

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

FIRE DEPT. BENEFIT

"Flyer" Runs to Delhi—Newell Cable's Property—Electric Plant to Be Closed—Fell Down Steps.

A car driven by Frank Cuyle skidded and overturned on the icy road near the Third brook schoolhouse Monday. The machine was somewhat damaged.

The garage on Arthur Eaton's farm, near Plymouth church, was broken into sometime Friday afternoon and some millwright tools belonging to Marshall Eaton were stolen.

Mrs. Frank Griffin slipped and pitched headlong down the back steps of the Griffin home on Bruce street Monday sustaining a fracture of her right shoulder. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture.

C. G. Blakeslee, counsel to the public service commission, will give a hearing in Binghamton Saturday, Dec. 6, on the application of Archie G. James and John Gielskie for a certificate for the operation of a motor bus line between Walton and Deposit.

Al Schacht, coach on the Washington Senators, has been the guest of F. C. Darling this week. Schacht is, now coach on the Washington team and assistant to Manager Stanley Harris. Since his pitching days on the old Walton semi-pro baseball field Schacht has made a name for himself in the baseball world. During the world series of the past few years Schacht and his vaudeville partner, Nick Altrock, have amused the crowds with their stunts and he has promised to help along the firemen's benefit in Walton hall Monday evening by something in this line.

Mundale relatives of Henry Eason of Carthage, Missouri, have received word that he had the experience of being held up in his restaurant at that place recently. Two men came and after receiving their order he turned to get what was asked for when they attacked him, secured his hands and feet by the use of the apron which he wore, then gagging him. As there was only a small amount of cash in the drawer the thieves' were not benefited much. Mr. Eason, after several attempts, freed himself sufficiently to call for help, but by that time the men had escaped.—Mundale correspondent.

Monday, Dec. 1, the Utica Flyer was restored to service between Walton and Delhi and will continue in service until spring. This is pursuant to the agreement between the O. & W. railroad and the committee representing Delhi and Hamden citizens. The train has been fairly well patronized since its restoration but it is doubtful whether it will pay the railroad from a financial viewpoint. The bus comes down from Delhi in the morning in time to meet the Mountain Express, south bound, and the last trip in the evening is made after the same train, north bound, arrives in Walton. The bus makes four round trips daily while five are made in the summer.

The fire siren will be placed on the Breakstone plant. The change of the siren from the plant of the New York State Gas and Electric corporation is made necessary by the fact that the local electric plant is soon to receive its power over the transmission line from Colliers instead of being generated by steam. A booth will be constructed in the boiler room of the Breakstone plant and a telephone installed so that the operator can telephone to the plant to sound the siren in case the striking system on the bell at Walton hall should fail to work. After the siren is installed in its new location when a fire is out a short blast will be sounded to give notice to that effect.

The Walton Fire Department is

making an active canvass of Walton and vicinity selling tickets for their big benefit performance at Walton hall Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 8 and 9. This promises to be one of the best entertainments of the season and it is to be hoped the firemen receive the active support of all local and vicinity citizens. The feature of the program will be Harold Bell Wright's most widely read novel, "When a Man's a Man" and in addition to a lively comedy, there will be a number of excellent local vaudeville acts and a special orchestra. The two firemen in each district who sell the most tickets will receive passes of six months and three months respectively, given by the management of Walton hall.

The distribution of the property of the late Newell Cable of Walton, whose will was admitted to probate Monday after a contest on the part of some of the heirs, will be as follows: To Bertha W. Williams, Nora Webster, J. Chandler Cable, Warren Cable and Lizzie Rock, each \$1,000; Claude Cable, use of one-fourth of \$1,000; each of Claude Cable's three children, use of one-fourth of \$1,000, plus \$500 each; Irving Cable and Melvin M. Cable, each \$200; residue equally to each of six Walton churches, Methodist, Episcopal, Congregational, Free Methodist, United Presbyterian and Reformed Presbyterian. This will have eleven codicils, most of which revoked some former bequest to one or another of the heirs. Mr. Cable left an estate estimated at around \$35,000. The contestants have not yet decided whether to appeal the case, it is stated.

NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Rebecca Axtell Still Able to Read Without Glasses.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

Mrs. Rebecca Axtell, who lives at the home of her daughter, Mrs. V. F. Boyd, Otego, celebrated her ninetieth birthday on November 24.

She was given a dinner in honor of the occasion. There was a wonderful birthday cake with 90 candles which made a pleasing effect. She received many birthday cards and other tokens of remembrance from children and grandchildren, relatives and friends from all points of the compass.

The aged lady derived great pleasure from opening the packages and reading the cards without glasses. She retains her mental faculties in a remarkable degree, is able to walk around the rooms and is interested in all that takes place.

A large circle of friends in this locality unite in wishing her many more happy birthdays.

DAM BROOK TO FORM LAKE

Structure on Burnwood Brook Will Flood 140 Acres.

John Kutger, Raymond Graham and A. Holcomb have erected a dam opposite the Graham house on the Burnwood brook, which will make one of the finest fish ponds in Delaware or Sullivan counties.

The dam backs the water up for more than a mile and overflows about 140 acres of land. Years ago at the close of the Civil war beavers had a dam at this place which flooded a large territory. After the close of the Civil war Irving Holcomb purchased 1,000 acres of land around Methol and replaced the old beaver dam with a more substantial structure, but this has been gone for some years.

The construction of the new dam will mean the development of a beautiful lake property.

A COSTLY CHICKEN ROAST

Four Men Pay \$25 Each and Two Go To Jail.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, Corp. Devine and Trooper Metcalf of the state police arrested Russell Peck, Rufus Woodard, James, John and

WALTON COUPLE HAVE A GOLDEN WEDDING

Friends Gather Tuesday to Help Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cairns Celebrate

Fifty years ago on December 2, 1874, Robert Cairns of Andes and Delilah Yaple of New Kingston were united in marriage in Walton by Rev. S. M. Meek, pastor of the United Presbyterian church. Tuesday of this week Mr. and Mrs. Cairns celebrated their golden wedding at their pleasant home on High street.

From far and near there gathered relatives, friends, and neighbors, many coming from miles to help the happy couple celebrate the occasion. Nearly ninety enjoyed the dinner served at noon and the afternoon was pleasantly passed until the lengthening hours called away those from a distance. Later in the afternoon and evening many who were unable to come earlier called to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Cairns and in all some 117 visited the couple during the day.

Among other tokens of remembrance left by the guests was a sum well over one hundred dollars, which was presented by their pastor, Rev. F. C. Davidson. The bride's cake was frosted in white with the lettering in gold, "1874-1924, Delilah Yaple, Robert Cairns." The decorations of white and gold crepe

Ralph Fuller and Amos Mead, laborers, of Arkville. They were arraigned before Justice Stanley Hornbeck at Arkville, charged with violation of section 1298 of the penal law, petit larceny. They plead guilty and Rufus Woodard, Amos Mead, and John and Ralph Fuller were each fined \$25 and sentenced to 90 days in the county jail, the sentence being suspended during good behavior. James Fuller and Russell Peck, who were second offenders, were each sentenced to 90 days in the county jail and were delivered to the sheriff at Delhi by the troopers. On the night of Nov. 24 the men entered the henhouse of Lillian Rock at Arkville and stole a number of chickens and took them to the home of Amos Mead, Arkville, where the chickens were roasted and they had a chicken supper.

\$500 FINE IMPOSED ON ASSAULT CHARGE

Stephen Weidman Pays Sum And Judge Suspends Jail Sentence

(From Delhi correspondent.)

On Monday Stephen Weidman of the town of Meredith appeared before County Judge Andrew J. McNaught and received a sentence of not less than one year and six months nor more than three years in Auburn and a fine of \$500. Upon payment of the fine the sentence would be suspended. Mr. Weidman paid the fine.

It will be remembered that Mr. Weidman was indicted by the grand jury at the October term of assault in the first degree, he having struck Chester McAdams of the same town at an auction sale over the head with a pickaxe handle, wounding him quite badly. Mr. Weidman pleaded not guilty and was tried before Judge McNaught at the November term of county court. The jury found him guilty of assault in the second degree. Mr. Weidman claimed he struck in self defense and from the evidence at the trial it was brought out that McAdams had called Weidman vile names and threatened him before the alleged assault took place. Weidman has the reputation of being a hard working farmer in his home community. Hon. Lewis F. Raymond of Franklin, with Hamilton J. Hewitt of Delhi as counsel, appeared for Mr. Weidman, and District Attorney A. L. O'Connor, with Arthur F. Curtis as counsel, for the People.

John Mayo, who was found guilty of burglary by a jury at the last term of county court and sentenced to Auburn prison by Judge McNaught for not less than two nor more than four years, was escorted to that institution by Sheriff Arbuckle on

paper throughout the house were in harmony with the occasion.

Among the many guests from out of town were the following: From New Kingston, Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott, George Robertson and fam-Uv. William Adece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Sanford, David Adece, Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, Carl Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingles, Mrs. Ella Ingles, Mrs. Hannah Thompson, W. M. Brodie, E. B. Cowan and family; from South Kortright, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nesbitt; from Margaretville, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Sanford and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Birdsall; from Hamden, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sanford; from Bovina, Mr. and Mrs. George Forman; from Andes, Mr. and Mrs. Reed DuMond; from Delhi, Mr. and Mrs. Van Wilson, W. J. Thomson, M. F. Thompson, Mrs. James Thompson and two daughters; from West Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Ft. W. Ballantyne; from Dunraven, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dyer and Philip van Keuren; from Hobart, George Dyer and family.

It is the hope of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Cairns that they may be spared to pass many more anniversaries together.

Wednesday of this week. It may be remembered that Mayo broke into the farm house of Wyatt Frisbee, on the state road two miles from Delhi toward Bloomville. He was seen by Mrs. F. Frisbee while in the house, but not by Mr. Frisbee. However, Mr. Frisbee, on getting out of bed, took his rifle and went out on the veranda and could see a man running up the road. He fired a shot or two at him returning to the house after a few minutes delay he took his car, overtook the gentleman, brought him back to his home and held him until the sheriff arrived. Mayo makes the thirteenth prisoner that Sheriff Arbuckle has taken to Auburn during his three year term as sheriff, which expires January 1st.

31 COWS ARE LOST WITH BURNING BARN

Fire Destroys Redmond Building Near Downsville

NO WATER AVAILABLE

Crowd Which Gathers Unable to Save Anything—Season's Hay Crop Consumed.

(From Downsville correspondent.)

Thirty-one cows, four calves and three horses were burned to death Sunday evening when fire destroyed the large barn on the farm of George Redmond, located in Wilson hollow, about three and one-half miles from Downsville on the Walton road.

The fire was discovered about 7 o'clock by Roscoe Smith of Downsville, who was on his way home from Bloomville. Mr. Smith saw flames coming out of the two lower windows at the upper end of the basement and also noticed fire near the eaves. He at once gave the alarm and then hurried on to Downsville. About fifty automobiles were parked in the vicinity of the burning building within a short time.

Mr. Redmond was in Downsville, where he lives, when the fire was discovered. He left the place only a short time before the flames broke out.

Thirty-one cows, three horses and four calves in the building were burned to death. There were two mows full of hay and a quantity of farm machinery, including a milking machine, in the structure, all of which were lost. Owing to the fact that no water was available nothing could be done to check the flames. The wagon house in which most of the machinery was stored did not burn.

The farm is the former Hiram Wilson place and the house on the property was destroyed by fire

several years ago. The barn was a structure 36 by 46 feet in dimensions. There was \$2,000 insurance on the stock and horses, \$2,500 on the barn, \$2,000 on hay and farm products, and \$1,000 on farm machinery, milking machines and wagons.

THROWN OUT OF CAR WHEN IT HITS TREE

Hamden Man Injured When Machine Leaves Highway

SUPT FOREMAN'S AUTO

County Official Dazzled by Lights of Approaching Car and Turns Out Too Far.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

William L. More of Mallory brook, near Hamden was seriously injured early Friday evening when the Dodge roadster of James F. Foreman, county superintendent of poor, went off the bank on the Cannonsville-Rockroyal road near the Carl farm.

The men were returning from a trip to Deposit. The accident occurred when the Foreman car met another machine and Mr. Foreman was somewhat dazzled by the lights of the other car. He was going at a good rate of speed and turned out too far, his car going over the edge of the embankment and running along until the top struck a tree. This caused the door on Mr. More's side of the machine to fly open and he was thrown out. The car ran a short distance further and tipped over on its side.

Mr. More had his collar bone broken, his right arm fractured near the shoulder and several ribs on his left side fractured and also suffered a concussion of the brain. He was given first aid treatment by Dr. C. M. Axtell of Deposit who brought him home where Dr. M. D. McNaught has since had charge of the case. His condition for several days was regarded as serious.

Mr. Foreman's car needed considerable repairing after the accident. Mr. Foreman was not injured.

STOLE CHICKENS FROM AUTO

Thieves Make Away With Bag Containing Fowls.

(From East Branch correspondent.)

The night before Thanksgiving some smart person or persons stole a bag containing seven chickens from Basset Ives' car at East Branch. No clue as to the whereabouts of the chickens has been found.

AUTO JOY RIDE ENDS WITH ARREST OF TWO

Oneonta Men Who Took Harpersfield Car Escape With \$10 Fines

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Kenneth Dyer of Harpersfield drove his Chevrolet roadster to Jay's hall at Davenport Thursday night, Nov. 27, to attend a dance. At about 12, midnight, the car was missing and the loss was reported to Special Officer V. D. Brown, who notified the state police. Later the missing car was located on Main street, Oneonta, where it had been abandoned.

Frank Shaul and Paul Jester of Oneonta, who took the car, were arrested and Friday morning they were arraigned by Trooper Metcalf before Justice of the Peace Doig of the town of Davenport, where they plead guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct and were each fined \$10 and given a suspended sentence of six months in the Albany penitentiary. During the period of suspension of the sentence each is paroled and they are to report once a week to Chief of Police Horton at Oneonta. Neither had ever been in trouble before and the lack of criminal intent, together with the fact that one of them has a family, led the complainant to reduce the charge from grand larceny in the second degree to one of disorderly conduct.