

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

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Did He Write Threatening Letter?—To Start Store in Delhi—Benefit for Chamber of Commerce.

The next number of the lecture course will be January 12th instead of January 14th as printed on the tickets.

The number of shovels working on the Rock Rift road has been reduced to two. One that of the Harratty company, the contractors, and the other leased of George Edgecomb.

Mrs. Margaret Hitchcock has sold her house on Griswold street to Carl Palmer with immediate possession given. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. Randall will be interested to know that on December 9th they celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home at 104 West street, Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holmes have issued invitations to the wedding of their niece, Miss Elva M. Cable, to Herbert Dayton Tobey of Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, December 26, at 4 o'clock at her home at 16 North street.

Rev. Willis B. Kilpatrick of East Meredith has accepted a call to become assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Oneonta and will assume his new work January first. He is the son of Rev. M. M. Kilpatrick of San Jose, California, well known in Walton, his birthplace and early home. Rev. Willis B. Kilpatrick assumed the, pastorate at East Meredith following his graduation from the Princeton Theological seminary in 1922.

Extensive improvements to the Pines brook church have just been completed. An addition, has been built in front which will afford good sized rooms on the first floor for Sunday school purposes and on the second floor a gallery has been built. Regular church services are held each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, preceded by a Sunday school hour. The Walton pastors take turns in supplying the church. The average church attendance is about one hundred.

LeRoy Maybie of Walton and John H. Bramley of Delhi have formed a partnership and will open a clothing and gents' furnishing store in the Pitcher building on Main street, Delhi, until recently occupied by the Mason electrical store. Mr. Maybie has been employed in the Burns clothing store the past three years. The new firm will be known as Bramley & Maybie. Mr. Maybie will sever his connection with the Burns store January 15th and the Delhi store will be opened about the first of March.

A number of matters were discussed at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce in Walton Hall, Monday evening. Among other matters taken up was the Question of having a moving picture benefit. There have been various extraordinary calls upon the treasury, such as the Company F trophy presentation last spring. The chamber contributes \$15 a month toward the support of the public rest room in the Vail building and it was decided to hold a benefit in the near future the proceeds of which will be largely used to meet this expense. Tentative dates have been set for January 19th and 20th.

Clarence A. Buchanan of Deposit was arrested Tuesday by Sergeant J. J. Warner of the state police on the charge of violation of section 551 of the penal law relative to sending threatening and annoying letters

through the mail. The information charges that on or about Dec. 10 Buchanan sent such a letter to Grace Nichols, Gardiner Place. The letter was typewritten and purported to be signed by Captain D. E. Fox of Troop C of Sidney and in effect ordered Miss Nichols and a girl friend to leave town. In the absence of Police Justice J. M. Peake Buchanan was arraigned before Acting Justice E. S. White and gave bail for his appearance at a hearing to be held before Mr. Peake Saturday morning. He was represented by Attorney A. E. Conner. Buchanan has been working on the state road job at Rock Rift.

The gross pool price of the Dairymen's League Co-operative Association, Inc., for November milk is \$2.35 per 100 pounds, 3 per cent butterfat, at the 201-210 mile freight zone. Expenses amounted to 9 cents per 100 pounds, making a net pool price of \$2.26. Deductions for certificates of indebtedness were at the rate of 1.0 cents per 100 pounds, leaving a cash distribution of \$2.16. With the exception of October and November, 1923, it is the League's highest pool price since February, 1923. The net pool price is \$1.08 higher than the average price of milk made into butter during November. The League marketed as fluid milk 73 per cent of all the milk it handled during the month, a new high record. The Dairymen's League will seek to send out the December checks a few days before Christmas in order that its patrons may have the money for Christmas shopping. The checks are dated the 25th but the First National bank of Walton will co-operate with the League by cashing the checks whenever received.

WALTON FAIR CAN PAY

Financial Report Shows Substantial Net Returns

RE-ELECT OLD OFFICERS

Only Need is Payment of Stock Subscriptions and Sale of \$2,000 More Stock.

That the Walton fair is a paying proposition and in time should pay substantial returns to the stockholders is indicated by the financial statement presented at the annual meeting of the stockholders held Monday evening in H. S. Ogden's office.

At the sale of the grounds at foreclosure in January the property was bid in by A. J. Courtney for \$12,000. Steps were at once taken to reorganize the fair association. One reason why the old association ran in deeper into debt year after year was because of the amount of interest charges required each year to pay on the indebtedness. It was proposed to sell \$12,000 of stock, which would care for the purchase price. The treasurer's report shows that \$9,950 of the stock was subscribed for, but up to December 15 only \$6,185 had been paid in. Prompt payment on subscriptions will be asked for and an effort made to dispose of the remaining \$2,000 of stock.

The fair enjoyed two good days in September. Wednesday, the first day, the attendance was good and a big crowd was on the grounds Thursday. Rain insurance was carried for both of these days but not for Friday. It rained Friday and the receipts that day were a blank. Had a good day been enjoyed on Friday \$600 or \$700 should have been added to the receipts.

Premiums amounting to \$2,791.90 were paid. In the spring the society will receive back from the state between 70 and 80 per cent of this sum. Eighty per cent would mean \$2,233.52. Deducting the \$1,600 note made in order to pay premiums promptly, leaves a balance of \$633.52. Adding the balance in the treasury of \$154.45 gives \$787.97 as the net earnings of the society. In addition the sum of \$350 from the 1924 receipts was put into a permanent improvement in the form of a new band stand. If this is added the fair would show a return of \$1,137.97 for 1924.

From these figures and the fact that the fair this year was virtually a two-day fair it may be seen that with conservative management substantial earnings should be shown each year. To do this, however, it is necessary that the item of interest be wiped out by payment of stock subscriptions and the sale of \$2,000 more of stock. This will leave the society free from debt.

At Monday's meeting the officers were re-elected as follows: President, J. J. Farrell; vice president, Dr. W. B. Morrow; secretary, Earl S. St. John; treasurer, Henry S. Ogden. The directors for three years, A. J. Courtney and O. J. Hoos; directors for two years, Harlan J. Wood and Peter Chambers; directors for one year, Herbert D. Henderson and C. S. Wheat.

Treasurer's report as presented Monday follows:

Receipts.	
Old association	\$73.43
Rent of grounds	178.00
Gate receipts	4,279.80
Grandstand receipts	326.00
Rent of privileges	963.00
Entries for premiums	465.06
Entries for races	165.00
Ads. in premium book	250.50
Tornado Insurance) Loss on grand stand)	371.15
Total receipts	\$8,671.94
Disbursements.	
Permanent improvements (new band stand)	\$ 350.00
Labor	607.84
Material	630.46
Printing and advertising	612.70
Attractions and music	1,685.00
Insurance	236.62
General expenses	124.02
Secretary	100.00
Treasurer	100.00
Office assistants	42.00
Police	43.00
Judges	97.45
Superintendents	120.00
Helpers	24.00
Race purses	952.50
Premiums paid	2,791.90
Total disbursements	\$8,517.49
Balance	154.45
	\$8,671.94

WILL DAM THE DELAWARE

New York Expected to Seek Further Water Supply.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

Now that New York city has the right to use water from the Delaware river the question most natural is, "Where will the next dam for the supply of water for New York city be built?" Some recommend Margaretville or the nearby section, but there seems little doubt that after the dam at Gilboa is completed, which necessitates another year of hard labor, and providing the city needs more water, the dam will go in at Port Jervis, as the argument recently made says "that above New York and New Jersey state line, or above Port Jervis, the three states. New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, will each have right to a third water supply above reserve minimum level, which will always be maintained."

This argument ends all disputes and whether the dam is built in this vicinity or nearer the New York state line remains to be seen. But dam they must and will have, as New York city is in need of a larger water supply.

KICKED OVER LANTERN

Fire Destroys Barn on Farm in Town of Franklin.

The kicking over of a lantern by a calf caused a fire Wednesday evening about six o'clock which de-

stroyed the barn on the farm of Harrison Thompkins located between Franklin and Merrickville.

The lantern was sitting in front of the mangers of the cows and the calves playing in the loose hay on the barn floor are believed to have kicked it over and started the fire. Help was summoned but the barn, silo, and a shed were burned. Two cows were burned to death and the grain and hay in the building are a total loss.

The house on the farm burned about a year ago. There was insurance on the barn and contents.

DIDNT CARE FOR HORSES

Troopers Make Two Arrests at Livingston Manor.

(Livingston Manor correspondent.)

State troopers have been active in the vicinity of the Manor the past week, having looked into several cases reported to them, with an eye toward making arrests of culprits on a variety of charges. In some of the matters taken up, no action was taken at the present time, pending further investigation.

Herman Gray, a farmer living on the DeBruce road was arrested last week by Trooper Wm. Van De Car on complaint of Leslie Finkle who is employed on the neighboring farm of James Zieley, and taken before Justice Sturdevant on a cruelty to animals charge. Mr. Gray, who is a prosperous farmer, was accused of leaving four horses out during a cold night, and given a, six months' sentence, which the justice suspended. Mr. Gray argued that the horses got away from him and that he was unable to persuade them to come to shelter.

Trooper Van De Car arrested Harold Hodge, employed on the Rosenthal farm at White Roe lake, Sunday morning. Hodge had left his horse unblanketed and unfed under Sprague Krom company's sheds during the preceding night. In this case the trooper was the complainant and Judge Sturdevant sentenced Hodge to six months in jail suspending sentence during good behavior.

Sergeant Hopkins of Monticello with Trooper Van De Car, has been looking into scandalous stories which have been current about the Manor for the past fortnight. These weird tales have been proven untrue, and arrests of the fabricators are liable to follow.

WOULD PROTECT LAND FROM FERN PICKERS

Owners Object to Devastation of Plant Life

SUPPORT LAW TO CHECK

Measure Proposed to Require Written Consent From the Landowners.

During the past few years farmers and other landowners in Sullivan and Delaware counties have been greatly annoyed by the depredations of fern and evergreen pickers. These men seldom, if ever, ask permission before they trespass for the purpose of gathering ferns and evergreens.

The state conservation commission states that complaints have been made by people who have made plantations of pine trees that automobile parties and others were ripping up their trees and carrying them away, and trouble has also been experienced in keeping these people off of state land, particularly in the Esopus watershed.

It has been proposed that a bill be introduced in the next legislature by Assemblyman Loomis and Senator Bouton, which would make it a misdemeanor to trespass upon lands for the purpose of removing anything growing thereon without the written consent of the owner of the property. The difficulty is to establish a case which will identify the person who does the trespassing when he is detected away from the premises.

This might be accomplished by requiring any person that transports

ferns or greens or other material of this kind to have a receipt or certificate of ownership from the person whose land the material was obtained from and this certificate must accompany transportation. A check up by state troopers or other police officers to see whether the certificates were bona fide would then be easy.

The right of the landowner to sell or remove the ferns, evergreens or wildflowers from his own premises is recognized, but the end sought by any measure such as outlined would be to stop the depredations by professional fern and evergreen pickers without the consent of the landowners. Sullivan county has been practically stripped of moss and ferns and small evergreens, it is declared, and these men are now working in Delaware county and during the past season they have shipped truckload after truckload of evergreen branches, moss and ferns to the city.

DIDN'T DELIVER TELEGRAM

Western Union Pays Deposit Man \$50 Damages.

The claim of John L. Gray of Deposit against the Western Union Telegraph company has been settled in full, Mr. Gray having received a check for \$50 a few days ago.

The claim was rather an interesting one and somewhat out of the ordinary, arising from the failure of the telegraph company to deliver a telegram sent by Mrs. Gray from Ghent, N. Y., to her husband. The failure of delivery caused Mr. Gray to drive his car to Albany, where he was to meet Mrs. Gray, and his expenses on the trip formed the basis for the claim.

Attorney H. W. Smith of Deposit acted for Mr. Gray in negotiating the settlement.

WANT NURSE FOR WALTON.

Miss Freda Johnson, supervising nurse of the Red Cross, was in Walton this week conferring with officers of the local chapter relative to engaging a public health nurse. The Walton chapter has available a sum sufficient to defray other expenses provided the nurse's salary is paid by the school district, the village, or both. A proposition covering the matter may be submitted at the next village election.

\$45,000 PROFIT ON LAND

Former Stamford Man Cleans Up in Florida.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

M. W. Goodell of Binghamton, who years ago conducted the Hamilton House in Stamford, where he is well known, recently sold ten acres of property on Gandy Bridge boulevard, St. Petersburg, Florida, for \$60,000. The property was purchased by Mr. Goodell in March for \$15,000.

TROPHY FOR TROOP C.

At the meeting of the fair association Monday it was unanimously voted that the society purchase a suitable trophy to be presented to Troop of Sidney as a token of appreciation for the exhibition of horsemanship given at the fair last September. This proved to be one of the best features of the fair and the troopers received much favorable comment on their horsemanship.

FINISH HANCOCK ROAD.

(From Hancock correspondent.)

Jackson Brothers finished their contract on the Hancock-Long Eddy highway this week and will store their machinery in Hancock for the winter but their horses they will take to Port Jervis where next spring they will build three miles of macadam road.