery. The car skidded and overturned twice before landing on its side. Fred R. Lyon and George Lyon of Walton, who were driving to Binghamton, came upon the scene soon after the accident happened. Other motorists had stopped to help and Mr. Jones was removed to a nearby farmhouse. He was badly dazed and suffering from the shock of the accident and it was found that three ribs had been broken. He is being cared for at the farmhouse by Mrs. Jones, who was summoned at once.

The open season on skunk, raccoon and mink opened Monday, Nov. 10. Raccoons may be taken day or-night in any manner until Feb. 10, and skunks may be taken until the same date in any manner day or night except that they shall not be dug out of their holes or dens or taken by smoking or by use of chemicals. Furthermore, they must not be hunted, pursued or killed by dogs. Skunks which are injuring property or have become a nuisance may be taken at any time, but skunks or any part so taken shall not be possessed, bought, sold, or trafficked in, according to the syllabus of the laws relating to fish and game for 1924. Mink may be taken in any manner day or night" until Mar. 15. The musk rat season is from Dec. 1 to Mar. 31. The open season on squirrels and bears will close Saturday, Nov. 15. In Delaware, Sullivan, Ulster and Greene counties partridges may be taken until Nov. 30. The season for cotton tail rabbits closes Jan. 31 and for varying hares on Mar. 1.

DOCTOR BADLY HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

Walton Car in Accident at Roscoe Sunday

CUT BY BROKEN GLASS

Dr. Selleck Thrown Against Windshield in Smashup With Car of Third Brook Farmer.

(Roscoe-Rockland correspondent.)

Dr. Selleck of Roscoe was very badly injured Sunday when his Durant car collided with a Nash car owned by Daniel Gregory of Third Brook, Walton, in front of Dr. J. A. Miller's residence in Roscoe.

Dr. Selleck's condition is very serious, although at the present writing he is somewhat improved. The party in the Gregory car escaped without serious injuries. Dr. Selleck's car is a complete wreck, while the other car was not so badly damaged.

The physician had just started on a hurry call up through Rockland and was on the right side of the road, close to the bank, when the collision occurred. The steering wheel was broken and the driver's head broke through the windshield. The doctor's nose was broken, his cheek bone badly injured, his face all cut with broken glass and several ribs fractured. He was carried home. Drs. Miller and Davis of Livingston Manor were called, the latter making Roscoe in eleven minutes. Cars from both ways halted and the road had long lines of cars and a crowd of people.

HITS COW; CAR UPSETS

Roxbury Bossy Causes Disaster to New York Car.

(From Roxbury correspondent.)

A Dodge sedan, belonging to New York parties, was overturned on the highway below Ernest Ploutz's Sunday afternoon. Mr. Ploutz's cows were straying by the roadside when the car collided with one of them and tipped over. The driver suffered a badly cut hand, but there were no other injuries. Much of the glass in the machine was smashed and the body twisted from the chassis.

CALLICOON MAN KILLED BY BULLET FROM FRIEND'S RIFLE

Charles Wahl of Callicoon, aged 42 years, was instantly killed Friday morning by the accidental discharge of a .35 calibre automatic rifle in the hands of John J. Meehan, a member of the New York police department.

The bullet, which entered Wahl's, body above the right pelvic bone, mushroomed and smashed its way through the abdominal organs, and emerged above the left pelvic bone but did not penetrate his clothing. Death was instantaneous.

Wahl, who was employed as a truck driver at Callicoon by the Standard Oil Co., had been out hunting that morning with a party which included Officers Harry Hodgins, John J. Meehan, Elwood DeForge; of the New York police force, and John DeForge, the latter's father. The city men arrived at Callicoon Thursday afternoon by automobile from New York, and stopped at the home of John Mitterwager, where Wahl was a boarder. Mrs. Mitterwager is a sister of Mrs. John DeForge.

Friday morning they left the place shortly before 7 o'clock enroute to the woods, west of the Erie railroad tower a mile west of Callicoon. In the car with Wahl were two of the party, the others

following in another machine. After hunting for a time they abandoned the idea and decided to return home about 9:30 o'clock.

Wahl started his car and was turning around while Meehan and the others emptied their weapons as a precautionary measure. As the car came in line with Meehan his rifle was discharged, the bullet striking Wahl. Elwood LeForge immediately drove to the office of Dr. Augustus Mayer, who, after a brief examination said Wahl had been instantly killed. His body was removed to the establishment of Edward F. Kelly.

Following an inquest Dr. Gain of Jeffersonville gave a verdict of death caused by accidental shooting. Meehan was not held.

Charles Wahl was a native of the town of Fremont and had lived in the vicinity of Callicoon practically all his life. He was unmarried and for several years had been employed by the Standard Oil Co. Rev. E. G. Wahl, pastor of the Methodist church at Cooks Falls, is a brother of the deceased.

The funeral service was held at the Reformed church at North Branch Sunday, Rev. Straub of Callicoon Center and Rev. Watson of Callicoon officiating.

YOUNG MAN PAYS FOR HIS HALLOWE'EN FUN

Stamford Police Magistrate Has Busy Time Dispensing Justice During Week (From Stamford correspondent.)

As a result of complaints made to the state police, Corporal F. E. Devine and Trooper Metcalfe conducted an inquiry Monday before Police Justice-C. Champion in Stamford regarding an assault and acts of rowdiness committed in Stamford village on Halloween night, Oct. 31, in which Mendel Atkins, residing on River street, was assaulted and knocked down. As a result of the examination a young man residing in Harpersfield was arrested for assault in the third degree and while pleading guilty of the charge, stated he committed the assault in self defense. Under the circumstances he was let off with a fine and payment for the windows broken at the Atkins residence.

A young man from Greene county, who has been stopping in Stamford with no employment and no home, was arraigned by the troopers on the complaint of a hotel keeper for a board bill. The young man succeeded in raising the amount of the board bill and was fined.

Albert Brodbeck, aged 17, and Ernest Larson, aged 19, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., who were arrested last week in Mt. Vernon by troopers of the White Plains Station K, appeared with their counsel, Attorney L. A. Govern, of Stamford, before Justice Champion Monday charged with violation of Section 43 of the penal law. They entered a plea of guilty and were fined \$25 each. The two young men were in the party who on the evening of September 2nd drove an automobile through the streets of Stamford and Hobart throwing eggs and rotten tomatoes at the inhabitants and buildings.

STOLE EMPLOYER'S TEAM

Bovina Horse Thief Held for Action of Grand Jury.

Edward York of Harpersfield was arraigned before Justice of the Peace T. C. Strangeway, in the town of Bovina Wednesday, charged with grand larceny. He waived examination and was held for the grand jury.

York is alleged to have gone to work for Fritz Burger on the latter's farm at Bovina Center, on Oct. 16. Two days afterward York is said to have disappeared with Burger's team of horses. He drove the team to the vicinity of Stamford, where he sold it to Harold Gray, a farmer living between Stamford and Hobart, for \$212.50.

and also said that he did not know the boy. The father says that this is a falsehood, because the boy and the man were seen together at a boarding house in this city several days ago. The father asserts that the man who was questioned has since left the city. He believes the boy has met with foul play.

"Eugene Maffett at one time was employed as a bell boy in a local hotel. He disappeared about two weeks ago. His father wants him to return to the home in Willowemoc."

MEANS BUSINESS, BY HECK.

(From Stamford correspondent)

One Stamford property owner, who has been troubled by trespassers and boys damaging his property contemplates taking some such action in the matter as the farmer who has the following notice posted on his farm: "Trespassers will be persecuted to the full extent of 2 mean mongrel dogs, which ain't never been ovarly soshibil with strangers, and 1 dumbled barelt shotgun which ain't loaded with no sofy pillers. Dam if I ain't tired of this hel rainin on my property."

HORSE KICKS LITTLE GIRL

Hamden Child Suffers Bad Cut on Forehead.

(From Hamden correspondent.)

Little Betty Fyffe, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Fyffe of Hawleys station, was frightfully cut on the forehead on Friday by being kicked by a horse. She was taken at once to the office of Dr. W. R. Gladstone in Walton where several stitches were taken to close the wound. It seems a miracle the child escaped being killed outright.

BUY MIAMI HOTEL

Mase and Associates Purchase Control of Gralynn.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Herbert H. Mase, managing director of the Rexmere and Churchill Hall Hotel association, Stamford, also manager of the Gralynn hotel, Miami, Florida, has organized a new hotel company composed of H. H. Mase, C. N. Wright and N. P. Young, of Stamford and New York city, and F. White and Conant Lyon of New York city and by the purchase of \$200,000; stock in the Gralynn Hotel Co. from the 'Sailor estate the new company obtains control of the hotel property which consists of a well equipped six-story building with 186 rooms at Miami. At a cost of \$30,000 a new elevator service is being installed, also a new refrigerating system and other improvements will be made to the building by the new company. Mr. Mase has managed the Gralynn for several years.

CAR BACKS OVER BANK

Tree Finally Stops Plunge of Fishs Eddy Machine.

(From Fishs Eddy correspondent.)

While driving up the steep hill from the Peakville bridge to the Liberty highway Saturday evening in his Velie car, William Helms had a very thrilling experience.

When near the top of the hill for some unknown reason his engine stalled and the car started backing down the hill, the brakes not working well. He was unable to stop it-and the car went over the bank, which is very high and steep at this point with almost a sheer drop to the Beayerkill river. The machine rolled over several times and brought up against a tree about half way down the bank. In the car with Mr. Helms were Cecil Watson of Binghamton, Percy McKane and John Brandt of Fishs Eddy. All hands were quite badly shaken up but none of them seriously injured. Had not the tree stopped the machine the story might have had a different ending. The machine was badly wrecked.