

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 Years Ago,
SATURDAY, MARCH 18,
1922
**THE WEEK
IN WALTON**

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

**BROKE LEG IN
CHURCH**

**Excursion to Washington -
Evangelist Fell Downstairs -
Will of Mrs. White - Auto
Hit Load of Coal**

The Congregational church at a meeting Monday evening voted to extend a call to Rev. C. B. Strayer of New York to become its pastor at a salary of \$2,500 and use of the parsonage.

Willard Teetsel, the present substitute carrier, will be promoted to the position of mail carrier in the village when Earl Armstrong retires April first. Arthur D. Hale, carrier on rural route 1, has applied for transfer to the position of substitute carrier in the village.

In reply to an inquiry the Department of Farms and Markets states that the notation, "One Gallon of Pure Maple Syrup" is sufficient to cover the requirements of the Weights and Measures Bureau in regard to the proper method of labeling gallon cans of male syrup.

High school students can now enjoy radio concerts. Alton Hawley and DeForest Babcock have installed a radio apparatus in the physics room of the high school building. Three receiving sets are provided and many of the students have availed themselves of the opportunity to hear concerts and lectures by wireless.

The Ford truck used by S. W. Utter in delivering coal for F. F. Dickerson was struck by the car of Robert Ballantyne Wednesday while Mr. Utter was turning into More Brothers' yard to weigh a load of coal on the scales there. The front axle of the truck was bent, the mudguard jammed and one wheel damaged.

The Company I basketball team easily defeated the Fraternity five of Colgate college on the armory court Wednesday evening. The final score was 38 to 18. The guardsmen led their opponents by a score of 20 to 10 at the close of the first period. Reville scored six field baskets and Flynn caged five double-deckers.

F.L. Perry of Franklinville will open a dry cleaning establishment on Monday, March 27, in the building in the rear of the Robinson house, Gardiner Place, owned by J. M. Knapp. The building has been overhauled and an entrance will be made from the sidewalk south of Walton Hall between North street and Gardiner Place.

Governor Miller has signed the bill which permits town boards to use state income tax money returned by the state for general town purposes. The former law required one-third of such moneys to be distributed among the school districts in the town. The attention of the supervisors was not called to this requirement until practically all the 1921 money had been used.

Rev. Martin V. Williams, the evangelist, who conducted a series of meetings in a tabernacle on the DuBois lot, North street, in 1915, fell down the cellar stairs of his home in Newark Valley one day recently and sustained a fracture of the skull. Mr. Williams was ascending the stairs when he tripped and fell backwards, landing on his head on the bottom. His condition is reported as serious.

The Ontario & Western railroad will run an Easter excursion to Washington, D. C. on

Saturday, April 15. Tickets are good for return passage on any regular trains up to and including April 30. Stopovers at Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York will be permitted on the return trip. The special train leaves Walton at 8:21 a. m. The round trip fare from Walton and from stations between Cadosia and Earlville, including the Delhi branch, is \$16.30. Congressman Clarke hopes to entertain at luncheon the high school classes that visit Washington and has arranged for their reception by Secretary Hughes.

Judge McNaught was in Walton Tuesday and admitted to probate the will of the late Mrs. Hannah E. White of Northfield, who was burned to death recently when her home was destroyed by fire. The will provided for the distribution of a long list of furniture, pictures, jewelry, and other articles among fiends and relatives, but practically everything named in the list was destroyed by the fire. A bequest of \$50 in trust was made the Walton cemetery and the residue of the property, estimated at \$2,600, is to be divided between the grandson, Albert W. Potter, and his two sons, Roland Herding Potter and Alton Wilbur Potter. Dr. W. B. Morrow is the executor.

Mrs. Frances Smith, who makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Telford Sanderson, West brook, fell in the Church of Covenanters Friday evening and fractured both bones of her right leg at the ankle. Members of the church had been enjoying an oyster supper in the dining room above the Sabbath school room. At a late hour Mrs. Smith started down the stairs to the Sabbath school room. There is a landing on the stairway and as she rested this Mrs. Smith made a misstep, thinking there was one more step to take. She fell and sustained the injury mentioned. She was removed to the home of Miss Susie Dag where Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture and later Mrs. Smith was removed to her home.

**SHOULDN'T USE
JAIL TO STORE
LIQUOR**

**Inspector Apparently
Thinks Lockup Might
Become Too Attractive**

The state commission of prisons has made public the reports of the inspection of the Delaware county jail in Delhi and the Walton village lockup which when visited on February 16 by Inspector James M. Shillinglaw.

In regard to the county jail recommendations are made as follows: First, install receiving room and have physicians examine all inmates as soon after arrival as practicable and segregate any found suffering from communicable disease; second, repair the floors and provide better flushing service for toilets; third, install power washer in laundry.

The recommendations as to the Walton lockup are that it be cleaned up and better arrangements be made for storing fuel; that the interior be painted with a light colored paint; that new mattresses with water proof covers be provided; and that the use of the lockup for storage purposes be discontinued. At the time of the inspector's visit some liquor seized at A. E. Engert's place was being kept there. Evidently the inspector feared that the presence of the hard stuff might make the jail too popular.

**PIMPLE CAUSES
DEATH**

**Fleischmanns Man
Succumbs to Blood
Poisoning.**

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Lamont Jones, a son of Redmond Jones of Harpersfield

and well known in this section, died Saturday at the Fox Memorial hospital in Oneonta of blood poisoning caused by infection from a pimple on his face which was cut in shaving. Mr. Jones, who was engaged in electrical work at Fleischmanns, was about 28 years old and leaves a wife and three small children besides his parents, four sisters, Mrs. E. Gaylord, Mrs. Burdett Shutt, Mrs. Claude Vroman and Mrs. Albert Townsend, and one brother, Fred Jones, all of Hapersfield.

**RECOVERS STOLEN
TOOLS**

**Boy Thief Released on
Suspended Sentence.**

(From Fleischmanns correspondent.)

On January 2nd a carpenter working on the large new hotel here lost his tool chest and two squares and was not able to locate the missing articles until last week, when a fellow workman saw the missing chest at a home on the avenue. It developed that a lad 17 years old had left the chest there the night before but took it away early the next morning. A warrant was sworn out by the owner before Justice S. Mayes and placed in the hands of Officer George L. Alton and the young man was arrested at Kelly Corners. When arraigned he surrendered the stolen goods and plead guilty to the charge. He was sentenced to thirty days in the Delhi jail but on account of his youth sentence was suspended and he was placed on probation and will be obliged to report monthly.

**SKUNK FROZEN TO
RAIL**

**Even Animals Have
Troubles All Their Own**

(From Arkville correspondent.)

Creatures of the animal world have their troubles as well as humans, as was observed early Friday morning out by the acid switch, by Ike Merchant, trapper and woodsman. He relates seeing a skunk struggling across a steel rail and further investigating found the fur of the animal frozen fast, holding it despite its struggles to escape. The animal no doubt had been hunting in the marshes and its wet fur coming in contact with the frosty rail nature did the rest. Ike made no charitable efforts in the animal's behalf but later in the morning looked and found the skunk gone.

**DICKERMON
WILL BE WALTON
POSTMASTER**

**Congressman Clarke
Recommends His
Appointment to the
President**

Congressman John D. Clarke will recommend the appointment of Fred F. Dickerson as postmaster in Walton, according to a letter to Mr. Dickerson, a copy of which Mr. Clarke furnishes the Reporter. The letter is as follows:

March 16, 1922.
Mr. Fred F. Dickerson
Walton, Delaware
County, New York
Friend Fred,

The postoffice sent me the report in which the Civil Service Commission certified that you passed the highest examination, Harry Marvin was second and John. W. Palmer, third. I am accordingly recommending your appointment.

As you know, my position has been an extremely difficult one. When you came to Jim Foreman and I happened to be present and told him that you were going to become a candidate, I suggested that you go back, get a minister's endorsement as to character, and also obtain the endorsement of the majority of the town committee, patrons of the Walton office. I felt this an implied promise and when you met the requirements, it was up to me to keep this implied promise. Harry Marvin and his

wife are friends of mine, his father and mine were soldiers, and some of my dearest friends in Walton wished him appointed, so, as I say, it has bene no easy job for me, but I have never broken a promise and do not intend to. I am sometimes a little quicker in promising than I ought to be, but if I wasn't, I guess I would not be John Clarke.

Now, Fred, it is up to you to make good and I have not a doubt, from the way you run your office as town collector, that you will. Good service will make the people forget the differences that have developed over this appointment. Be thoughtful, considerate, and finally, watch your setup.

Wishing you good luck, I am
Cordially yours,
JOHN D. CLARKE

**COMBINATION ROAD
MACHINE**

**Unadilla Man Designer of
New Power Implement.**

(From Unadilla correspondent)

Mahlon D. York of Unadilla is the designer of what is known as the York stone rake and drag combined, a new and practical piece of power machinery, which it is claimed, combines a scraper, stone rake, and drag in one implement. Mr. York is at the head of a company being formed for the manufacture of the machine which will be built for the present at Earlville.

Alex Clark of Fly Creek, Otsego county, will act as sales manager of the company. Mr. Clark has purchased from Mrs. Clarence Vail of Deposit the residence of the late Mrs. Julia E. Cone, located at Fellows and Church streets, Unadilla. Possession will be given April 3rd

**SMITH A MODEL
PRISONER**

**Hancock Man Convicted of
Murder a Favorite in Sing
Sing.**

Rev. A. N. Peterson, the Protestant chaplain at Sing Sing prison, who preached at the First Congregational church in Norwich on Sunday evening, paid a visit while in that city, to David F. Lee, attorney for Herbert W. Smith of Hancock, who is an inmate of the deathhouse at the prison, following his second conviction for the murder of Louis Johnson of Nineveli.

The chaplain has found Smith a very likable fellow and he has proved a prime favorite with his fellows and the guards. Smith is a great lover of nature and has a great fund of knowledge about the wild birds and animals and is very familiar with their habits and haunts.

Smith maintains a cheerful mien as a rule and is apparently hopeful that his attorney may be successful in securing at least a

further stay of the death sentence.

**GOTTLIEB PLEADS
NOT GUILTY**

**Fleischmanns Man
Furnishes Bail in Dry
Enforcement Case.**

In the United States district court for the northern district of New York in Albany on Monday, Samuel Gottlieb of Fleischmanns was arraigned on a charge of illegal possession of whiskey on January 10. Mr. Gottlieb conducts a hotel and restaurant. Prohibition agents who visited the restaurant claim that while sandwiches were being prepared for them they peered in the kitchen and then searched the bread box, in which they found a bottle of liquor, which they thereupon seized. Mr. Gottlieb furnished \$1,000 bail for his appearance in court at a later date when he will be tried.

**HIGH SCHOOL BALL
LEAGUE**

**Stamford Fans Also
Planting on Summer Nine.**

(From Stamford correspondent)

At a meeting at Hobart last week it was decided to form a school baseball league for eastern Delaware County composed of the schools of Stamford, Hobart, Roxbury, Margaretville and probably Fleischmanns. Baseball fans in Stamford are looking forward to the summer season where the Stamford boys will try their skill on the diamond. The summer nine will be the strongest ever seen here composed largely of crack Holy Cross college players. Some of the players are said to be of major league calibre and are expected to make Stamford shine. Games here will probably be played on the P. M. Wood field, as last year.

Deposit Farms Corporation

The Deposit Farms corporation has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$10,000. The directors in the corporation are earl D. Jones, Clinton Conklin, Fred R. McLaury and Robert A. Briggs, all of Deposit, and Charles. Cronmeyer of New York City

**Handle Factory Curtails
Help.**

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

A few of the many men employed by the Hoe and Handle factory company at Margaretville have been laid off owing to the scarcity of work. It is said that another month will finish log drawing which has been going on daily for several years, at least until business picks up.

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