

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

## ROAD PATROL AT WORK

**Christ Church Calls Rector—  
Spilled the Milk—  
Another Auto Station Open—  
Death of a Babe.**

The nomination of Fred F. Dickermom as postmaster in Walton was sent to the senate by President Harding on March 23 and has since been confirmed. Mr. Dickermom expects to take charge of the Walton office about May first.

The New York conference of the Methodist Episcopal church is in session in Poughkeepsie. The Walton church has asked the return of Rev. D. H. Piper as pastor for another year and it is probable that this request will be granted.

Christ Episcopal church has extended a call to Rev. W. E. McCord of Rock Hill, S. C., to become rector of the Walton church. Mr. McCord was formerly rector of the Glens Falls Episcopal church. Christ church pays a salary of \$1,800 a year and use of the parsonage.

Rachael Augusta, the six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Benedict, died Wednesday, March 29, at the family home at 19 St. John street. There are four other children in the family, three daughters and one son. The funeral will be held today, Friday, at 10 a. m., conducted by Rev. D. H. Piper.

High water and cold weather promise to discourage fishing enthusiasts on the opening day of the trout season Saturday. The brooks are still high from the snow water coming from the hills and this condition may keep many from the brooks. The legal length for trout remains at six inches and one person shall take not to exceed ten pounds in one day.

A. W. Pine and W. R. Hall have started excavating for houses which they will build on the west side of Griswold street. The Pine residence will be located on the lot north of R. L. Lindsay's house and the Hall home on the lot south of Lindsay's. F. C. Darling will build a house at the southeast corner of Griswold and Union streets and Cyrus Conner has started a house on upper Stockton avenue.

The state highway patrol began work Thursday, March 30. The force is composed of S. W. Utter, foreman; Frank Benedict and James Cuyle. They have a Ford truck and cover both the Hamden and Walton roads. One of the first pieces of work will be the removal of the slide on the highway just east of Hamden along the board fence. Last year the patrol used 200 tons of trap rock and 91 barrels of tarvia in repair work.

The Walton Red Devils met defeat Saturday evening at the hands of the Norwich Independents in Norwich. The game went into an extra five minute period and the final score was 11 to 10 for the Independents. The Walton girls, however, scored four field baskets during the game compared to three for their opponents. During the past season the Red Devils have proved the fastest girls' basketball five which has represented Walton on the court in recent years.

Arthur Goodrich, who helps his father, Smith Goodrich, in conducting the Goodrich farm

just outside of Walton village, met with a painful accident Tuesday morning. The Goodrichs conduct a milk route in Walton and on the morning of the accident Arthur Goodrich had driven to the Breakstone creamery to secure an extra can of milk. In loading this from the platform to the wagon he slipped and fell between the wagon and platform. He sustained two severe cuts about the head. The can of milk was upset and most of it spilled.

Rev. Sidney Crawford, principal of the Walton academy in the sixties, died Friday, March 24, in a sanitarium in Brooklyn in his 82nd year. He graduated from Amherst in 1861 after which he was for a time the head of the Walton school. At the close of the Civil war he took a theological course at Andover and has held many important pastorates, resigning the last nine years ago to come to Brooklyn, where his son, F. Stuart Crawford, is a member of the staff of the New York Herald. The funeral was held Sunday in Brooklyn and the body was taken to Cooperstown for burial.

The Parker service station, located at the corner of Delaware and Liberty streets, has opened for business. The owners are George M. Parker, Floyd Parker, and John Ackner of Troy, N. Y., who will locate in Walton. The company proposes to carry a full line of automobile tires and accessories in addition to their gasoline and oil business. A concrete block building consisting of office and storerooms occupies about one-half of the lot and from this structure to the sidewalk a concrete pavement has been laid and a portico built over it under which cars may drive to fill up from the large gas tank. The equipment installed includes a Champion air compressor which the makers guarantee will not permit any oil or moisture to enter automobile tires when they are being pumped up. The building contains an office facing Delaware street with four storerooms to the rear which open on the Liberty street side.

## IN DELAWARE COUNTY

**Minor Happenings in the  
Nineteen Towns**

## AUTO'S SKID KILLS MAN

**Deposit Road Builder Fails—  
One Auto to Eight Persons—  
Scaffold Gave Way.**

The bill for a state road from Sidney to Bainbridge on the south side of the Susquehanna river was killed in committee in the legislature.

The Cadonia acid factory is expected to close about Apr. 1 and remain closed for the summer. The refinery will continue to be in operation.

Dr. L. G. Lewis of Sidney, chiropractor, fell on the ice the other day and suffered a bad sprain of the muscles and ligaments of his side and back.

As little Clifford Harper was going home from school to dinner recently with several other boys climbed on a milk wagon. Clifford fell off, cutting a bad gash in his face.

Walter Henderson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Henderson, formerly of Margaretville, died at the family home in Kingston Mar. 20 of croup. He was aged about 7 years.

James Sperling has sold his bakery and confectionery business in Catskill and will confine his business efforts to Margaretville. He is considering the building and operating of an ice cream factory.

The highest ratio of automobiles to population in Central New York is in Delaware county, where there is one car to every 7.94 of population. In the

entire country the ratio is one to every 10.2 persons.

While driving Beers Brothers' Ford truck with a load of meat Charles Stanley went over a bank near the South Franklin creamery. The driver was somewhat bruised, but no serious damage was done.

The appointment of George Gladstone as postmaster at Margaretville has been confirmed. He will succeed J. S. Bussy, whose term expired last fall. Mr. Bussy is the present town clerk of Middletown.

James A. Minor, formerly of Deposit, has been appointed general land and tax agent of the Erie Railroad company, with office at 50 Church Street, New York, vice H. M. Andrews, deceased.

David Darling of Fall Clove, Andes, died Tuesday, Mar. 20, following an accident the week before when he was struck on the head by a standard attached to the barn door when the door blew shut. He was 72 years of age.

The Deposit Farms company has been incorporated in the village of Deposit. The company, which has capital of \$10,000 has bought the Mutual milk and cream plant and will operate the same as soon as the work of repairs is completed.

Charles Brimmer, a carpenter living in Margaretville and employed on the new Hotel Bakanasse at Fleischmanns, sustained painful injuries Saturday when a scaffold on which he was working gave way, broke from its fastening, throwing Mr. Brimmer some 25 feet to the ground.

Ye Olde Delaware Inn in Stamford, which about two years ago was sold by its owner, F. J. Tingley, to C. N. Wright, has been sold to James E. Churchill of New York, who for many years, associated with his father and brother, conducted Hotel Churchill and the St. George Hotel in the latter city.

Corey E. Spencer of Susquehanna was arrested by Officer Wheaton in Deposit last week for non-support of his wife, and given a hearing before Justice G. W. Flower. He was ordered to pay \$10 per week for one year for the support of his wife and child, and was released from custody upon giving bail in the sum of \$500.

The A. C. Sternberg Company, Inc., of West Hartford, Conn., has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The company, which owes \$177,000 and has assets of \$91,000, including \$47,500 for equipment, was the contractor for the new state road between Deposit and Cannonsville. The creditors for the most part are Hartford banks and business concerns.

At the charter election in Hobart the following officers were elected: President, Charles R. Dixon; trustees, Frank L. Chappell and Herbert E. Cunningham; collector, James Y. Thomson; treasurer, Nellie C. Squires. Andes officers chosen Mar. 21 are as follows: President, H. D. Archer; trustee, one year, L. E. Woolheater; treasurer, C. W. Hulbert; collector, Andrew Henderson.

Henry Wilson of Irvington-on-the-Hudson was killed Tuesday, Mar. 21, in an automobile accident. Wilson was the son-in-law of Mrs. Bathgate Becker of Stamford and the family have spent their summers at the Catskill resort for several years. Wilson and two companions had been engaged in patrol work as special police and the accident occurred on a curve near Elmsford when the driver of the machine was blinded by the headlights of another car and as the machine swerved to avoid a collision it skidded, plunged through a stone wall and landed against an oak tree. Wilson and Henry Graves, 3rd, of Dobbs Ferry were killed and Duncan Graves, driver of the car, was rendered unconscious.

## BURROUGHS TABLET DEDICATED MONDAY

**Program of Exercises to  
Be Held at Roxbury**

## HENRY FORD PRESENT

**Only Wild Flowers wanted for  
Grave—Preserve Homestead  
for Future Generations**

(From Stamford cor.)

The Walton Reporter takes pleasure in being the first weekly newspaper in the state to give the completed program for the unveiling of the John Burroughs tablet in Boyhood Rock, in Memorial Field, on the old home farm near Roxbury, and the dedication of the Burroughs homestead farm as a shrine to the American people. The exercises will be held Monday, April 3rd, commencing at 2:30 p. m. The general public is cordially invited to attend. The program follows:

(1) The unveiling of the tablet by the grandchildren, Ursula and John Burroughs, accompanied by "Remembrance" (Pinsuiti).

(2) "John Burroughs." Poem by Charles Buxton Going.

(3) Dedication of the homestead farm.

(4) Selections from "Tintern Abbey" by Wordsworth.

(5) "A Tribute to Our Townsman." Poem, by Elizabeth S. Patterson of Roxbury. Mrs. Patterson is over eighty years of age and knew the naturalist for many years.

(6) Selections from "There Was a Child Went Forth," by Whitman.

(7) Remarks by Dr. Frank M. Chapman, president of the John Burroughs Memorial association, with readings from the writings of John Burroughs, "The Bluebird," "The Vesper Sparrow," "The Song of the Hermit Thrush" (from "Wake Robin").

(8) "The Vesper Sparrow." Poem, by John Burroughs.

(9) "The Wistful Days." Poem by Robert Underwood Johnson, for many years editor of Century magazine and ambassador to Italy during the Wilson administration.

(10) April selections from "Riberby," "Signs and Seasons" and "Birds and Poets."

(11) "Come, April!" Poem by John Russell McCarthy.

(12) "The Cradle Song" (Brahms).

(13) Strewing the grave with wild flowers, laurel and other woodland growths sent by absent friends, after which those present will place flowers upon the grave.

No cultivated flowers are wanted, but friends who send wild flowers to Dr. Clara Barrus, Woodchuck Lodge, Roxbury; N. Y., are assured that they will be placed on the grave. The tablet is a bas-relief in bronze, the work of C. S. Paolo, whose brother, C. S. Pietro, made the well-known statue, "The Summit of the Years," of Mr. Burroughs some years ago, and which is now in the Toledo, Ohio, Art Museum. The tablet design is a copy of the large statue and has a background of trees and a quotation from the naturalist's well-known poem, "Waiting."

Many prominent people from New York and other distant points are expected to be present. Henry Ford, who recently purchased the Burroughs Homestead, will be present. It is through his efforts that the homestead will be preserved for future generations.

## SHEFFIELD'S BREAK FROM POOLING PLAN

**Company Announces  
That it Will Pay All Patrons  
Direct After April First**

A struggle that may be compared with the milk strike of 1916 is forecast by the statement of the Sheffield Farms-Slawson Decker company that it will pay one price to all producers and will not sign the contract with the

Dairymen's League Co-operative association providing for paying to the association the money due members of the pooling system. The company states it will pay all its patrons direct. If carried out this means a test of strength between the Sheffield company and the Dairymen's League Co-operative Association.

Inquiry at the Hobart office of the Sheffield company brought forth the information that the company will deal direct with the producers for the purchase of April milk; the company will accept all the milk of its regular patrons who are non-poolers; it will not accept pooled milk from producers not heretofore patrons, but it will take milk from regular patrons who are poolers provided those patrons sign an order that payment for milk is to be made direct to the patron and not to the Dairymen's League Co-operative association. This is taken to mean that the Sheffield Farms company has definitely broken away from business relations with the Dairymen's League Co-operative association.

The Sheffield Farms company posted notices Wednesday afternoon at its plants along the Ulster and Delaware railroad and elsewhere that its basic price for April 1 in the 200-210 mile zone for 3 per cent milk would not be less than \$1.75 per hundred pounds, with the usual butterfat premiums.

It is understood that the attitude of the Borden company is exactly the opposite that taken by Sheffields.

The New York Milk Conference Board was accused in a statement Wednesday night by George W. Slocum, president of the Dairymen's League Co-operative Association, Inc., with attempting to break up the association by refusing to advise purchase of milk from its members.

J. Wilkins Nathan, secretary of the board, announced earlier in the day that this decision was made on advice of its attorneys, who believed the association's contract involved violation of the anti-trust laws. Mr. Slocum stated that counsel for the association held the opposite view.

"There is but one construction to put on the proposal of the New York Milk Conference Board not to buy milk from our association," he said. "It is a desire to break up our organization. We know that the consuming public and our farmers have

## HOSIER KEEPS THE MOTORCYCLE

**Police Court Tangle Results  
from Frayer's Double Sale.**

(From Stamford cor.)

Tuesday the local court fans had an opportunity to witness a lively action before police justice Cannaday at the town hall in Stamford. It seems that last November, Milton Frayer of Hobart went to the home of one Omer Hosier at South Gilboa and Hosier entered into a verbal contract for a 1917 model disc wheel Indian motorcycle. As first payment, Frayer accepted another motorcycle in lieu of cash. In place of cash payments, the plaintiff, Hosier, testified that members of the Frayer family boarded at his home from time to time, making the total due him nearly the amount against him for the Indian motorcycle, and that Frayer had agreed final payment might be made May 1st, 1922.

During the current month Frayer again sold the motorcycle to one P. J. Lewis, of Stamford from whom it was recovered on a search warrant, and who was the defendant in the action. At the trial the preponderance of evidence showed that the first purchase by Hosier was binding and that the motorcycle was his. The court, therefore, directed that it be returned to Mr. Hosier, the plaintiff. Frayer was not present at the trial and his present whereabouts are unknown.