

# LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, April 12, 1924

## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

## GOING TO WASHINGTON

**Teachers Resign—Arrested for Intoxication—Boy Falls Under Wagon—Ku Kluxers Burn Cross.**

Supervisor George M. Carpenter has received half of the public school money and the same is available for distribution.

The village board at a meeting Monday evening reappointed Robert Nichols as park commissioner and Harold Miller as police officer No. 2.

Some forty persons from all parts of the county tried the examinations for chauffeurs in Walton Wednesday. The tests were in charge of Examiner Pugh, who will visit Walton once each month for this purpose.

Mrs. James Munn has deeded to the village of Walton the sewer system built by the late James Munn on the Munn extension. The village will at once construct catch basins to provide better drainage for the streets in the extension.

The Walton high school will celebrate Arbor day on Friday, May 2. April 25 has been designated by the state department as Arbor day in the Catskill mountain counties but as the Easter vacation of the Walton school comes that week the observance was postponed until May 2.

Ward Howland was operated upon Wednesday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howland, East brook, for the relief of an acute case of appendicitis. Dr. Manley of Norwich performed the operation, assisted by Dr. J. A. Holley, the family physician, and Dr. E. Ray Gladstone.

A motion for a reargument of the water company case has been asked by A. G. Patterson, attorney for the Walton Water company, and will be submitted to the Court of Appeals Monday. A. E. Conner, corporation counsel, who has represented the village throughout the proceedings, will file the opposing brief.

While riding on a load of fertilizer, on Friday night of last week Billy, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Taylor, fell under the front wheel of the wagon. The wheel struck his side and he was unconscious for some time but when the doctor arrived he found no serious injuries. Had his father not stopped the horses instantly he would have been killed.—Pines brook correspondent.

Leland Jones was arrested Monday by Officer Stidd on a warrant charging the operation of a car while intoxicated. He was arraigned before Justice E. S. White and as this is an indictable offense, not triable in justice's court, Jones was held for the grand jury in \$200 bail, which was furnished. A warrant on a charge of public intoxication was also issued for Brinton Frazier, who was in the car with Jones, but he has not yet been arrested.

Little Betty Fyffe, the one and one-half year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Fyffe of Hawleys station, had her shoulder injured on Friday while coming down the stairs. Although her mother had her by the hand she slipped and in some way twisted the shoulder. She was taken to the office of Dr. W. R. Gladstone in Walton and the shoulder joint was found fractured. She was given surgical aid and at present is doing well.—Hamden correspondent.

Four changes will be made in the faculty of the Walton schools next year, that number of teach-

ers having returned unsigned the contracts offered them by the board of education. The teachers are Miss Lucia Nutt, instructor in mathematics and physics; Miss Ruth Haulenbeck, chemistry and mathematics; Miss Rae Braw, commercial subjects; Miss Mildred Dolan eighth grade teacher. Miss Dolan plans to enter normal, while Miss Nutt and Miss Haulenbeck have other positions in view.

Two loud explosions, presumably of dynamite, preceded the burning of a large fiery cross on Murphy's hill, west of Walton village, Wednesday evening shortly before 8:30 o'clock. Paid organizers of the Ku Klux Klan have been in Walton and Delhi recently seeking members and those who have parted with the initiation fee asked had the satisfaction Wednesday of getting a few cents return of excitement for their money, before the organizers left for fresher fields. Here as everywhere the appeal is made to race and religious prejudice.

The members of the Walton training class and their teacher, Miss Emma Dann, plan to enjoy the excursion to Washington, D. C., on April 16. The young ladies have raised over \$200 through entertainments and candy and bakes sales which will defray their expenses in large part. The training class girls are: Dorothy Taylor, Dorothy Schlafer, Elsie Bonnefond, Marguerite Brewer, Frances Benedict, Kathryn Hoyt, Louise Elwood, and Georgianna Cranton. Others who plan to take the trip with the party are the Misses Nina Hodge, Kathryn Groat, Gladys Taylor, Lola Frazier, Frances and Elizabeth Broughton, Marjorie Burton, Margaret Covert, Edna Doig and Ruth Malory.

## FIND MAN'S BODY IN BROOK

**Fisherman Makes Gruesome Discovery Near Shandaken.**

(Special to Reporter.)

The body of Harry "Bosko" Benjamin of Shandaken was found last Saturday morning lying on a board in the Broad Street hollow stream at Shandaken, near the second bridge, about one and a half miles from the state road, by Ward McLaughlin, who lives in that section and was fishing.

Benjamin made his home in this section and was well known throughout the Shandaken valley. His was an irresponsible existence and given to much wandering. Between the middle of January and February he disappeared from his usual haunts and much comment was made of his whereabouts. As there were no shoes or boots on the feet and clothing in evident disorder it is thought perhaps events relating to his disappearance were not exactly regular.

## WALTON WOMAN TELLS BIGGEST FISH STORY

**Mrs. Herbert Griffin's Catch Saturday Largest in This Vicinity**

A woman reported the largest catch of trout on Saturday, the opening day of the season, and her catch was so much better than the average reported by any man, that there was no one to dispute her claim to the championship.

Mrs. Herbert Griffin was the fisherwoman. In three hours Saturday morning she landed twenty-two speckled beauties in East brook, above Mundale, and in a short time in the afternoon caught seven more. Mrs. A. E. Donnelly caught 8 and Mrs. W. T. Pomeroy 7 in the same neighborhood on that day.

Sheldon Wakeman and Ralph Clark visited Dryden. Wakeman brought back 26 and Clark 25. A. E. Wollett had a mess of 14 fine

## NEWELL CABLE WILL CONTEST HEARD AT COUNTY COURT

(From Delhi correspondent.)

The county court calendar for the April term has just made its appearance. It lists but five cases as fact for jury and it is presumable that the case, "In the matter of the probate of the last will and testament and codicils of Newell Cable, late of Walton." is the most important of the five.

In the contest of this will an estate estimated at \$35,000 is involved. There were eleven codicils to this will, some revoking former codicils and others revoking the residuary clauses. If this instrument is sustained the Methodist Episcopal, Congregational, Christ Episcopal, Reformed Presbyterian, United Presbyterian and Free Methodist churches of Walton will get about \$4,000 each. The attorneys are John G. More and A. G. Patterson for the proponents and A. L. O'Connor and A. E. Conner for contestants.

It was expected that the Kortright arson cases would come on at this term of court, but Justice Rhodes of Binghamton recently granted an order upon application of the attorney for the accused Italians sending the case over to the June term of supreme court at Delhi. The order was granted on the ground that Judge McNaught, who will preside at this

ones caught in East brook and Carl Griffin landed the same number at the Oxbow. Lorin Wakeman had 9, William Mastro 7, Walter Breckenridge 8, Robert Berray 7, and Robert Nichols 8. Postmaster Dickerman whipped Frear hollow without any results and E. L. Guild got one only in Marvin hollow. Dr. D. W. Nutt and party had about half a dozen after whipping East brook for some time.

While the streams were not unusually high Saturday, the trout did not seem to bite well and by noon the water was discolored from the melting snow. The heavy rainfall of Sunday, followed by snow Monday, raised the brooks so that they overflowed the banks in many places and it will probably be several days before they are in shape for good fishing again.

## ASHES CAUSE FRANKLIN FIRE

**Boy Returning Late Discovers Incipient Blaze.**

(From Franklin correspondent.)

Franklin citizens were aroused from their slumbers early last Thursday morning when the alarm of fire was given by one of the boys who had "been out." It proved very fortunate for Mr. and Mrs. Urquhart that the young man had discovered that a small building in the rear in which ashes had been stored was on fire. A large crowd soon gathered and the fire was soon under control with no serious damage done.

## ANDES FAMILY LOSE THEIR ALL IN FIRE

**House on Gladstone Hollow Farm Burns Tuesday**

## FLEE IN NIGHT CLOTHES

**Roscoe Family Make Way Barefooted To Neighbors—Flames-Start in Kitchen.**

(From Andes correspondent.)

The house on the farm of H. D. Archer in Gladstone hollow was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning.

The house was occupied by Lawrence Roscoe and family, who work the farm. Mrs. Roscoe was awakened by the smell of smoke and told her husband and on going to the kitchen found it all in flames.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe, with their six children, were able to escape in

April term of the county court, would be a material witness for the defense. Judge McNaught's connection with the matter comes from the fact that he drew some of the contracts by which the Italians came into possession of the farm in Kortright where the buildings were burned.

There are several criminal matters which are expected to come to trial at the April term of county court and it's quite probable that the term will extend into the second week.

Mrs. Emma Fisher, living near Arkville, was brought to Delhi jail on a warrant issued by Justice Hoornbeck, town of Middletown, by a state trooper Monday evening, to await the action of a grand jury on a charge of keeping a disorderly house. She will probably get bail in a short time. This is the second occasion in the past three or four years where a woman has been confined in Delhi as a candidate for the action of a grand jury and it is a longer time since a woman has been committed to Delaware county bastille to serve a jail sentence.

Floyd Van Deusen of Harpersfield is also in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury, on a forgery charge. He was arraigned before Justice Clark of Harpersfield.

their night clothes and make their way over the frozen road in their bare feet to a neighbor's house.

Nothing was saved from the house. Mr. Archer carried \$1,200 on the building but Mr. Roscoe had none on the household goods.

The cause of the fire is a mystery as they state there was no fire in the stove on retiring. The future plans of the family are not known. They are staying at present with a neighbor, Archibald Coulter. The farm is known as the Bouton place.

## GIRL DRAGGED UNDER AUTO

**Motorist Did Not Stop After Hitting Cadosia Young Lady.**

(From Cadosia correspondent.)

Last Saturday night an automobile being driven at a high rate of speed struck Hilda Eberle and Freda Robinson near Penny and Wright's store, knocking them down. In some way Hilda was caught and dragged along for about fifty feet by the machine. Freda was uninjured.

Hilda was picked up in an unconscious condition and Dr. Woolsey was summoned. Upon examination Hilda was found to be only slightly injured. Her head and face were bruised and cut; she also had one leg bruised.

The car, which was recognized as a Chevrolet, did not stop but continued on its way.

## MARCH MILD MONTH WITH LITTLE RAIN

**Only Flurries of Snow and Total Precipitation of .56 Inches of Rain**

The mild weather which has prevailed all winter continued through March and the record for that month shows a mean or average temperature of 31.09 degrees compared with a mean of 29.70 degrees in March 1923.

The precipitation for the month was only .56 of an inch, compared with 1.73 inches a year ago and 4.69 inches in March, 1922. There were seven clear, thirteen partly cloudy, and eleven cloudy days in the month just past. There were snow flurries on the 11th and 12th but no real snow storm during the month. A thunder storm visited this section on the 29th.

J. Alan Barlow is acting as official weather observer for the government in Walton until a successor is found to carry on the work so carefully and conscientiously

attended to by his father, the late John Q. Barlow, for sixteen years.

The official records of the temperature showing the maximum, minimum and mean or average temperature and the precipitation of rainfall in inches for March are given below, the letter T meaning traces of rainfall:

Date	Max.	Min.	Mean	Prec.
Mar.	29	18	23	
1				
2	34	5	19	
3	39	18	29	.02
4	48	11	29	
5	49	32	41	.1
6	47	29	38	
7	41	24	33	.03
8	32	17	24	
9	34	25	29	
10	37	29	33	T
11	37	31	34	.02
12	37	28	32	.05
13	34	22	28	
14	29	10	19	
15	29	17	23	T
16	24	17	21	
17	33	21	27	
18	37	19	28	
19	35	15	25	
20	39	24	32	
21	42.	24	33	
22	49	32	41	
23	54	20	37	
25	52	22	37	
26	41	26	34	.03
27	44	18	31	T
28	54	27	41	
29	52	33	42	.17
30	49	29	39	.14
31	37	22	29	T
Mean	40.03	22.16	31.09	.56

## PRIZE SPEAKING WINNERS

**Interscholastic Contest Held in Delhi Last Thursday.**

(From Delhi correspondent.)

The interscholastic prize speaking contest was held at Delhi opera house last Thursday evening with Stamford, Hobart and Delhi high schools competing. For the boys, first went to Richard Frame of Stamford, and second to Howard White of Delhi; for the girls, Catherine Birdsall of Delhi was awarded first, and Edith Houghtaling of Hobart, second prize. The judges were Prof. Taggart of the Oneonta state normal school and Prof. Paul Brown of Walton.

## HANCOCK FIREMEN BANQUET

**Elect Officers After Disposing of Eatables.**

(From Hancock correspondent.)

The Hancock fire department had their annual meeting and banquet at the Hancock House at 6:30 P. M. Thursday evening, April 3rd.

The firemen began to assemble in the lobby of the fine hotel and promptly at 7 p. m. the call for dinner was announced by Chief Cook. About 90 firemen were seated in the spacious dining room. As soon as dinner was over Chief Cook called the meeting to order, stating the time for the annual election of officers was at hand. After the reading of the minutes of last annual meeting P. F. Klein was chosen chairman. The first in order was electing of chief of the department. Frances Cook of the Chemical company was renominated to succeed himself for the third year, and was elected without opposition. S. S. Busfield of Hose company No. 1 was elected first assistant chief and Thomas Kinney as second assistant chief. Walter Sharp of the hook and ladder company was chosen third assistant chief, and Ralph Whitlock as trustee of the park for three years in place of George D. Burtch, whose time expired. The gathering was one where good fellowship was in evidence the entire evening.