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100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 YEARS AGO,
SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1920

THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

WESTERN FARMERS COME EAST

**Horse Killed in Runaway—
Masonic Officers Elected—
Dunk Hill Farm Sold—Other
News Notes.**

H. M. Robinson has bought the D. E. McLean house, William street. Through the agency of Mr. Robinson Mrs. Eugene Schoonmaker has sold the Julia Wilbur house, East street, to James France.

At a meeting of the directors of the Walton fair association Tuesday evening, Robert George was appointed a director in place of William H. Austin, recently elected president of the association.

A. W. Shaffer of Pepacton, who had his foot so badly injured last week while working at the new Kayser mill, will probably recover the use of the foot. Dr. Morrow, the attending physician, states that Mr. Shaffer's condition is very favorable, but it will be some time before the plaster cast can be removed.

Monroe Wall, the Norwich young man who was arrested in Syracuse, plead guilty before County Judge Hill of Norwich to burglarizing the store of W. F. Wilbur in August, 1916, and to the theft of a horse and rig from Charles H. Pierson, the Walton liveryman, in November. He was sent to Elmira reformatory until discharged by law. He will probably be confined in that institution for at least thirteen months.

The census enumerators start their work today, Friday, January 2. The enumerators in the villages have two weeks to complete their work while those in the rural districts are allowed a month. Each farmer will be asked questions concerning the acreage and value of his farm, whether he owns, rents or partly rents the land he farms; the value of the buildings, machinery and implements belonging to his farm; the quantity of all crops raised on the farm during 1919; and many other questions which cover all possible farm operations.

At the annual meeting of the Ogden Free Library Association Monday evening, Edmund More and Samuel H. Pond were re-elected trustees. The report of the librarian, Mrs. F. E. Bassett, showed a circulation for the year of 30,700 compared to 28,005 in 1918. There was expended during the year for repairs to the library building the sum of \$430.04. There still remain a number of improvements which the trustees hope to make to increase the facilities of the library. Members of the library association are asked to renew their memberships for 1920 by handing the membership fee of one dollar to the librarian.

At the annual election of officers of Walton Lodge No. 559, F. & A. M. Thursday evening the following officers were elected: Master, A. B. Kingsbury; senior warden, F. J. Meyer; junior warden, C. D. Leroy; treasurer, H. D. Henderson; secretary, George M. Carpenter; trustee, David More. The appointive officers are as follows: Chaplain, E. P. Hoyt; senior deacon, T. M. Kingsbury; junior deacon, Floyd Lincoln; senior master of ceremonies, Fred Lynch; junior master of ceremonies, William H. White; senior steward, Harry G. Clark; junior steward, Howard Brown; marshal, J. C. Burrhus; tiler, Harry Benedict; organist, James Peake.

Hugh Wilson has sold his farm of 305 acres on Dunk hill to his son-in-law, William H. MacAdams. The farm is known as the David R. Scott farm and was purchased seven years ago for \$10,000 by Mr. Wilson, who came here from Nebraska. The present sale price, including forty-five head of Jerseys, is \$14,000. Mr. MacAdams owns the Henry Olmstead farm near by and will conduct both places. Mr. Wilson is looking for a smaller farm located near the village. The trend from the west to the east, due largely to the high price of land in the west, is shown by the fact that Mr. Wilson has three brothers-in-law who recently sold their property in Nebraska and came to Schenectady county, where they bought farms. These three men have fifteen relatives living in the same section who expect to dispose of their western holdings and buy farms in the east.

One of the valuable gray horses owned by Camp Brothers, feed and coal dealers, was killed in a runaway Saturday about 6 o'clock. George Hammond, the

driver, was painfully injured and will be unable to work for several weeks. Mr. Hammond was returning to the coal elevators when the team got beyond his control on St. John street. As they made the turn from Mead to Howell streets, near the Walton foundry, the wagon box came off and Hammond was thrown out on the icy road, striking on his back. As the team turned into the coal yards, the wagon wheel struck the steps of the platform near the scales and demolished them. The horses then headed for the door to the coal elevator, which was open, but one of the animals crowded its mate, and the horse ran against the edge of the door. The impact was terrific and the animal's neck was broken, causing instant death. The horse was valued at \$250. Dr. Morrow, who was called, found Hammond's back a solid mass of bruises. No bones were broken, but the injured man will be unable to work for several weeks at least.

RIVER TOLL BRIDGES WILL BE ABOLISHED

**Steps Taken by State to
Acquire Private Property**

HANCOCK AMONG THE FIRST

**Bridges on Delaware Between
New York and Pennsylvania
Have Paid Private
Owners Well.**

State Engineer Frank N. Williams, chairman of the New York Interstate Bridge commission which is cooperating with the Pennsylvania Bridge commission relative to the acquisition of the toll bridges between the two states, says that representatives of the commission are gathering data relative to the purchase of the structures and that considerable headway has been made during the past year.

The first legislation involving the toll bridges was enacted in this state in 1905 but owing to a number of reasons, it was impossible for the two commissions to hold a joint session until last fall. Last winter, however, both the New York and Pennsylvania state legislatures appropriated \$25,000 additional to the \$10,000 already set aside by both states to carry on the work of the commissions and in May, the New York commission was organized. This consists of State Engineer Frank M. Williams, chairman; Superintendent of Public Works Edward S. Walsh and Highway Commissioner Frederick S. Greene. The commission appointed an engineer-secretary, who made a thorough examination of the structures to be acquired and in October the two commissions held a meeting in Philadelphia at which Governor W. C. Sproul of Pennsylvania was elected chairman of the joint commission.

At this meeting the first comprehensive data relative to the bridges was submitted to the commissions. This showed that there were eleven bridges cross-

ing the Delaware river between New York and Pennsylvania and that all, with the exception of one between Pond Eddy, Sullivan county, New York, and Pond Eddy Station, Pennsylvania, which is owned by the town of Lumberland, New York, were privately owned and maintained by toll collections, the annual dividends from tolls being from five to twenty per cent of the capita stock. The bridges are located at Port Jervis, Pond Eddy, Barryville, Minsink, Narrowsburg, Skinner Falls, Cohecton, Callicoon, Kellam's Bridge, Lordville and Hancock.

At the first meeting the joint commission adopted resolutions authorizing that immediate consideration be given the matter of purchasing the bridges by the two states and E. A. Lamb of the New York state engineering department and Willis Whited of the Pennsylvania state highway commission were appointed to secure data relative to the bridges, prepare a valuation of the structures and submit this information to the joint commission together with the prices asked by the owners of the structures. The first properties to be examined by Mr. Lamb and Mr. Whited will be the bridges between Port Jervis, N. Y., and Matamoras, Pa., Barryville N. Y., and Shohola, Pa., and Hancock, N. Y., and Buckingham, Pa.

WALTON ROAD THIS YEAR

**Commissioner Green Will
Push Construction—Limit of
\$40,000. Will Probably Not
Be Exceeded.**

The letter of Commissioner Greene, State Highway Commissioner, to President Courtney of the Walton Chamber of Commerce assures the construction of the Deposit-Walton road the present year. The commissioner settled all controversy between the advocates of this route and the Andes-Margaretville by promising to construct both roads in 1920.

The commissioner makes a proviso that if the cost runs to more than \$40,000 the county will provide the excess. Probably few will object to this provision. As a matter of fact the roads will probably not exceed this limit per mile. The department has recently issued a circular giving the cost in the different engineering divisions of the state of the relative cost of the different forms of construction. In this district to \$25,000 per mile for minimum reinforced concrete to \$29,000 for heavy reinforced concrete. This is for the pavement of sixteen feet in width. Grading, culverts, drainage, guide rails, etc. are not included. As the Deposit road follows the river the grading ought not to be so much of an item as to make the cost exceed \$40,000. If the minimum concrete is used, there would be a margin of \$15,000 per mile for grading and culverts.

D. & H. TRAINMAN KILLED

**William Ray Genung
Fell Under Wheels While
Switching Cars.**

William Ray Genung, a trainman on the Delaware & Hudson railroad, died Friday morning, December 26, in the Fox Memorial hospital, Oneonta, from injuries received in the railroad yards in that city five hours previous.

Genung was a member of the yard crew engaged in switching cars at the northbound transportation yard. He was engaged in cutting cars at the time of the accident and it is believed that he was riding an end beam when his feet slipped and he fell under the wheels of the car, receiving injuries which caused his death. One leg and an arm were practically severed and his back broken. The accident occurred at 3:55 o'clock in the morning and the injured man died in the hospital at 9:30 a. m.

Mr. Genung was born at Well-bridge January 9, 1893. He is survived by his wife and three small children; also by his father, Frank Genung of Norwich; three brothers, George Genung of Unadilla, and Arthur and Floyd Genung of Norwich; and one sister, Mrs. Ray Salisbury of Norwich.

He has lived in Oneonta for the past 18 months, moving here from Unadilla, and has been in the employ of the railroad company for over two years.

DEATH OF RALPH TRAVIS

**Hale Eddy Young Man Dies
Suddenly in Cincinnati, Ohio.**

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Travis of Hale Eddy received word on Wednesday morning of the death of their son, Ralph, who was professor of mathematics in a military school in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was taken ill with tonsilitis at the close of school and was unable to get home. No funeral arrangements have been made. Professor Travis was a member of Co. D, 305 Machine Gun Battalion, of the 77th Division and saw much active service in France, being in the front lines over one hundred and twenty-five days. He returned to the states last July. He has often been in Walton, being the nephew of Mrs. Grant Begeal and Mrs. F. C. Biedekapp.

BOY COASTER KILLED BY FORD AUTOMOBILE

**Ivan Nichols Ran Into Passing
Car on State Road**

SKULL WAS FRACTURED

**Wesley Brundage, Driver of
Ford, on Way Home With
Casket for Own Son When
Accident Occurred.**

Ivan, the eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Orton R. Nichols of Walton, was killed on Monday afternoon when the sled on which he was coasting down hill ran into the automobile of Wesley Brundage of Rockroyal.

Mr. and Mrs. Brundage were returning home from Walton and were carrying in their Ford car a casket for their own little son, Hector, aged 16 months, who had died the previous evening. The two children were buried in the Walton cemetery Wednesday.

The accident occurred about 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. A number of children were coasting down hill in the driveway between the houses of Austin Brundage and Frank Slosser on Prospect Avenue. The driveway is banked by steep terraces and the view from the state road is shut off above the sidewalk. The other children were at the top of the hill at the time.

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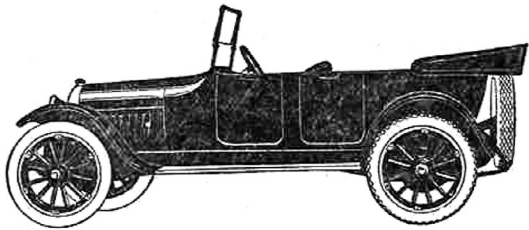
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As Mr. Brundege was driving his car along the state road the Nichols lad came down the driveway on his sled. He came out on the road so suddenly that Mr. Brundege did not have an opportunity to avoid a collision. The boy's sled went under the car between the wheels and the lad either struck his head against the differential of the machine or was caught under the rear wheel on the further side and dragged along. The car was stopped by the driver a length and an half from where the accident occurred.

The boy was carried at once into the home of Austin Brundege and Dr. Morrow summoned. The physician found that Ivan had sustained a fracture at the base of the skull and death was doubtless instantaneous. The boy's sled was not much damaged.

Dr. C. R. Woods of Delhi, the coroner, was summoned and after examining into the case and hearing the testimony the coroner exonerated Mr. Brundege of any blame. The boy coaster was concealed from sight by the terraces until he was almost upon the car and there was nothing that Mr. Brundege could do to avoid the accident.

The funeral of Ivan Nichols was held at the home Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by Rev. B. L. Bixby and burial was made in the Walton cemetery. Beside the parents there are seven children in the family Grace, Mabel, Leona, Roger, Clifton, Woodrow and Raymond. Ivan was a student in the second grade of the Miller Avenue school.

There are but few of the places in Walton used by the children in coasting which are free from danger of a similar accident. Where the accident of Monday occurred the children at first had been in the habit of stationing one of their number on the road to watch for cars, but had grown careless and abandoned the practice.

VERDICTS ARE UPHELD

Appellate Division Reverses Only One Out of Four Delaware County Cases.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in Albany Tuesday handed down decisions in several Delaware county cases.

In the action of the E. A. Strout farm agency against Archie Gladstone of Shavertown, to recover commissions alleged to be due; the verdict of the lower court in the sum of about \$240 was unanimously affirmed.

The court also affirmed unanimously the \$900 judgment secured by Ella C. Alton against the village of Fleischmanns. Mrs. Alton sued to recover damages sustained by a fall in June, 1917, which she claimed was caused by a defective sidewalk.

In the matter of the Board of Education of School District 21, town of Middletown, respondent, against Augustus H. Todd, appellant, the appellate court reversed the judgment of the lower court and granted a new trial. The suit is over a right of way Todd claims over land's deeded by him to the school on an exchange of premises in 1913.

In another Fleischmanns lawsuit, that of the administrators of Charles Le Crosby against the Griffin Corners Water Company, the judgment and order of the lower court were affirmed. The Crosby estate sued to recover \$3,578.42 and \$482.21 interest a total of \$4,058.63, which they had paid to a Kingston bank on a note, of which Crosby and A. H. Todd were the makers and issued to secure money for the water company. The Crosby estate secured judgment for the amount claimed and this is upheld. The firm of O'Connor & O'Connor represented the plaintiffs in all three of the Fleischmanns cases.

UNADILLA MAY REFOREST

County Improvement Society Wishes Town to Set Out 20-Acre Tract.

A meeting of the taxpayers of the town of Unadilla will be held in the high school building in Unadilla on Saturday afternoon, January 31, to consider the feasibility and advisability of the purchase of a tract of land for the town to be reforested on a scientific basis.

The recently formed Otsego County Improvement Association has reforestation as one of its projects and wishes to have four towns in the county reforest tracts of twenty acres under the supervision of the Syracuse state college of forestry.

JOHN GUGHOLTZ FREED

No Evidence to Hold Norwich Man for Brother's Murder.

John Gugholtz of Norwich, who went by the name of John Cookhouse, who was recently taken into custody in connection with the murder of his brother, Andrew Gugholtz, near Equinunk, Pa., has been released.

John Cookhouse established an alibi as to his whereabouts on the night his brother was killed to the satisfaction of the Wayne county authorities.

FORD WRECKED BY D. & H. TRAIN

Oneonta Car Stalled on Crossing Near Afton.

While Charles N. Murdock of Ford avenue, Oneonta, was on his way to Binghamton, Tuesday, at about 12 o'clock, and had just reached the crossing about three miles below Afton village, the car stalled upon the track. Before it could be started again the south bound passenger train for Binghamton struck the machine, a Ford, and demolished it. Mr. Murdock had time to jump and escaped injury.

Old Company Goes Out of Business.

The Sidney Water Works company will cease to exist on January 14, the dissolution taking effect at that time. The village of Sidney took over the water system recently.

Ford and Wagon Collide.

(From Arkville correspondent.)

Hasbrouck Cole of Arkville, while going towards Margaretville one night recently, ran into the rig of Philo Benedict of Hubbell Hill, near the covered bridge, nearly causing a bad spill for all hands. The wishbone on the Ford was broken. Benedict carried no light and is typical of many others who travel our roads at night and often on the wrong side, inviting disaster to themselves as well as others.

CHILD KILLED BY STRYCHNINE

Swallowed Tablets Prescribed by Doctor for His Mother.

(Livingston Manor corr.)

The funeral of Lewis Johnson Sutherland, 16 months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sutherland of Slate Hill, was held from the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon. On Christmas night the little fellow got hold of strychnine tablets which had been prescribed for his mother and swallowed a number of the poisonous pellets. He died while being taken to Thrall Hospital in Middletown. The child was buried in Hillside cemetery, Livingston Manor.

SILLIMAN HOSPITAL PHYSICIAN

Delhi Doctor Will Have Supervision of Tuberculosis Hospital.

The Board of Managers of the county tuberculosis hospital met in Delhi Tuesday and organized by electing S. F. Penfield of Delhi as president and Mrs. Flora E. Bassett of Walton as vice president, Dr. Grover A. Silliman of Delhi was appointed resident physician at a salary of \$900 per annum. He will superintend the equipment of the hospital, which it is hoped to have ready for use in February.

KILLED BY ROOMMATE

East Worcester Man Shot by Accidental Discharge of Revolver.

Morris Becker, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Becker of East Worcester, Otsego county, was killed on Friday evening at his lodgings in Albany when a revolver, which his roommate, Clifford Olmstead, was engaged

in cleaning, was accidentally discharged. The bullet pierced Becker's body under the right arm and passed through the lungs, causing internal hemorrhage, from which death resulted in a few minutes.

Arm Amputated Second Time.

(From Hancock correspondent.)

W. H. Clerk returned Saturday from the City hospital, where he recently underwent a serious operation to his right arm. Several years ago, while in the employ of the Erie railroad, he had the arm crushed while coupling cars at Deposit. The injured member was amputated at that time at the Susquehanna hospital, but has always pained him since. In order to relieve this condition the arm was amputated further up recently.

MATTERS BEFORE SURROGATE

Proceedings Before Judge McNaught in Delhi Monday.

Estate of Ablal Drake, late of Franklin. Decree entered discharging administrator de bonis non.

Estate of Dwight B. Drake, late of Franklin Decree entered discharging administrator.

Estate of Chester B. Buckingham, late of Harpersfield. Decree entered and distribution ordered.

Estate of Andrew A. Chisholm, late of Franklin. Decree on intermediate accounting entered.

Estate of Caroline P. Stoddart, late of Delhi. Letters of administration issued to H. Griswold Stoddart. Estimate, \$1,000 personal.

Testamentary letters of guardianship of Robert Oliver and James Oliver issued to Katherine M. Oliver.

Letters of guardianship of Sarah H. Decker, infant, issued to Helen M. Moore.

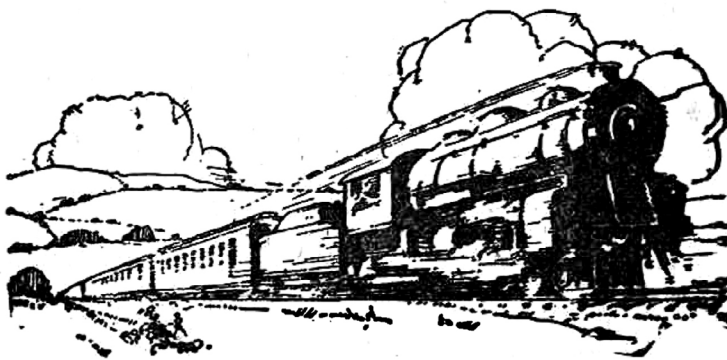
Estate of Fanny P. Haskins, late of Franklin. Will admitted to probate and letters issued to Edward Comstock. Estimate, \$300 personal, \$700 real. After the disposal of various articles the residue is bequeathed to the daughter if living.

Estate of Maria Ceas, late of Kortright. Will admitted to probate and letters issued to William D. Ceas. Estimate, \$1,000 personal. The will gives \$1 each to the brother and sisters, articles of furniture to certain other legatees, to the husband the life use of the residue, at his death the use of estate to Daniel R. Ceas and at his death the residue equally to William D. Cas and Delbert J. Ceas.

Walton Girls Won.

(From Downsview corr.)

The basketball game held at Downsview last Friday evening between the Walton High School girls and the Downsview High School girls resulted in a score of 17 to 14 in favor of Walton.



A vast amount of work now remains to be done which the intervention of war has necessarily delayed and accumulated, and the result is that * * * very large capital expenditures ought to be made to make up for the interruptions inevitably due to the war, and to prepare the railroads to serve adequately the increased traffic throughout the country.
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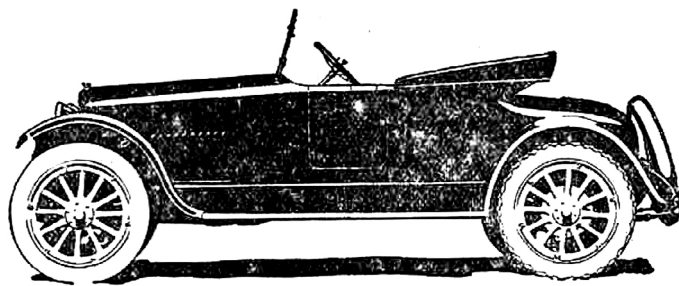
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