

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

**What We Are Talking About at the County Hub**

## THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

**Elks to Entertain Kiddies—Fire Department Called Twice—Dr. Morrow in Auto Crash.**

Clayton Northrup of Third brook had his right leg broken at the ankle while working in the woods Thursday morning. Dr. W. B. Morrow reduced the fracture.

A few intimate friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus B. Lincoln met at their home on Townsend street Wednesday evening, the occasion being in honor of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln. There were sixteen present and a very pleasant evening was spent. In memory of the occasion the guests left a silver tea set.

The cold weather was indirectly responsible for calling out the Walton fire department twice this week. Sunday evening an alarm was sent in when the chimney on Mrs. Maude Barnes' home, Marvin avenue, burned out, and on the following evening the department responded to a call to the Walton House where a chimney was burning out. Extra hot fires due to the extreme cold weather caused the chimneys to burn out.

Ivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Gray, caught a ride on one of the Camp company's coal wagons driven by Irving Bullis on Tuesday. In getting off the wagon the boy failed to clear the rear wheel and both feet were run over. The wagon carried a load of two tons. The bones in the big toes of both feet were broken and the arches injured. Dr. W. R. Gladstone is the attending physician. Ivan is about eight years of age.

The shack of George H. Robinson on the river bank between Walton and Beerston was broken into last Saturday afternoon and the interior of the place riddled by the discharge of a shotgun. That evening state troopers arrested two young men who were known to have been about the place in the afternoon. The matter was adjourned until Monday and in the meantime an adjustment was reached with the owner. The affair cost the two young men seventy dollars.

Union Thanksgiving services will be held in the Baptist church on Thursday, November 27th, at 10:30 a. m. Last year services were held in each of the churches. The attendance was very good. However, many felt that there was a distinct loss in the lack of community consciousness and fellowship. To worship together now and then is a benediction to any group of churches. It was the unanimous desire of the pastors of Walton that Rev. S. E. Carr be asked to bring the message.

The proposition submitted to the voters of New York state at the recent election providing for a fifteen million dollar bond issue for state parks was carried by a majority of nearly a million, returns show. The proposition had a majority of nearly 900,000 in New York city and a favorable vote was given in a number of upstate counties. Delaware county was one of those returning a heavy majority against the question. Five million dollars is to be expended in enlarging the Catskill and Adirondack forest preserves.

A collision occurred Monday morning at the corner of Townsend and Mead streets between the Ford sedan of Dr. W. B. Morrow and the Maxwell sedan of G. E. Northrup of Loomis. Dr. Morrow was driving up the street when the Maxwell attempted to pass in front of him at the corner. The Ford struck the front of the Maxwell and the mudguards of both cars were smashed. A wheel on the Northrup machine was dished and a bad dent made in

the rear corner of the body. The top of Dr. Morrow's car was damaged and the wishbone of the machine bent. Under the highway law the physician's car had the right of way.

A rare musical opportunity comes to Walton Monday night in the persons of the Chicago Lyric Singers. This group of four talented artist-entertainers will present, as one of the striking features of their program, a series of Welsh songs given in native costume. Among these songs will be "March of Men of Harloch," "O, that Summer Smiled for Aye" and "All Through the Night." One portion of the program is devoted to the rendition of gypsy songs, the singers wearing appropriate gypsy costumes. Selections from the Gilbert and Sullivan light operas as well as other light opera selections, together with grand opera numbers, will be presented.

Twenty-five Walton Elks and nine candidates were in Oneonta Wednesday evening to attend "Walton night" at Oneonta lodge No. 1312, B. P. O. E. A banquet was served at 6 o'clock and in the evening the Binghamton lodge worked the degrees on the Walton candidates. There were about five hundred Elks in attendance. The occasion was also signalized by the visit of James Farley, president of the New York State Elks association. There are thirty-seven Elks in Walton and they have formed an organization with A. J. Courtney as president and Frank S. Medrick as treasurer. Plans are being made for the Christmas season when the children of the village and vicinity will be entertained at free movies at Walton hall and arrangements made to send good cheer baskets or gifts to the ill or needy.

## FOUR MEN ARE HELD IN SIDNEY ROBBERY

**Troopers Untangle Twisted Skein of Evidence**

## RECOVER PART OF LOOT

**Trio Held by Jersey Police Will be Extradited to Answer to Richmond Burglary.**

Four members of the gang which robbed the clothing store of S. J. Richmond in Sidney last week and made their getaway with \$2,500 worth of goods are under arrest and part of the loot has been recovered.

The apprehension of the men involved in the burglary is an unusually good piece of work on the part of the state police and special credit is due Captain D. E. Fox of Troop C, Sidney, who has directed the movements which led to their arrest.

Three men giving their name as Le-Grand Chamberlain, Peter Gener and Fred Cooney are held by the police in Roselle, N. J., and have confessed to their part in the burglary, it is said. Extradition papers have been issued for their return to Albany on a charge of grand larceny in connection with the theft of a Hudson touring car from John McKinney of Delmar, a brother of William McKinney, the fourth man held, who was arrested at Plattsburgh. Warrants charging grand larceny and burglary in connection with the Sidney burglary await the trio held in New Jersey.

The three men arrested in Roselle were in possession of a Hudson touring car which is alleged to have been used on the night of the robbery. When the robbery occurred, the license number of the Hudson car used by the burglars was obtained and when state troopers checked up the number, they found that it belonged on a machine owned by an Albany contractor. Further investigation disclosed the fact that the chauffeur for the Albany contractor had been robbed by highwaymen and the license plates stolen from the machine.

Upon learning these facts the troopers were in the dark as to the identity of the machine used in the robbery at Sidney as it was evident that the plates used were stolen. But certain clues were followed down

## MISSPELT WORD LANDS MAN IN JAIL ON FORGERY CHARGE

Bruce Jump of Oneonta, formerly of Stamford, was arrested last Thursday night on a charge of forgery. He was indicted by the Otsego county grand jury this week for forgery in the second degree and on Tuesday was sentenced to Auburn prison for not more than two years nor less than one year.

Jump is alleged to be the man who during the past two months has passed in Oneonta, Schenectady, Unadilla, Delhi and other villages a large number of worthless checks using the names of F. M. Baker, C. L. Cool, and L. H. Hinman. The checks were mostly drawn on the Wilber National bank and the Citizen's National bank of Oneonta, although one or two were made against the Hobart National bank.

The authorities allege that when

which resulted in the arrest of William McKinney in connection with thefts from the D. & H. railroad in Plattsburgh. This led to the disclosure that he had a brother who had reported his machine stolen. The slender clue led the officers to the brother's house at Delmar, where a portion of the loot taken in Sidney was found.

Later more of the loot was recovered near Troy. John McKinney is being held in \$500 for receiving stolen property.

After the arrest of William McKinney his accomplices fled to New Jersey in the Hudson car used in the Sidney burglary. Their arrest in Roselle, N. J., soon followed. They will be extradited at once. It is understood all have confessed. The burglary and grand larceny charges in connection with the Sidney robbery will be pressed in preference to the Albany charge for the theft of the car belonging to John McKinney.

It is thought that the gang was well organized and is implicated in other robberies.

## GOT WRONG NUMBER OF THIEVES' AUTO

**Leroy Gray Still Awaiting Pay for His Stolen Stove Wood.**

For several weeks somebody has been stealing wood from the shed of, the Third brook school and about two and a half cords is missing. The men of the district have recently taken turns watching to see if they could catch the culprit.

Last Sunday night Leroy Gray and "Abe" Constable were the watchers. Their watch was rewarded when a Ford sedan stopped in front of the school and two men got out and proceeded to load the vehicle with wood from the school supply. Gray and Constable came out and caught the men with their arms full of wood. The older man of the two thieves begged for mercy and stated that his wife was sick. His companion was inclined to be saucy until Gray informed him that he and Constable had waited a long while and were feeling like spoiling someone's face. The two gave their names as James Schmitt and son of Townsend street, Walton, and promised to settle if allowed to go. Gray finally consented to release them but took down what he supposed was the number of the car.

He came to the village Monday and sought the aid of Officer Lewis Stidd to locate the men. No such parties were found on Townsend street and inquiry at the county clerk's office in Delhi showed that the number Gray jotted down was issued for an Overland touring car owned by a Can-nonsville man. Gray either got the wrong number or the plate was not a 1924 registration. Gray is still waiting for settlement but the next night visitors to the Third brook school are apt to be greeted with a charge of shot.

Jump was searched a check was found in his possession signed with one of the aliases which it is claimed he used in passing other forged and worthless checks. In spelling out the word dollar on each check, the letter "l" was omitted and that is claimed to have led to Jump's undoing as the check in his possession when arrested, and those which are claimed to have been returned all bear the same characteristics. Jump came to Oneonta from Stamford about two months ago and had been driving about in a Dodge touring car, according to the police without any visible means of support. He secured rooms with a family by the name of Price on South Main street, and had picked up an odd collection of friends. Jump's wife is living in Stamford.

## DEER AND WEATHER TOPIC FOR GOSSIP

**Close of Season Followed by Drop in Temperature And Winter Cold**

(From Arkville correspondent.)

Following the shortest deer hunting season in many a hunter's record comes the coldest November weather in many a page of history. November may easily go down in various local records as the month of much grumbling.

Sun up on Friday, the 14th, found the familiar looking figures of deer slayers in the woods. The big rush commenced early and continued strong up to the last wink of the sun down on Saturday the 15th.

Considering the short period allowed to hunt the deer brought in were satisfactory as to previous numbers killed in other years when the season went its limit.

Approximately twenty were taken in the region lying below Highmount in Ulster, Delaware and Greene counties.

Along our home trails there hasn't been much comment on the kills, and just getting nicely settled over hunting we are stirred up again by finding it necessary to change our warm weather habits for those of our cold weather ones. The result is cold chills up and down our spines, frantic hunting for heavy undies, looking over the footwear and rushing out to buy a new supply, putting our car in the barn Sunday night, forgetting the water in the radiator and finding the sad results next day. Conditions all over are alike it seems. Busted engine jackets and radiators and garages crowded to the last stall with stricken cars.

Many potatoes in barns were heavily struck with the just above zero wave and apples out on porches suffered more or less the same fate. Cider mills have shut down promptly, which isn't such a blow as it may sound for there's lots of cider in our countryside.

But now it seems water is becoming a rising question being reverse of the subject's action. Creeks are very low and so are ice ponds. Respectfully remembering our last rainfall we would like to see some more but not of so ambitious proportions.

## CHIMNEY FIRE BURNS HOME AT LONG EDDY

**Residence Owned by Oscar Rotzler Destroyed by Flames Friday**

(Long Eddy correspondent.)

The fine large residence at Long Eddy owned by Oscar Rotzler of Beerston and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Howels, who worked for the Johns Lumber Co., burned to the ground Friday evening.

Fire was discovered about 7 p. m., coming out of the high peaked roof so it is supposed that it caught fire around the chimney. Had there been sufficient water supply and everything in order with the hydrant, ladders and other apparatus, the building could easily have been saved as it burned very slowly.

All the furniture on the first floor was saved and some from the second. All the people helped nobly as they always do, but we have had another lesson. If we wait a while longer without doing anything towards fire protection, we shall evidently not need it, nor shall we need anything.

This was a well built house and an asset to the place. Sympathy is felt for Mr. Rotzler as there was only a small insurance. He does not expect to rebuild. The Howels family have moved into the M. E. parsonage.

The water supply is very low for lack of rain, but it is said by some observers that the reservoir does not hold the water and it leaks out. Should this be correct it is up to the water company to attend to this matter at once.

## HAND MANGLED IN GRINDER

**Hancock Youth Loses Ends of Four Fingers.**

(From Hancock correspondent.)

Edward Cosgrove of Hancock met with a serious accident Saturday evening, Nov. 15. He was employed as errand boy in Vere Fuller's meat market and during the evening he was working around the meat grinder. In some manner his right hand was caught by the knives and the fingers of the right hand were badly mangled. He was rushed to Dr. F. M. Woolsey's office, where it was found that it was necessary to amputate all four fingers back to the second joints.

Edward has hard luck, as only this summer he was very dangerously ill with blood poisoning, caused by a blister on his heel, and had only nicely gotten over the effects of same. At last reports he was doing as well as could be expected but the injured hand is giving him much pain.

## HAS HAND AMPUTATED

**Stamford Boy Injured While Hunting, Leaves Hospital.**

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Paul Grant, aged 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grant, residing near Stamford, was able to return home Friday from the Parshall hospital, Oneonta, where he has been a patient following a shooting accident in which a load of shot lodged in his right wrist, requiring the amputation of the hand just above the wrist.

Paul was hunting on a recent Sunday on the Dooley mountain near Stamford and while standing the butt end of the gun on a log it slipped off and was discharged, the charge hitting him in the wrist.

## 167 MILES STATE ROAD

**Towns Required to Pay \$50 a Mile Maintenance.**

There are 167.51 miles of completed state highways in Delaware county. Each town is required by law to pay the state \$50 per mile for the maintenance of the state highways within its borders. The mileage and amounts thus raised are as follows:

Total Amount		
Town	Mileage	in Town
Andes	7.38	\$ 350
Bovina	5.74	300
Colchester	8.61	450
Davenport	13.14	650
Delhi	17.47	850
Deposit	11.35	550
Franklin	5.06	250
Hamden	5.84	300
Hancock	21.92	1,100
Harpersfield	8.92	450
Kortright	13.60	700
Masonville	3.92	200
Middletown	16.80	850
Meredith	4.69	200
Roxbury	19.90	1,000
Sidney	1.88	100
Stamford	1.65	100
Walton	10.24	500