

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, March 1, 1924

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

MONDAY COLDEST DAY

Married 58 Years—Boys Scouts in Council—Delhi Drunks Assessed 85 Each—Hurt by Fall.

The season for taking varying hares closes March first. The open season for cotton tail rabbits closed a month ago.

Lawrence Wahl, employed by James Wilbur on a lumber job at Woodford, cut a bad gash in his foot with an axe one day recently. Dr. J. A. Holley dressed the injury.

W. F. LaHiff, former starting judge at the Walton fair, died last week at his home in Keene. N. H. Mr. LaHiff was a singer of ability and rendered vocal selections at the fair.

While helping fill Frank McCook's ice house Wednesday Marvin Burkett suffered a painful injury when his ice tongs slipped and caught him on the cheek. Dr. Smith dressed the injury.

The Kiwanis club placed itself on record Friday as approving an appropriation by the village of \$500 for the Ogden Free library. At the club meeting today, Friday, Frank Farrington of Delhi will be the speaker.

The high school basketball team will play the Oxford high school five on the auditorium court tonight, Friday. Oxford has a strong school team, while the local high school quintet has met only one defeat this season.

Miss Hannah Edson fell on the sidewalk in front of E. L. Jenks' residence, Stockton avenue, on Sunday morning and sustained a painful injury to her left hip. An X-ray showed no broken bones. Dr. W. B. Morrow is attending her.

A. G. Patterson, attorney for the Walton Water company, and Arthur E. Conner, village attorney, went to Albany Monday to argue the appeal of the village from the decision of the lower courts permitting the water company to charge the village hydrant rental.

The thermometer reached a mark of 17 degrees below zero Monday morning, the lowest recorded this season. J. Q. Barlow, local weather observer, reports a minimum temperature of 8 below on Saturday, 11 below on Sunday and 4 below on Wednesday. Tuesday the lowest temperature recorded was 10 above zero.

Officer Harold Miller and a posse of citizens on Sunday night rounded up five Delhi young men who had imbibed too freely and were creating a disturbance on Delaware street. After spending the night in the village cooler the five were arraigned Monday before Police Justice J. M. Peake who assessed each one five dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook W. St. John celebrated the fifty-eighth anniversary of their marriage on Thursday, Feb. 28, by entertaining a company of friends at dinner that evening. Sixteen were present. Mr. St. John is recovering from an illness of five weeks with pleurisy. Hosts of friends unite in the wish that they may celebrate many more anniversaries together.

Town Clerk Earl S. St. John has received a letter from the Conservation commission stating that where a person loses his hunting and trapping license button he may obtain a duplicate button by making application to the commission and enclosing fifteen cents and the serial number of his hunting license. The commission does not

accept stamps for the payment of these buttons.

The common council of the Boy Scout county organization met in Walton Wednesday. Luncheon was served at the Royal cafe, after which a business session was held. A committee of five was appointed with authority to proceed with the engagement of a county executive. Howard E. Lane of Walton is chairman of this committee and the other members are Judge A. J. McNaught of Stamford, E. R. Graham of Delhi, Dr. F. M. Woolsey of Hancock and Robert W. Siver of Sidney. Each of the five districts into which the county is divided has one representative on the committee.

Myrna C. Ballantyne of Walton, a senior in the department of design, college of fine arts, Syracuse university, has been accorded a signal honor with the award of the Schumacher prize, amounting to \$150 in the eighth annual textile design competition recently held in New York. Miss Ballantyne is studying under Prof. Montague Charman, former well known English designer, who joined the fine arts faculty of Syracuse university last fall. The competition was conducted by the Art Alliance of America and was open to any person in the United States. Miss Ballantyne's work, a design of a large floral piece with gray pillars for use in decorative linen, was selected from several hundred outstanding designs submitted to the judges. It is the first time a Syracuse fine arts student has been honored with an award of such importance in the field of designing. Miss Ballantyne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ballantyne of Walton. Miss Ballantyne received her preliminary training under Miss Janie Launt, instructor of drawing and art in the Walton high school.

BILL TO CLOSE DELHI SCHOOL

Hearing March 11 on Measure Affecting Delaware County Institution.

Senator Dick, Republican, has introduced a bill into the upper house of the legislature to carry out the recommendation of Frank B. Graves, state commissioner of education, that the state school of agriculture in Delhi be abolished and its property and equipment be transferred to a new school of agriculture to be established at Brockport.

A hearing on the bill will be held in Albany on Mar. 11. Dr. Graves' recommendation was based on the report of A. K. Getman, supervisor of the agricultural schools, and was transmitted to the legislature last week by Governor Smith. The governor did not urge the abolition of the school but submitted the report to the legislature for its consideration. Quotations from the report credited by the Delhi Express to Governor Smith in an effort to create political capital, are in fact the words of Dr. Graves, a Republican official.

Supporters of the Delhi state school point out that while the local institution is functioning on a sound basis and each year receives a considerable number of new students the state school at Alfred and the one on Long Island are in another class, the Alfred school having only five or six new pupils last year.

WATER HEATER BLEW UP

Explosion Plays Havoc in the Royal Cafe Monday

CROCKERY WAS SMASHED

Dr. Metzger Had Pancake Breakfast Interrupted by Disappearance of the Gravy.

The hot water heater in the cellar under the men's dining room at the Royal cafe, Walton, exploded Monday morning doing damage estimated at \$150. The pipes freeze-

THREE IN ONE FAMILY DIE WITHIN THIRTY-SIX HOURS

Three deaths in one family occurred at North Hamden Friday and Saturday within less than thirty-six hours. Amos P. Wood of North Hamden died Friday morning. Saturday his wife and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ira Wood, passed away. All three deaths were caused by pneumonia. Ira Wood and his two-year old daughter, Barbara, and Mrs. Anna Murray, who came to care for them, are dangerously ill with the disease.

On January 29, while hauling logs, Ira Wood met with an accident which resulted in a broken leg. A little more than a week later the little girl, Barbara, and Mrs. Wood were taken with severe colds. Dr. W. R. Gladstone was first called to see them on Friday, Feb. 15, and found that both had pneumonia. Amos P. Wood had visited his son the day previous and the physician, who also went to the elder Wood's home, found that he, too, had developed pneumonia. Mrs. Amos Wood came down with the disease a day or two later and Ira Wood was taken ill on Wednesday of last week.

Amos Wood, who was 82 years of age, passed away Friday, Feb. 22. His wife, who was 77 years old, died the following day. Mrs. Ira Wood, aged 44 years, succumbed to pneumonia the same day her mother-in-law died. Ira Wood and little Barbara are seriously ill, as is Mrs. Anna Murray, a neighbor, who came to the Ira

ing and thus preventing a free circulation of water was the cause of the explosion.

The explosion could be heard for some distance and nearly wrecked the interior of the restaurant. The floor over the boiler was raised several inches, dishes were thrown from the shelves, the glass in a plate glass cigar case at the end of the room was shattered by the gum case which was thrown into the air and came down upon the glass; cigars were spilled on the floor. The marble counter on one side of the room was broken and other damage was done. Fortunately no one was injured.

The force of the explosion is related by Dr. H. J. Metzger, who was breakfasting in the room at the time. He stated that the counter suddenly came up towards his head, the whole floor heaved and a bowl of gravy which he had been using on his morning pancakes, hopped six feet along the counter. No gravy was spilled.

The heater was used to heat water for washing dishes. Dan Tracy had lighted it about 7 o'clock while the explosion occurred between 8 and 9 o'clock. Bruce Williams and Frank Dunn, employees of the restaurant, were some distance away from the place where the force of the explosion was greatest.

LEFT THE TRAIN BEHIND

D. & N. Locomotive Went on Without the Cars.

(From East Branch correspondent.)

Many things get lost, but it remained for the D. & N. passenger train to break all records in that line Wednesday. Just before crossing the Beaverkill bridge soon after starting, the engine came unhooked from the coaches and continued on its way quite a stretch unmindful of the loss. When the loss was discovered the engine backed up, hooked on and all were taken safely to their destinations.

SAY THEY SAW WOODCHUCKS.

In spite of the prediction of cold weather by DeVoe, the Hackensack weather prophet, the Walton depot club is sure spring is near. Members of the club, who are on the Delhi train run, tell of seeing a woodchuck basking in the snow on Washington's birthday, and Earl Hinman declares he saw a

Wood home to help care for the patients. There is one other child, a son, Elmer, in Ira Wood's family. Mrs. Grover Russell, a daughter of Amos Wood, lived with her parents. It was stated Thursday that the three sick people were holding their own. Mrs. Murray is at the home of Leon Van Alstyne.

The funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Amos P. Wood was held at the United Presbyterian church at Mundale Monday at 12 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. A. Jay, the pastor. The bodies were placed in the vault at the Ouleout Valley cemetery at Franklin. The funeral of Mrs. Ira Wood was held from the home of her father, Charles Evans, near Franklin, on Tuesday.

Amos P. Wood was born on the homestead farm at North Hamden and had spent practically his entire life there. When a young man he learned the trade of gunsmith and for years conducted a shop in connection with his farm. He was postmaster at North Hamden before the rural free delivery brought about the discontinuance of the office. Mr. Wood was widely known in the towns of Walton, Hamden and Franklin. Genial, generous and likeable, all who came in contact with him felt that he was a real friend. Many will miss his hearty handshake, the twinkle in his eye that betokened wit and goodwill, and the sincere interest he took in the welfare of his friends and the community.

chuck near Merrickville one day this week. The club is soon to vote on admitting to membership William Stewart of Harby street, who states he saw a robin the middle of January.

CHURCH AT LONG EDDY DESTROYED BY FLAMES

All Fires Believed Out When Building Was Locked for Night

(From Long Eddy correspondent.)

The Methodist Episcopal church at Long Eddy was burned to the ground with all contents about midnight, Wednesday, Feb. 20.

The ladies of the church had held a supper in the evening and had stayed until 9:30 o'clock. A number of people saw that there was no fire left in the kitchen stove and only a small handful of fire in the furnace when the church was locked for the night. About midnight Mr. Wormuth saw the flames coming from the west side of the large building. It had made such headway that nothing could be done.

The factory whistle was blown and the people who gathered worked to save the residences of F. M. Nearing and M. C. Armstrong which are directly opposite the church site on the other side of the street. These were afire several times, but were extinguished.

The loss is irreparable to the village. The church was large, well built and well equipped. Everything went. It was built in the year 1889 and had been, kept in good repair. There was only \$1,000 insurance. As yet no plans have been made. The population has dwindled so that the matter of the minister's salary alone has seemed to tax the few who are left, and now we must have a church. Sunday evening services were held in Mrs. C. G. Armstrong's residence and others have offered the same privileged

EYE INFECTION FROM ACCIDENT

Condition of Miss Ruth Knoeller Reported Serious.

The condition of Miss Ruth Knoeller, well known in Deposit, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Bronx Park, New York city, two weeks ago, when three others were killed, is not as gratifying as had been

expected, it is stated. Miss Knoeller suffered a fracture of the skull when the car in which she and her companions were crashed over an embankment, and she has been confined in Fordham hospital since that time. An infection has started in the right ear as a result of the fracture, and steps have been taken to relieve the pressure. Miss Knoeller's eyesight has been somewhat affected by the accident, but it is believed that this is due to shock and temporary paralysis of the eye nerves.

VETS TO GET BONUS WITHIN FEW MONTHS

Maximum Payment of \$150 Fixed in Distribution by the State

A four-year effort to pass a soldiers' bonus bill was successful Monday as the Assembly approved the measure designed to provide machinery for the distribution of \$45,000,000 as a bonus to World War veterans of New York state. The measure had previously passed the state senate and will be signed this week by Governor Smith.

The bill provides that all men and women who served in the United States Army during the World War as soldiers, sailors or nurses, will receive \$10 for each month they served. A limit of \$150 is set for total payments to any individual.

The bonus bonds will be exempt from taxation, and bonus itself from provisions of the State income tax law. Passage of the measure does not mean that payments will begin immediately, the first requisite being that the State sell the bonds to raise the money.

Organization of the staff which, under the bonus commission will handle this work, will, of course, require some time. This commission will be composed of the adjutant general as chairman, the comptroller, the attorney general and the State treasurer, all of whom will serve without pay.

Monday's action by the Assembly combined with that of last week by the Senate marks the fifth time since 1920 that the Legislature, has passed a bonus measure, but each time it was either vetoed or a technical flaw was found. In the same length of time the people of the State have twice approved the bonus idea through popular referendum.

Applications for a share in the bonus must be submitted by July 1, 1924, it is provided. The form and manner of making these applications will be announced later.

No agent nor attorney shall be entitled to any fee or compensation for prosecuting claims under the bonus law nor will any applicant be permitted to transfer his or her claim except that those who desire to may assign all or part of their claim to the Veteran's Mountain Camp corporation, which is now helping veterans disabled through tuberculosis.

FIRE TRUCK FOR HANCOCK

Taxpayers Will Be Asked to Approve Purchase.

(From Hancock correspondent.)

The union caucus was held on Monday evening, February 25, in the village hall. W. L. McGranaghan was chosen chairman and S. S. Busfield, clerk; W. A. Hall, C. H. Searles and E. H. McGranaghan were appointed tellers. The following were placed in nomination C. E. Barnes, president; trustees, two years, P. A. Tyler and Fred Fiefield; collector, Mrs. Orin VanAkin; treasurer, J. H. Seibert.

The annual election will take place Tuesday, March 18th, in the village hall, at which time the proposition will also be voted on to raise a sum of money to purchase a motor fire truck. The fire department met on Thursday evening to get the matter in proper form to be presented to the village board Monday evening next.