

# LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, February 16, 1924

## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

### CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

### Woman Sent to Refuge— Site for Children's Home— Thieves Enter Restaurants.

An examination for chauffeurs will be held at the Walton armory on March 12. at 9:30 a. m.

R. Morrow, a deputy collector of internal revenue attached to the Syracuse office, will be at the Walton post office Friday, Feb. 22, to assist in making out federal income tax forms.

Martin Smith's restaurant in the O. & W. depot was broken into Tuesday night and some candy, cigars and cigarettes taken. An attempt was also made recently to break into the Delaware lunch, Delaware street.

Reinold Marvin suffered a painful cut on the palm of his hand when in running past the armory with other boys he grabbed hold of a tin sign holder used to hold basketball signs. The accident occurred the latter part of the week.

John D. Smith of Walton will be a candidate for sheriff in the Republican primary in September, it is understood. Under Sheriff Lynn Stewart of Roxbury is also said to be in the field and Fred J. Stevens, federal prohibition agent, may enter the race.

The Illinois Watch company recently offered a bronze medal of Lincoln to the student in the Walton high school writing the best essay on Lincoln. The contest was won by Douglas Lincoln and the medal was awarded in the assembly hall Tuesday.

The ground was covered Sunday by a mantle of snow but the records of J. Q. Barlow, local weather observer, show a fall of only three inches. In some places six inches or more snowfall is reported. The snowfall this year has been unusually light, the total in December and January being only 7 inches. Fifty inches snowfall in a season is not unusual.

At the partition sale of the James Howland house, Liberty street, Monday the property was hid in by Benjamin H. Roe for \$2,120. Lincoln L. Kellogg of Oneonta was referee in the proceedings and Hon. C. C. Flaesch of Unadilla was attorney for the petitioner, Maude Shaver. Mr. Roe recently entered the employ of D. W. Coulter in his garage, coming here from Poughkeepsie.

Word was received Tuesday, February 12th, by Miss Mary Knapp of Northfield of the death the previous week of Mrs. F. W. Dickinson, wife of the Rev. F. W. Dickinson, of Homer, N. Y. Rev. Dickinson held the pastorate of the Congregational church here about thirty years ago and Mrs. Dickinson will be remembered by many of her former friends. She has been in ill health for about two years. Mrs. Dickinson was born in Nottingham, England, 76 years ago. She is survived by her husband and four children.—Northfield correspondent.

Mrs. Hazel Gratopp was arrested Saturday by state troopers on complaint of Mrs. Ida Houck, a neighbor, the charge being disorderly conduct. Mrs. Gratopp has been under arrest before and Humane Officer Phelps of Sidney was called into the case. Upon her plea of guilty Police Justice J. M. Peake sentenced her to six months in the Mt. Magdalen School of Industry in Troy, N. Y., and she was taken to that place by Chief of Police Stidd. Two other arrests were made during the week on charges of public intoxication, fines being

imposed by Justice Peake in each case.

The Harby property, upper Stockton avenue, was suggested by Rev. S. E. Carr as a suitable selection for the Up-State Baptist Children's Home, at a meeting of the directors of the home association held in Oneonta Tuesday. Other sites offered were the Ontio property at Unadilla for \$20,000, the Thanksgiving hospital in Cooperstown for \$15,000; a Sidney site, consisting of a farmhouse and three acres of land for \$4,000, and an Oneonta property for \$10,000. Decision was left to a special committee of five, not any of them members of churches in town where sites had been proposed, and with them two members of the Ladies' auxiliary. The Harby place in Walton is held for \$15,000, it is understood.

A state conference on taxation will be held in the state education building in Albany on February 20 and 21. Section 171c of the tax law provides for a state meeting of the assessors of every tax district once every two years and further provides that the traveling and other necessary expenses incurred by the local assessors in attending such a meeting shall be a charge against the county within which the district they represent is located. The state tax commission which will have charge of the conference suggests that to obviate possible misunderstanding when bills are presented for audit and payment, local assessors should, before the conference is held, have definite understanding with their proper local authorities for the payment of their expenses.

## TWO DIE FROM BURNS

### Oneonta and Windsor Residents Succumb to Injuries

### STOVE FIRED CLOTHING

### Mrs. Seward Nichols Was Niece of Fred Strong and Mrs. John Wolf of Walton.

Two women in this vicinity, one in Oneonta and the other near Windsor, died this week from burns received in accidents.

The dead are Mrs. Seward Nichols of Oneonta, a niece of Fred Strong and Mrs. John Wolf of Walton, who passed away Monday from burns sustained on January 27, and Mrs. E. J. Gardinier of Windsor, who also died Monday as a result of an accident that morning.

Both women received their burns in the same manner, by having their clothing ignited from hot stoves. Mrs. Nichols had placed her baby's cradle near the stove and was standing with her back to the stove when her clothing became ignited. From the first little hope was held out for Mrs. Nichols recovery and the end came as stated. She was 24 years of age and is survived by her husband and two small children, Frances and Beverly Camilla; her father, D. B. Silliman, three brothers and two sisters. The family formerly lived at Harpersfield and Schenevus.

Mrs. E. J. Gardinier, who lives on a farm at Ostrander, three miles east of Windsor, was fatally burned Monday when her clothes became ignited by a hot kitchen stove. Her husband, who had been to the creamery with his milk, arrived in time to extinguish the flames about her and to save the house, which had caught fire. Mrs. Gardinier died the same night.

It is believed that she was standing close to the stove in an effort to warm herself, after doing work outside the house, and that her clothes caught fire on her back. She wrapped rugs and blankets about her in a desperate effort to check the flames, but eventually fled from the house and collapsed. It was at that moment that Mr. Gardinier reached home and put out the fire.

There are two small children in the family, one of whom was in school and the other, too small to

## REQUIRE NEW BRIDGE FOR ROCK RIFT ROAD

### Change Highway to Do Away With Present Structure

### TWO TOWNS BEAR COST

### State Bureau Declares Delaware County Roads Will be Included in the Spring Lettings.

Indications point to the early letting of the contracts of parts 3 and 4 of the Deposit-Rock Rift highway and of part 1 of the East Branch-Downsville road, which are on the highway bureau's order of construction this year.

Division Engineer C. M. Edwards of Binghamton, who was in Delhi Tuesday for the meeting of town superintendents of highways, stated that the plans for part 3 are now ready except for federal approval and that the plans of the other roads will be ready soon. As previously stated the Rock Rift highway will cross the Delaware river at Rock Rift and continue on the southerly side of the river until it joins the state road below Beerston. The plan to run the road on the north side of the river from Rock Rift to Beerston was found impracticable on account of the quicksand slide near Wakeman brook.

The plans call for a new location of the roadbed near Rock Rift,

help, was about the house. Mrs. Gardinier was 38 years of age. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Best, formerly of Deposit, and a niece of Mrs. R. G. Springsteen of Deposit.

The funeral will be held today, Friday, with burial at Hale Eddy.

## MUST STEP LIVELY FOR STATE TROOPERS

### Man Haled Before Justice as Result of Argument on Right of Way

(Livingston Manor correspondent.)

Three state troopers and Milford Vernooy, who lives just outside of Livingston Manor, engaged in more or less of a mixup at the corner of Main and Pleasant streets in that village on Tuesday morning, which resulted in Vernooy's arrest.

The whole affair seems to have been more or less of a misunderstanding than a question of disorderly conduct, such as was alleged in the charge preferred by Trooper J. H. Lockhart before Justice R. J. Hoag, who, when Vernooy plead guilty, sentenced him to thirty days, sentence being suspended.

Vernooy had started to pull his horse into the street, after having parked at the side of the street while he went in Keller & Allen's hardware store, and the flivver containing the three members of the state constabulary, came across the bridge at a pretty good clip, according to onlookers, the driver honking his horn for Vernooy to get out of the way.

Vernooy says he failed to hear the horn or to notice that the men were officers of the law, when they commanded him to stop and commenced to bawl him out.

He retorted in no very gentle manner, when one of the troopers tried, without success, to drag him from the sleigh.

Stopping him the second time, the troopers handcuffed Vernooy, dragging him from his sleigh and taking him to the justice's office.

## A MILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY

### Many Delaware County Farmers Turn to Cauliflower Raising.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

Last year was considered a great year for the cauliflower growers and it seems that success has brought more into this activity this year. Last year less than two

hundred acres of cauliflower were raised, but the indications now are that this year they will run to over five hundred acres. The industry in this section attained the great height of a half a million dollars last year. It means that if the price remains about the same this year that this industry in this section will run over a million of dollars above last year. If we can't get money out of cattle we have another way to achieve success. The farmers by a number of meetings are trying to get all the plans made for transportation and crating and cartage so that the early fixing of all these things will aid them in their pursuit of success. It is hoped that this will be a great year for them.

which will necessitate the construction of a bridge to replace the present structure. Instead of crossing the river and joining the Apex road at a right angle the highway will take a slanting course, cutting out the curve near the Murray Yeoman house, which will bring it north of the present location and eliminate the two curves. The new bridge will have a 180-foot span and will be 24 feet wide.

The town board of Walton at a meeting Wednesday adopted a resolution making available the town's share of the cost of the new bridge. The bridge is half in Tompkins and the two towns will share the cost jointly. The Tompkins board meets today, Friday, to adopt a similar resolution. The cost of the bridge is not yet known but doubtless a special election will be held later to authorize the issue of bonds to defray the expense. Otherwise the amount must be included in the tax budget.

It is stated that County Superintendent Van Tassle has received the plans of parts 3 and 4 for his approval and that they have since been forwarded to the federal government. Mr. Edwards was of the opinion on Tuesday that part 3 would be advertised first as there were still some details to work out on the railroad crossing elimination in part 4.

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## RELATIVES CONTEST MR. HUBBELL'S WILL

### Left Money to Church at Harvard Which Was Not Incorporated

(East Branch correspondent.)

The contest of the will of the late Charles Kester Hubbell before the surrogate at Binghamton was postponed from Feb. 4th to March 2. L. G. Carpenter, who represents Harry Hubbell of Fishs Eddy and others of his family tree in the contest, was not ready, so Rev. Foxton and W. D. Moshier, who went to Binghamton Monday in the interest of the Harvard church, to which most of the money was willed, returned Monday evening. However, they spent a couple of hours with the judge, presenting their side of the case.

Most of the Baxter heirs on his mother's side are making no contest, as they feel Mr. Hubbell wanted his money to go to the church. The technicality the contestants think gives them a chance to get this money lies in the fact that when it was so willed the Harvard church was not incorporated. However, it is a branch of the Methodist Episcopal church of the New York conference, which is an incorporated body. A precedent was established in a case similar to this a couple of years ago, and if this is decided in the same manner the church will receive the money. This question was raised by the lawyer who drew the will, but Mr. Hubbell assured him he thought it was incorporated. However, to make sure he wrote the trustees at Harvard, but before receiving their reply he suddenly passed away. This shows very plainly where he wished his money to go and was taking great pains to make certain everything was right when death called him.

The little church is now incorporated and will have no such trouble in the future. There are about 75 heirs who would come in for a share if the church did not receive it, which would amount to very little for each. Dr. H. E. Wright, who was also in attendance, came to East Branch Wednesday.

## MAY SEEK ANOTHER JUDGESHIP

### Clarke Will Sponsor Measure if Congressmen Approve.

Owing to the congestion which exists in the federal court of the northern district of New York state, of which Delaware county is a part, a movement is on foot to secure congressional legislation which will allow the appointment by President Coolidge of an additional federal judge.

In Washington, the center of the movement, is Congressman John D. Clarke of Fraser, and during this week a meeting of the Republican congressional delegation will be held with United States Senator James Wadsworth to discuss the matter. This conference will determine whether active support will be given the movement.

If the movement be approved by the conference, Congressman Clarke will offer the necessary legislation in the House, he stated. Judge Frank Cooper of Schenectady and Judge George W. Ray of Norwich are the present judges in this district.

## CHANGE SLIDE MOUNTAIN NAME

### John Burrough's Admirers Would Commemorate Naturalist.

John Burrough's name and memory would be perpetuated in Mount Burroughs if the board of regents of the University of the State of New York would consent to that change of name in Slide Mountain, in the town of Shandaken, Ulster county.

A petition requesting the board of regents to determine propriety of such proposed new name for general use and approve it is in circulation, headed by the signature of former Governor Benjamin B. Odell of Newburgh, and containing also the names of other men and national and international prominence.

## MERRICKVILLE MAN CUTS KNEE.

(From Merrickville correspondent.)

Alva Hendrickson of Merrickville while cutting four-foot wood on Monday of this week cut his knee very badly.

## CRACKED BONE IN ANKLE.

(From Grooville correspondent.)

Glen Case of Grooville had the misfortune to crack a bone in his ankle last week while helping Fred Sturdevant draw ice.

## BROKEN WHEEL CAUSES WRECK

### U. & D. Train Derailed at Big Indian Thursday.

A wheel broke on a loaded coal car in an east bound coal train on the Ulster & Delaware railroad last Thursday afternoon, about one mile east of Big Indian, resulting in several hours of delay to east bound passenger and milk trains.

The wheel broke in half both pieces leaving the journal allowing the journal box to ride the rail and carry the car for close to 3,500 feet before it was derailed. They were making about 25 miles an hour and it is considered fortunate that more cars were not included. The track was distorted somewhat and many ties smashed but the greatest damage existed within a few rail lengths of where the trucks turned. No one was injured.