

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 YEARS AGO,
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1920

THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

CAUGHT ARM IN ENGINE GEARS

**Will Install Coal
Elevator—Shortens Deer
Season—Rev. McKnight
Honored—Broke Hip.**

Ralph Baxter has purchased the house on Delaware street owned by Ray B. Wright of Oneonta and takes possession May 1.

The community sing on the lecture course has been postponed from Mar. 11 to Mar. 18. The change was made due to the fact that a stock company will appear at Walton hall during the week of Mar. 11.

Miss Anna Leal of Mt. Pleasant fell Saturday on the walk near the corner of North street and Benton avenue and sustained an impacted fracture of her right hip. Dr. Smith is the attending physician.

The firm of Gilbert & Loker, blacksmiths, has dissolved and the business will be continued by George Loker. William Gilbert has not decided on his future plans. The firm have been in business the past eight years.

J. J. Farrell, who last fall purchased the basket factory opened by C. R. Savage of Buffalo in the rear of the old U. S. brake shoe plant, has sold the property to W. S. Holley, who will install a coal elevator. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

Single persons with net income of \$1,000 or more during 1919 or \$2,000 if married, must file returns for the state income tax. Mar. 15 is the last filing date. Taxpayers in the county of Delaware should file their returns at Binghamton district office at Court and State streets.

At the special congregational meeting of the First Congregational church, held at the close of the morning service Sunday, it was voted to increase the salary of the pastor from \$1,800 to \$2,100. The salary of the organist was increased from \$350 to \$400 annually and that of the janitor from \$25 to \$30 per month.

Olney Smith of Dunraven has let to Robert Jones the contract for the construction of a house on Fancher avenue. Mr. Jones is converting the Daggett house, Liberty street, recently purchased by George M. Parker, into a two-family apartment house. Mr. Parker intends to erect a six room cottage on each side of the house.

The Archibald-Barnhart company has under construction an addition 67 feet in length at the rear of the Walton garage. The additional space provided will be

used largely for the repair shop. H. M. Barnhart, the resident manager of the business, expects to build a house this year on the lot, corner of North and Pine streets, which he recently purchased of Mrs. Susan Deforest.

In a special message transmitted to the legislature Governor Smith recommended the repeal of the deer law of 1919 and enactment of legislation shortening the deer hunting season, prohibiting the killing of does and limiting each hunter to one buck. The law passed last year limited the kill to one animal, but permitted the shooting of does, an unusually large number of which were killed.

Beginning Mar. 15 the New York and Buffalo post offices will act as accounting offices. This will relieve the Walton post office which has acted as central accounting office for the seventy-four third and fourth class post offices in Delaware county. This work, which involves the handling of the entire postal supplies of these offices, has been done by the Walton post office the past three years without any increase in the clerical force.

Seventy votes were cast at the union caucus held Tuesday evening in the court room of Walton Hall. The present village officers were renominated without opposition, except in one instance. The nominations are as follows: For president, Arthur J. Courtney; for trustees, Henry W. Retz and Samuel C. St. John; for treasurer, Paul F. Taylor; for collector, Fred F. Dickerson. The village election will be held Tuesday, Mar. 16.

Charles Loker, who lives on the Barringer farm, West Brook, sustained a serious injury Wednesday afternoon. He was shifting gears on a gasoline engine when the sleeve of his left arm was caught in the cogs and drawn into the machinery. The muscles for three inches each side of the elbow were terribly crushed and cut, making an injury which will incapacitate Mr. Loker for some time. Dr. W. B. Morrow was called and dressed the injury.

Rev. G. M. McKnight left Monday for Philadelphia, Pa., to attend a meeting of the leaders of the New World Movement in the United Presbyterian church. Team No. 1 has as its area the Synod of New York and its members are Secretary R. A. Hutchison of the home mission board, Rev. J. Howard Boyd, Rev. Harris J. Stewart, Rev. G. M. McKnight and Rev. W. M. Anderson, D. D. This team will conduct meetings in the Synod the next six weeks and will be in Oneonta Mar. 9 and in Walton on Mar. 10. Mr. McKnight will be home on Sundays to conduct his usual church services. His appointment as one of the leaders in the synod is a signal honor worthily bestowed.

WRECK ON PINE HILL GRADE

**Six Cars on U. & D. Coal
Train Go Over Bank.**

(Special to the Reporter.)

One of the worst coal train wrecks on the U. & D. in some time occurred Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock at the foot of the Pine Hill grade on Simond's curve, near Big Indian.

Six loaded cars left the rails, two of them turning clear over down a fifteen foot bank into the roadway, while the others were in such shape that the wrecking crane had to throw them one side in order to facilitate the repair of the track. The crane worked from 6 p. m. until 9 the following morning when traffic was allowed through. The Friday down milk was held at Arkville, going through first in the morning. The up and down afternoon passenger trains transferred at the wreck and

were not much delayed. No one was hurt. Two trainmen saved themselves by jumping.

The cause of the trouble could not exactly be ascertained, whether due to rails spreading or a broken connection dragging.

The place where the wreck occurred is practically at the foot of the five-mile drop down the grade from Grand Hotel station to Big Indian and at the end of a mile of track called by the railroad boys "The danger zone," for it is on this stretch that the wrecks occur, mostly from broken wheels, and has taken toll of two lives and cost the company thousands of dollars damages.

Twenty-two to twenty-four cars constitute a train and at the top of the grade the brakes are set and two engines move the train off the summit. The train is fully air charged and inspection made of brakes before going over. Every precaution is taken to insure a safe descent. At Arkville an inspector looks for cracked wheels but the terrific heat generated by the shoes in the five-mile drop causes cracks to develop and at the foot of the hill they break, piling everything in a heap. A speed of eight miles per hour is maintained going down and it is due to this that these spills aren't more dangerous and frequent.

MARCH MILK PRICE \$3.36 PER 100 POUNDS

**Dairymen Should Advertise
Product Says Eastman**

FUTURE OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN

**Foreign Market Affected
by Exchange Should Lead
to More Initiative Selling at
Home.**

The price of milk for March will be \$3.36 as fixed by the Dairymen's League. This is for 3 per cent milk at the 200-210 mile freight zone with the usual differentials for freight and butterfat. The price for February was \$3.48. The reduction to the farmer is therefore about one-quarter of a cent per quart. Walton is in the 170-180 mile freight zone and the base price here is two cents higher or \$3.38.

The average price for butter for the period ending February 20 was .6559 cents. The average price for cheese for the same period was .3016. The cost of production differential to be added for March is 16 cents together with the value of skim milk and whey. E. R. Eastman, editor of the Dairymen's League News, and former Farm Bureau agent in Delaware county, in commenting on the milk price says:

"The outlook for the dairy industry for the coming season is serious. There is a somewhat increased supply of milk and the demand is rapidly falling off because of the cessation of exports. The foreign exchange and credit situation is so bad that Europeans have almost ceased to buy, while the exchange works in the favor of importers of butter, and Denmark is shipping large quantities to this country.

"Dr. E. V. McCollum of John Hopkins university, one of the world's greatest authorities on nutrition, declares that no family has the right to purchase meat until each member has a pint of milk daily. More milk must be consumed if we are to have a healthier and better citizenry.

"Many health authorities and dairymen are coming to believe that the only solution of the problem, a solution which would improve the general health of the whole country and preserve the dairy industry is that of a national campaign of advertising; similar to that practiced by other great industries, teaching the consumer the great food value of dairy products.

"Farmers on the western coast have been able to produce great quantities of all kinds of fruits and ship them clear across the

continent and sell them under the very nose of eastern growers at good prices. They did this by advertising. The California Prune and Apricot Growers, an organization of only 10,000 members, will spend this year \$250,000 in advertising to increase the consumption of prunes and apricots. The citrus growers of California have saved their industry from ruin by advertising. These fruits are a semi-luxury. Dairy products are a necessity both from a food and a health standpoint. The consumption is less than half of what it should be according to the best food experts. If advertising will teach people to use something which under stress they might get along without, it certainly should be successful in creating a larger demand for a great food like milk and its products."

MANOR HOME OWNERS MAY SETTLE TITLES

**Decision in Livingston Case
Affects Much Property**

RAILROAD WILL APPEAL CASE

**Plaintiff Claims Sale of
Land Was Prohibited Under
Great Uncle's Will—Seeking
Settlements.**

(Livingston Manor cor.)

E. H. Bouton of Livingston Manor has been retained by Charles Victor Livingston as his attorney to effect settlements in the Livingston matter, the decision in which was rendered by Judge Nichols about three weeks ago. Owners of property on the Livingston tract will be served notice with terms of settlement within a short time. It is understood that Mr. Livingston will bring actions for enforcement of his rights against those who fail to make application for release within the stated time.

In all settlements Mr. Livingston agrees to give a title insurance to the full amount paid by each property owner, those amounts being based on the value of the lots without buildings. Mr. Livingston has offered to release without compensation churches and church parsonages, the Masonic hall and the hose company's building, as well as all streets and public thoroughfares.

Supreme Court Judge Nichols of Mobleskill recently rendered a decision in the case of the Livingston estate against the O. & W. Railroad, the verdict being a judgment against the railroad.

The decision in this case affects at least one-half of the property owners of Livingston Manor, a good share of the village being built on the Livingston estate, a tract of land formerly owned by the first settler, Dr. Livingston, who in his will decreed that the property should never leave the Livingston family and should always remain intact. The case in which the decision has now been rendered grew out of the validity of said will under existing laws and has long been a matter of discussion among the legal authorities. The railroad company will appeal the decision.

Mr. Livingston's success in the action hinged on the validity of a warranty deed executed by his father, Charles Octavius Livingston, to Medad T. Morss.

The original occupant of the disputed tract of 200 acres was Dr. Edward Livingston, who came up from New York and made his own home on the farm which he had received as part of his inheritance under the law of primogeniture then prevailing. He was a nephew of Robert R. Livingston, who in 1749 had acquired five-sixteenths of the Hardenburgh patent which took in the larger part of Ulster, Sullivan, Delaware and Greene counties.

This vast domain was granted to Johannes Hardenburgh and his associates in 1708 by Queen Anne. Under the law of primogeniture the oldest son entered

into possession of his father's estate. Thus it came about that Dr. Edward Livingston, a New York physician, came up to Sullivan county in 1824, the owner of a 200-acre tract where the village of Livingston Manor is now located and where the O. & W. railroad tracks run.

The constitution of the state of New York was changed in 1846, annulling what was known as the law of primogeniture. On this point a will made by Dr. Livingston in 1852 is attacked.

Under the will the doctor left the life use of the Livingston Manor tract to a nephew, Charles Octavius Livingston. At the latter's death it was to pass to his eldest son.

Dr. Edward Livingston died in 1864. Charles Octavius Livingston then came into possession of the property. In 1871 he sold the property to Medad T. Morss. Morss received warranty deed. In 1873, Charles Victor Livingston, the present plaintiff and son of Charles Octavius, was born.

Meanwhile, Morss had been sold out under a mortgage he had given on the property. Different parties bought lots and parts of the property.

The present plaintiff claimed that the old will precluded his father from selling the property and that his claim is valid.

D. & N. FREIGHT BEING MOVED

**Congestion Being Relieved
After Nearly Two Weeks
Tie-up.**

(From Margaretville cor.)

The D. & N. railroad, which has been out of commission during the past two weeks, is again on its job. They are bringing some 90 cars of freight up the line which was side tracked during the heavy fall of snow. It has cost this company thousands of dollars to clear the tracks of snow. But things are looking brighter these days and we hope to hear the toot of the whistle for many years to come.

The D. & N. trains only made four complete trips in two weeks during the tie up.

THIS SOLDIER A FINANCIER

**Corporal Boster Arrested for
Alleged Theft of \$500 From
Claude Cable.**

Corporal M. Boster, one of the two non-commissioned officers from the Binghamton recruiting station who have been in Walton the past two weeks, was placed under arrest Thursday on a charge of grand larceny brought by Claude Cable of Beerston.

Recently Cable sold some land at Beerston and he claims that he had \$500 which he gave to Howard Ostrom for safekeeping. Wednesday he came to Ostrom and got his money and then went on a celebration. He showed his money pretty freely about the pool room and other places and claims that when he started home Boster, who had seen the roll, accompanied him. Cable admits his feet were not particularly steady and says that when he "leaned" against Boster the soldier tripped him up. When Cable picked himself up, according to his story, Boster and the money had both vanished.

Thursday morning Boster came to the Walton depot to take the Utica flyer but in the meantime Cable had recovered his equilibrium sufficiently to tell his troubles to Ostrom and Ostrom, Cable and Clarence Payne had gone to the train to intercept Boster should he attempt to leave town. When the soldier saw them he beat a hasty retreat without being espied himself. He went through the Camp coal yard to St. John street and then started to walk up the railroad tracks.

It was learned that he had started toward Northfield and Payne and Clarence Snyder started to



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drive to West Brook to intercept him. Near Richard Armstrong's place the two men saw Boster walking on the railroad track across the valley. Just then a north bound freight came along and on account of the steep grade and the snow Boster had no trouble in catching a ride.

A telephone message was sent to State Trooper Fox in Sidney to arrest the man and when Boster reached that place on the train he was taken into custody by the officer and brought back to Walton.

Boster admitted having Cable's roll but said that it was only \$273 and not \$500 and returned the smaller amount. He also denied that he had taken the money from Cable but claimed that Cable was under the influence of liquor and was feeling so free and happy that he forced the money upon Boster. The soldier did not deny he intended to keep the "present."

A report of the case will be sent to Boster's army superiors but it is probable that disposition of the matter will be left to the civil instead of the military courts.

144 FACTORIES IN COUNTY

Where Manufacturing Plants Are Located—93 in Sullivan.

In the returns from the enumeration of factories the Secretary of State at Albany reports that there are 144 factories in Delaware county as follows:

Andes, 2; Arkville, 5; Beerston, 3; Bloomville, 2; Bovina Center, 2; Cadosia, 7; Cooks Falls, 4; Corbett, 8; Davenport Center, 1; Delancey, 2; Delhi, 11; Downs-ville, 3; East Branch, 4; East Meredith, 2; Elk Brook, 1; Fish's Eddy, 1; Fleischmanns, 3; Glendon, 1; Grand Gorge, 2; Hamden, 2; Hancock, 7; Harvard, 1; Hobart, 2; Horton, 1; Kelly Corners, 1; Kortright Station, 1; Margaret-ville, 7; Meridale, 1; Peakville, 1; Pepacton, 2; Readburn, 1; Rock Rift, 1; Shavertown, 4; Shinhopple, 2; Sidney 20; Stamford, 6; Trout Brook, 1; Walton, 17; West Kortright, 1.

Sullivan county has 93 factories located in the following places:

Callicoon 6; Fallsburgh, 1; Ferndale, 1; Fernwood, 1; Groo-ville, 2; Hazel, 6; Hurleyville, 7; Liberty, 14; Livingston Manor, 6; Loch Sheldrake, 1; Long Eddy, 2; Monticello, 16; Mountindale, 1; Narrowsburg, 1; Parksville, 3; Roscoe, 12; Skinners Falls, 1; South Fallsburgh, 2; Summit-ville, 1; Westbrookville, 1; Wil-lowemoc, 1; Woodridge, 7.

Cooks Falls Dye Works Reopen.

(From Cooks Falls cor.)

The dye plant on Russell Brook, near Cooks Falls, having received a quantity of coal last week, resumed operations on Monday of this week. The snow had blocked the roads during the past two weeks, making it difficult to move wood and coal on the Treyz local railroad. Most of the men have been employed recently in shoveling snow and thawing out the water pipes.

DEATH OF HAMDEN SAILOR

Everett Kirk Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia.

(From Hamden cor.)

A military escort composed of Bostwick Hume, Stanley Stevens, Bert McDonald and William Mallory, laid the body of 18-year-old Everett Kirk to rest in the Hamden cemetery Tuesday afternoon of this week. Everett, who was the eldest son of William and Fannie Kirk of, Bagley Brook, enlisted in the navy last fall and while doing his duty contracted pneumonia, and after a relapse, which so often occurs, he died.

His condition was such at first that his parents were called to his bedside but the dread dis-

ease ended fatally. Rev. H. J. McClure conducted the services of Seaman Kirk at the United Presbyterian church on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

The body was laid to rest in Riverview cemetery, Hamden. Besides the parents mentioned above several brothers and sisters survive. The sympathy of all goes out to the family in their sorrow.

DEFER FINAL ACTION ON HIGHWAY MATTERS

Bond Issue of \$400,000 Proposed to Meet County's Share

PRESENT STATUS OF ROADS

Hobart-Bloomville Road Needed to Meet Commissioner's Plans for Through Valley Highway.

The Board of Supervisors met in special session in Delhi Tuesday evening to organize for the ensuing year and to act on highway matters. Edward H. Dickson of Arena was unanimously elected chairman, but after discussions and conferences which lasted several hours, the board adjourned at one in the morning without taking any action on the principal highway matter presented, the Hobart-Bloomville road question. Action was deferred until another meeting of the board which will be called within the next two or three weeks to take action on the appropriation for the elimination of crossings between Frasers and Delhi. At this time the question of bonding the county to provide for the construction of the Bloomville road and to care for the other highway obligations incurred will be acted upon.

The present status of highway matters in Delaware county and the proposed plans of meeting the county's share of the expense is, in brief, as follows:

From the fifty million dollar bond issue authorized a few years ago Delaware county has at present less than \$50,000 available as its share to apply on the construction of new roads. In the past the cost of the state roads constructed in Delaware county has been paid on the basis of 86 per cent from the bond issue funds allotted to Delaware county and the remaining 14 per cent from funds raised by a tax on the county. A few years ago it was seen that on the 86-14 basis the bond issue would be exhausted long before many counties had constructed with their share the mileage of roads desired. For this reason a bill, which originated in Chenango county, was enacted into law by the legislature. This allows the basis of cost to be apportioned fifty per cent against each county's share of the bond issue as released annually by the legislature and fifty per cent to be raised locally in the county, either by direct taxation or by a bond issue. All of the counties in this division of the highway department, except Delaware and Sullivan, have previously availed themselves of this law to secure greater mileage.

Three roads in Delaware county are now under contract on the 86-14 basis. These are the Sidney-Masonville, Franklin village and Delhi roads. The Board of Supervisors has obligated the county in the sum of \$62,272 to cover the county's share of 14 per cent of the cost of these three roads. This money, although appropriated, has never been raised as it does not have to be paid until the roads are completed. The county is also obligated for its share of the proposed elimination of the grade crossings between Frasers and Delhi and its share of the construction of this road, about three miles in length. The cost to the county is estimated at about \$55,000. The county is at present thus obligated between \$115,000 and \$120,000 for the roads now under contract and the proposed

crossing elimination.

Colonel Frederick Stuart Greene, state commissioner of highways, has promised that both the Andes-Margaretville highway and 12.9 miles of the Walton-Deposit road shall be constructed this year with the federal aid money. The length of these two roads is about 23 miles and with the Hancock-French Woods state road, six miles in length, to be constructed entirely at the expense of the state, will make about 30 miles of improved road in Delaware county which will be contracted for this spring without any expense to the county. The estimated cost of these roads is between \$900,000 and \$1,000,000. Delaware county will be getting about one-tenth of the total federal aid mileage built in New York state this year.

In return the county is asked to connect up the valley road between Stamford and Deposit by providing for the construction of the Hobart-Bloomville section, about eight miles in length. To provide money for this road it will be necessary for the Board of Supervisors to rescind the resolutions providing for appropriations for the Sidney-Masonville, Franklin village and Delhi roads on the 14 per cent basis and provide for a fifty-fifty division with the state of the cost of these roads and the Hobart-Bloomville road. The total needed for this purpose is \$356,000 or \$294,128 more than the \$62,272 already appropriated for the first three roads named.

To cover this sum and the \$55,000 needed for the Frasers-Delhi grade crossing elimination a bond issue of \$400,000 will be required.

To provide for a bond issue a two-thirds vote of the Board of Supervisors is necessary. All of the supervisors were present at Tuesday evening's meeting and although a large majority favor the immediate construction of the Hobart-Bloomville road, in accordance with the plans of the highway department, it was decided after an extended conference to defer action until the plans and estimates of the Frasers-Delhi crossing elimination project are ready so that the exact amount of the bond issue required may be known, and then to act on the matter. Division Engineer Smith of Binghamton, who was present at Tuesday's meeting stated that these plans, which are being prepared by the O. & W. railroad, would probably be ready for action within two or three weeks.

Mr. Smith also stated that the final plans for the Andes-Margaretville federal aid road were completed by his office and forwarded to Albany last week and that the plans for the Deposit-Rock Rift road will be ready next week. These plans have to be sent to Washington for approval by the government and will probably not be returned to the state in time to advertise before the May letting.

At Tuesday's meeting Chairman Dickson appointed Supervisors Bruce of Andes, Enderlin of Roxbury and Wallace B. Smith of Bovina to act as a committee to secure rights of way for the Andes-Margaretville road. To secure the rights of way for the Deposit-Rock Rift road the chairman appointed Supervisors Huyck of Deposit, Chamberlain of Tompkins and McGranaghan of Hancock,

A resolution by Mr. Huyck that the highway department begin the construction of the Deposit-Walton road from the Deposit end was carried by a unanimous vote.

A resolution of Supervisor P. O. Wheeler of Sidney changing from annual to semi-annual the interest payments on the \$75,000 good road bonds issued by the town of Sidney was carried by unanimous vote. No other business came before the board.

The present board has twelve Republican and seven Democratic members. Only eight served on the board last year. The several towns of the coun-

ty are represented as follows on the board:

Andes, David Bruce, R.
Bovina, Wallace B. Smith, D.
Colchester, Archie Campbell, D.
Davenport, Ralph S. Taber, D.
Delhi, Hector S. Marvin, R.
Deposit, Alexander Huyck, R.
Franklin, Leroy Evans, R.
Hamden, A. B. Shaw, R.
Hancock, Wm. L. McGranaghan, D.
Harpersfield, Jesse B. Gilbert, D.
Kortright, Leonard Smith, R.
Masonville, C. H. Stephens, R.
Meredith, Everett S. Bisbee, R.
Middletown, Edward H. Dickson, R.
Roxbury, Edward Enderlin, R.
Sidney, Philip O. Wheeler, D.
Stamford, Arthur G. Hume, R.
Tompkins, John C. Chamberlain, R.
Walton, William G. Moore, R.

TOWNS BENEFIT BY INCOME TAX

Those Assessing Near Full Value Will Receive Largest Share.

By the income tax law half the money collected in any county is to be returned to that county and is to be divided among the several towns. This division will be made on the basis of the assessed valuations as fixed by the town assessors.

Some towns are assessed much nearer to full value than others and these towns will thus receive a greater proportion of the returned tax money which will amount to quite a fair sum.

Below are the assessed valuations of the different towns in Delaware county as fixed by the assessors in 1919 with the per cent of full value which each shows according to the state tax commission:

	Perct.	Assd.val.
Andes	.56	\$883,410
Bovina	.57	518,806
Colchester	.55	1,196,798
Davenport	.67	698,190
Delhi	.96	2,324,142
Deposit	.40	655,260
Franklin	.62	1,317,249
Hamden	.97	994,145
Hancock	.34	1,172,010
Harpersfield	.47	685,886
Kortright	.80	1,247,420
Masonville	.48	316,785
Meredith	.95	1,192,017
Middletown	.44	1,705,351
Roxbury	.75	1,485,580
Sidney	.60	2,482,463
Stamford	.43	940,947
Tompkins	.43	609,955
Walton	.98	4,882,852
	.627	\$25,849,766

Walton and the other towns which assessed near full valuation will thus benefit materially by having done so.

PUBLIC SCHOOL MONEY

Apportioned to the Several Districts of the Third Supervisory District.

Delhi, district No. 1, \$215.64; 2, \$218.18; 3, \$217.96; 4, \$217.36; 5, \$243.20; 6, \$267.36; 7, \$243.32; 8, \$243.76; 9, \$215.64; 10, \$266.64; 11, \$266; 12, \$175; 13, \$268.20; 14, \$293; 15, \$266.36; 16, \$3,703.52; 17, \$267.10; 18, \$217.08; total, \$7,805.32.

Hamden, district No. 1, \$243.56; 2, \$558.44; 3, \$217.10; 4, \$268.60; 5, \$265.20; 6, \$266.40; 7, \$242.80; 8, \$269.24; 9, \$218.92; 10, \$265.64; 11, \$269.76; 12, \$268.20; 13, \$268.44; 14, \$294.56; 15, \$265.64; total, \$4,182.50.

Walton, district No. 1, \$6,649.97; 2, \$267; 3, \$100; 4, \$267.56; 5, \$441.28; 6, \$600.92; 7, \$242.22; 8, \$266.64; 9, \$265.84; 10, \$217; 11, no appropriation; 12, \$240.48; 13, \$266.36; 14, \$266.10; 15, \$293.96; 16, \$242; 17, \$292.80; 18, \$268.36; 19, \$294.60; 20, \$266.40; 21, \$293.16; 22, \$266.64; total, \$12,309.29.

It will be observed that for one-room district schools, the apportionment is approximately \$100 more this year than it has previously been. This is for the purpose of reimbursing the districts for the

added \$100 each district was required to pay its teacher this year. The reason it is not exactly \$100 more than last year is that in most districts the teacher was paid extra for one attendance upon physical instruction last year. This extra amount is also added.

One example will illustrate how the amount of public money a district is entitled to is arrived at. Take district No. 14, Delhi, as the example. The assessed valuation in this district is \$15,992. Therefore, it is entitled to what is called a district quota of \$200. To that amount is added the "extrateacher's quota," \$100, and to that is added \$2, the amount paid the teacher for attending the physical training conference last year, making a total of \$302: From this amount, the state keeps out two per cent of the salary paid to the teacher the previous year, the year 1918-19. This district paid its teacher \$450 that year; 2 per cent of \$450 is \$9, and \$9 deducted from \$302 leaves \$293 to be paid to the district.

As has just been stated, the state keeps out \$9 before sending the public money, but, as the district has already kept \$4.50, one per cent, out of the \$450, which is either in its collector's hands, or in the supervisor's hands, or partly in both, it is in reality short only \$4.50 from its full amount of public money,

I almost feel like apologizing for this explanation, but the explanation is constantly asked for and so I omit no opportunity to make it.

EDWARD O. HARKNESS,
District Superintendent.

MERIDALE JERSEY RECORD

Jap's Fontaine Dorcas Makes Record of 853 Pounds Butterfat.

The record just completed by Jap's Fontaine Dorcas, 266,157, gives her sire, The Imported Jap, 75,265, the distinction of being one of the two bulls of the Jersey breed having four daughters, each with official year's records of 850 pounds fat or more.

Jap's Fontaine Dorcas was placed on test at the age of eight years and nine months. During the year she produced 14,492.6 pounds of milk and 853.26 pounds butterfat. That is the fourth official year's test that Dorcas has completed. Her four records in the order in which they were made are:

Milk Lbs.	Fat-Lbs.	Yrs.	Age Mos.
6,694.2	407.1	2	6
7,031.4	367.1	4	7
9,034.0	499.2	5	10
14,034.0	853.2	8	9

The Imported Jap, Jap's Sayda Dorcas, and many other daughters of this famous bull, are owned by Meridale Farms of Meredith. Meridale farms has long been the home of high producing Jerseys and records of 700 pounds fat or more are frequently made.

HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

George Gardiner, Former Cannonsville Man, Suffers Loss.

(From Cannonsville cor.)

The house of Fred Gardner near Maryland, Otsego county, was burned with most of the contents Thursday morning of last week. When discovered the fire had gained such headway that only a few articles of furniture on the first floor were saved. He is a son of George Gardner and the family formerly resided here.

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