

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

AUTO STRIKES A HORSE

Jumps and Breaks Arm—Workmen's Compensation Awards—Seek Bus Franchise.

Eugene Barnes, employed in Websters bakery, had his right hand painfully crushed when the member was caught in a bread mould Friday morning. Dr. Morrow dressed the injury.

The village board will give a hearing Wednesday, December 10, upon the applications of M. E. Atchinson, John Gielskie and Archie James for permission to operate motor bus lines between Walton and Deposit.

Joseph, the young son of Mrs. Emma Brainerd, Griswold street, was struck by a truck while crossing the road near the corner of North and Delaware streets, Tuesday. He sustained a bad scalp wound. Dr. Morrow dressed the injury.

Merritt C. Loudon is building a new house on the west side of South street, adjoining the property of A. D. Chamberlain, and has the framework completed. Mr. Loudon will sell his house on Fair street when his new home is completed. Frank Griffin is the carpenter in charge.

The state industrial board has affirmed the referee's decision granting John Dann of Walton an award under the workmen's compensation act. The award amounts to about \$20 a week and will continue during disability. The insurance carrier may take an appeal to the appellate division of the supreme court.

Robert Gould, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Gould of West brook, fractured his right arm above the wrist Tuesday. He jumped from a stone wall near the guideboard schoolhouse and landed in such a way that he lost his balance and fell over backwards, sustaining the injury mentioned. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture.

Katherine Crawford, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Crawford, was taken ill on Monday with acute appendicitis and the case was considered such that an immediate operation was performed. Dr. Jones of Utica, Dr. Goodrich of Delhi and Dr. McNaught of Hamden operated. Mrs. Tripp is with the sick girl and at this time she is doing very well and her many friends are wishing her a speedy recovery. Katherine is a student in the Walton high school.—Hamden correspondent.

The following Walton men have been selected as grand jurors: Burton Benedict, Charles T. Browne, Peter Chambers, A. L. Coulter, Edson Dann, Ansel Dumond, James J. Elwood, George A. Garrison, Frank Gould, Frank Griffin, William E. Henderson, Arthur Holley, Ray Howland, L. A. Johnson, N. S. Mallory, David More, Lewis C. More, Lawrence McClennon, Samuel McDonald, H. S. Ogden, A. W. North, George S. Pierce, Charles Pierson, A. W. Potter, Charles Stebbins, W. C. Roda, Henry Retz, Clarence Seely.

An Overland car driven by Claude Beach of Youngs ran into a horse ridden by Kenneth Smith of East brook at the corner of Mead and Liberty streets early Wednesday evening. Beach was coming up the same street and was turning into Liberty street when his car struck the horse. The animal was thrown upon the hood of the car and its head went through the windshield. The hood of the au-

tomobile was badly jammed and both lights broken. The horse was not seriously hurt and Smith, who was thrown to the ground, also escaped injury.

The Ford coupe driven by Miss Celia Gabriel was struck broadside by the Studebaker car of Harry Lewis of Delhi at the corner of Delaware street and Gardiner Place about six o'clock last Thursday evening. Miss Gabriel was turning from Gardiner Place into Delaware street and Mr. Lewis was driving toward the depot. The side of the Ford was badly jammed and the damage will be \$75 or more. The bumper on the Studebaker car was bent back and one light broken. While Miss Gabriel and the occupants of the Lewis car, who included Dr. W. C. Robinson, were badly jarred by the collision, no one was seriously hurt.

Referee Cooper of the state industrial commission was at Walton hall Tuesday to hear cases from this section arising under the Workmen's Compensation act. A number of matters were passed upon. James Smith of Roscoe was awarded \$12 a week for 46 weeks, \$552, for the total loss of his left index finger while employed by the O. & W. railroad. George Boyd of Meridale, who was injured while working on the highways in the town of Meredith, received an award of \$115.68. Gilbert Cook of Livingston Manor, employed by F. M. Merritt & Son, was awarded \$13.46 for 38 weeks, a total of \$511.48. Norris Frazier of Cannonsville received an award of \$16.35 for 45 weeks for an injury received while employed by the town of Tompkins, which resulted: in 75 per cent loss of the use of his thumb. The award of \$12.82 weekly to Irving Baker because of total disability was continued. Mr. Baker was injured when lightning struck Camp company's feed store.

RAISE CLERK'S SALARY

Supervisors Add \$1,000 to Turnbull's Pay Check

ROAD PLANS APPROVED

Make \$247,800 Available as County's Share of Cost—Other Matters Passed On.

The board of supervisors in session Thursday of last week passed a resolution increasing the salary of County Clerk E. J. Turnbull \$1,000. The present salary is \$2,500, making the new salary \$3,500. The increase is effective from December first.

The resolution authorizing the increase was introduced by Supervisor Latham of Deposit. The law provides that the salary of a county official shall not be changed during his term of office, but the last legislature, after the enactment of the new motor vehicle law, passed another bill which the governor signed, permitting boards of supervisors in their discretion to increase the salaries of county clerks owing to the work imposed on county clerks by the motor vehicle laws.

The report of the committee on salaries as adopted by the board fixes the compensation of the clerks in the county clerk's office as follows: Deputy county clerk, \$1,800; special deputy county clerk, \$1,500; motor vehicle deputy clerk, \$1,092; first recording clerk, \$1,144; second recording clerk, \$1,040.

On Friday morning the board on motion of Supervisor J. E. Thomson of Colchester rescinded a former resolution appropriating \$144,900 for part 1 of the. East Branch-Downsville highway and adopted a resolution making available the sum of \$247,800 as the county's share of the East Branch-Downsville highway. The revised plans for this road called for the grading of the entire 14.78 miles and gravel surfacing at an estimated cost of \$708,000. Chair-

ELK BROOK MAN KILLED WHEN CAR SKIDS AND OVERTURNS

Edward Perry of Elk Brook was killed Sunday evening when the car of William Edwards overturned near the Hunter farm about three-quarters of a mile east of that place. Edward, Albert Perry and Oscar Hollenbeck, the surviving occupants of the car, state that the Chevrolet touring car driven by Edwards skidded and upset when struck by another machine which came up from the rear to pass.

The party had been to Livingston Manor, where Hollenbeck lives, to get some clothing for him. They were returning to Elk Brook at the time of the accident, which occurred between 7 and 8 o'clock in the evening.

At the inquest which Dr. E. Ray Gladstone of Walton, held at J. S. Alien's undertaking rooms at East Branch Monday, Edwards testified in substance, that his car was proceeding about twenty miles an hour and that near the Hunter farm he saw the lights of another automobile rapidly approaching around a curve in the rear and that this car tried to pass the Chevrolet without blowing the horn. Edwards stated that he put on the brakes and that as the other machine came past it struck the Chevrolet about the middle of

the front fender, causing the Edwards car to turn upside down in the highway.

All four occupants were pinned under the Chevrolet. Hollenbeck got out first and helped out Edwards and Albert Perry was then freed. The three succeeded in righting the machine and released the elder Perry, who lay with his head pinned between the back of the machine and the highway. Edward Perry's skull was fractured and he breathed only a few times after the car was removed. Dr. J. A. Miller of Roscoe was summoned and gave first aid treatment to the three survivors.

The testimony of Albert Perry and Oscar Hollenbeck was practically the same as that of Edwards. Emmet Sayer of Middletown testified that he came upon the scene of the accident a few minutes after it occurred and that a short time before while traveling east he had been met by a machine proceeding at a high rate of speed and going all over the road.

Edward Perry leaves two children wholly dependent on him for support and care as the mother died five years ago, also a daughter, Mrs. William Mead, of Halstead, and a son, Albert Perry, of Peakville.

man Evans appointed Supervisors Thomson, Woolsey and Latham as a committee to secure rights of way. It is expected that these can be secured in time to advertise the contract early in the year.

A large amount of business was transacted by the board at the November session, the items being given below:

The reappointment of Thomas Leslie as janitor of the county buildings for the ensuing year at a salary of \$1,200.

The appointment of a committee of three members of the board, consisting of Messrs. Smith, Stevenson and Telford to serve as a purchasing board to purchase coal for the county sanatorium, county farm and county court house and jail. The chairman of the committee to be the purchasing agent.

The appointment of Dr. W. Ormiston as jail physician.

The sum of \$200 a year was appropriated for religious services held at the county alms house.

The sum of \$3,600 was appropriated to continue the work of the Farm Bureau in Delaware county.

The sum of \$2,500 was appropriated to continue the work of the Home Bureau in Delaware county.

The sum of \$3,500 was appropriated to continue the Junior Project work in Delaware county.

Six hundred dollars was appropriated for the work of the district attorney; \$500 for Delaware County Humane society; \$600 for probation work in Delaware county.

The salary of the county welfare agent, Miss Roberts, was fixed at \$1,600 with an allowance of \$600 for expenses.

The board adjourned Friday morning until December 15 at 8 p. m.

ARRESTS BREAK UP GANG OF BURGLARS

State Troopers Recover More of Clothing Stolen from Sidney Store

Captain D. E. Fox and a detail of state troopers from Sidney barracks, returned Monday night from Albany bringing with them 12 suits and 12 overcoats alleged to have been stolen from the Sherman Richmond clothing store in Sidney on the night of November 8, by members of a gang, all of whom now are believed to be under arrest. Twenty-one suits and eighteen overcoats have been recovered.

Intensive work by the members of troop C, under Captain Fox at Sidney, working in co-operation with members of the state constabulary in Albany, Plattsburg

and other places, has resulted in the recovery of a large amount of the stolen property which had been disposed of over a large area.

According to reports made by the state troopers, their investigation resulted in the issuance of five search warrants. Action under these warrants is said to have resulted in the recovery of the clothing brought back from Albany which was found where it had been disposed of in several places, the recovery of a cash register in Syracuse, alleged to have been stolen from the Anson General store in Moffitsville, a large quantity of suits and overcoats in the house of John McKinney, near Feura Bush; a quantity of merchandise which is said to have been buried on the McKinney farm and which is claimed to have been stolen in Moffitsville and also a quantity of the Moffitsville loot in a store in Watervliet.

Six men now are under arrest in connection with the robberies in Sidney, Plattsburg and Moffitsville. John McKinney, owner of the farm at Feura Bush, is out on \$500 bail on a charge of receiving stolen property, William McKinney, his brother, and alleged to be the ringleader of the gang is in custody. Peter Gener, Legrand Chamberlain and Charles J. Callahan, three of the gang, were brought to Sidney and on Tuesday arraigned before Police Justice H. C. Kibbe. They waived examination and were taken to Delhi to await the action of the grand jury.

With the exception of the possibility that the troopers will continue their efforts to recover all of the stolen property, it is now believed that the entire gang has been disrupted and taken in custody.

RUNAWAY CITY BOY WANTED TO BUY FARM

Too Much Dime Novel Reading and Movies

TELLS YARN OF WEALTH

Roxbury Farmer Calls in State Police and Admits That, He is Not All He Pretended.

At ten o'clock Friday night Corp. F. E. Devine and Trooper Metcalfe, state police, were called to the farm house of Mack More, town of Roxbury, near Grand Gorge, to take charge of a suspicious acting boy who had arrived at the More farm in an automobile, claiming he wanted to buy a farm.

The boy gave his name as William Wagner, aged 18 years, and

claimed his father was dead and that his mother was in a sanitarium; that he was well to do, having a trust fund of \$10,000 in bank, owned \$1,000 in postal savings stamps, owned an automobile, etc. Farmer More, not believing his story, called the troopers, who took the boy to Stamford.

Saturday morning at the office of Police Justice C. Champion he was further questioned and admitted that he had run away from home in New York city because he did not like to attend school. He gave the address of his parents' who were notified by telephone and they asked that the boy be held until they could get to Stamford. The parents arrived at Stamford Saturday night and stated the boy ran away from home Monday, Nov. 10th, and that they had had his description broadcast by radio and had notified the New York city police force. They were greatly worried over his absence.

William stated that he took a New York Central train to Utica and from there he went to Canastota, where he spent four days with a real estate agent. From Canastota he caught rides in automobiles to various places, finally ending his wanderings at the More farm house, where he fell in the hands of the state police. William is 15 years old, not 18, as he stated, and his wealth was imaginary. He had been reading detective stories and attending the movies too much for his own good.

FIRE PROTECTION FOR LONG EDDY.

(From Long Eddy correspondent.)

There was a meeting Friday night in the Empire theatre at Long Eddy of the citizens who are interested in having a fire department. There were three fire commissioners elected, Stephen Porter, Archer Wood and Harvey English. These men will make a memorandum of the equipment we need and the taxpayers will raise the funds, helped out, it is hoped, by various benefits later on. A commendable work well started. About this work later on as plans materialize.

TOWN ROLLER OVER BANK

Apple Tree Stops Machine From Total Wreck.

Last Thursday afternoon while Alex Charles was bringing the Walton town roller from Kerrs creek to the village for winter storage the machine went over the bank on the West brook road just this side of J. L. Thompson's home.

Charles was backing the roller down to the village and at the place of accident the heavy machine slewed and before the operator could gain control had smashed through the fence and gone over the bank, landing against an apple tree which stopped further progress. The front of the machine remained in the highway. Had it not been for the apple tree in its path the roller would have gone, to the foot of the steep pitch and been wrecked. Charles remained in the cab and was not injured. The roller was jacked up and Wednesday morning was gotten back into the road after two and a half days' work. The tool box was smashed and the cab somewhat damaged.

APPENDICITIS CAUSES DEATH.

Miss Muriel Roberts died Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the hospital of the Good Shepard in Syracuse, following an operation for the relief of appendicitis performed about a week, before. She was 28 years of age, the daughter of Thomas K. Roberts of Hobart. Besides her father she is survived by her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sanford, of Oneonta, and by one sister and a brother. The body was brought to Oneonta, where the funeral service was held Saturday.