

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 YEARS AGO,
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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

THEY STOLE A HAND CAR

**Street Wages, \$2.75—Autos
in Collision—When Living
Was Cheap—Paying Baseball
Deficit.**

The four blacksmith shops in Walton will be closed Saturday afternoons during the summer, beginning this week, May 6.

Thirty-one head of cows and heifers brought an average of \$60 at More Brothers sale Tuesday. Heifers sold relatively higher than the cows.

A tarvia treatment will be given the macadam streets in the village about May 20th. Delaware street was washed Tuesday to get rid of the dust until the tarvia is applied.

Anita Beardsley won the highest scholarship honors in the class of 1922, Walton high school, and will be valedictorian. Salutatory honors have been awarded Miss Margaret Henderson.

Howard Archer has been appointed substitute mail carrier at the Walton post office beginning work Monday. Arthur Hale, who transferred from the rural free delivery to the substitute's position in the post office, has resumed work as a carrier on route one.

Frank McCook of Detroit, Mich., has bought the coal business of Postmaster F. F. Dickerson. Mr. McCook will make his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McCook. His wife recently died and he has returned east to be with his two small children.

Murray C. Yeoman has sold his farm of 378 acres at Rock Rift, just across the river bridge, to John Flynn of Rock Rift, with possession given May first. The sale includes 35 head of cattle, three horses, and farm implements. The sale was made through the agency of H. S. Ogden of Walton.

A report made at a special Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday evening showed receipts of \$454.50 at the recent banquet and expenses of \$366.23, leaving a balance of \$88.27. In accordance with previous action the balance was to go toward cleaning up the 1920 baseball deficit and it was voted that the amount be increased to \$100. A committee was also appointed in the matter of a rest room.

At a meeting of the village board Monday evening it was voted to increase the daily wage for labor on the streets from \$2.50, the amount previously fixed, to \$2.75. It was also decided to place three additional electric lights in Bassett park for band concerts during the summer and another light at the parking place on Smith & St. John's land adjoining the Chronicle building. Edward S. White was appointed acting police justice.

In the opening game of the season the Walton high school nine defeated the Hancock high team on the local diamond Friday afternoon by a score of 16 to 4. Walton took the lead in the first inning with two runs and at no time did Hancock seriously threaten. Blything, who twirled for

Walton, had sixteen strikeouts to his credit and allowed only 7 hits. Lipp, who was on the mound for Hancock, fanned 12 men, but was found for 20 safeties.

Robert Wilbur has in his possession a ledger kept by the firm of Jacob Wilbur & Co. in 1874. The firm was composed of the father and grandfather of Robert and Harry Wilbur of Walton, Frank and Jacob Wilbur. On the ledger appear the names of many persons who have died within recent years. A comparison of prices then and now is interesting. Butter was bringing 28 cents per lb.; eggs 20 cents a dozen; sugar 11 to 12 cents a lb.; pork 14 cents a lb.; wood \$1 a cord; oats 75 cents a bushel; oil 20 cents a gallon; syrup \$1 a gallon. These items with soap, cheese, crackers and feed constitute the bulk of the entries.

A collision of the Essex car owned by W. T. Neal, the Walton florist, with the Ford owned and driven by Eric Bullock, a federal board student at the state agricultural school in Delhi, occurred on the Bloomville state road just above Watauga Falls Wednesday of last week. Both cars were badly damaged and that no one was seriously hurt seems almost a miracle. Mr. Bullock had turned up the road toward the falls and was backing down into the state road to turn around. The Ford was turned over twice when struck but neither Bullock nor his companion, Eugene Bennett, another student, was seriously injured.

Two young men living in the vicinity of Northfield started to walk home along the O. & W. railroad tracks one night recently after attending the movies in Walton. Near section shanty No. 30 north of the village they saw two hand cars beside the track and concluded that riding would be easier than walking. The handle of one car was cut off to avoid breaking the lock with which the car was secured. After running the machine to Northfield the car was abandoned by the track. The matter was reported to the railroad authorities and on Friday Detective Wagner of Hancock caused the arrest of the two young men, one of whom had gone to Monticello. Both were fined.

\$200 FINE FOR MAIL THEFT

**Former Sidney Postal Clerk
Shown Leniency by Court.**

Lynn H. Baker, former clerk in the Sidney postoffice pleaded guilty on a four-count indictment charging the theft of money from the mails when arraigned in federal court in Syracuse Monday.

Baker, who is a World War veteran, is married and has two small children. It was shown that he had given up his position in the Sidney postoffice to enter the army, was wounded in action, and on returning home received a position in the office which paid him only \$3 a day. In view of the circumstances and a plea for leniency from residents of Sidney a fine of \$200 was imposed, or \$50 on each count. It is stated that the amount of Baker's peculations amounted to about \$150.

FIRE ALARM GIVEN BY DOG'S BARKING

**Home of Raymond Huyck of
Treadwell Destroyed by Fire
Sunday Morning**

(From Treadwell correspondent.)
Sunday morning about three o'clock the dwelling house of

Raymond Huyck about two miles from Treadwell, burned to the ground.

Mrs. Huyck was awakened by the barking of the dog and rising to ascertain the cause, found the house so filled with dense smoke that she and Mr. Huyck were nearly overcome by it, and their son, Clarence, was so nearly suffocated they had trouble in arousing him.

As soon as they recovered a little from the effects of the smoke they found the entire kitchen ablaze and it is supposed that the fire started from the cooking stove there. The flames spread rapidly and in spite of hard work, most of the furniture and clothing, several watches and other valuables, a considerable amount of money belonging to the son, and a large amount of food supplies in the cellar were destroyed.

The house and contents were insured in the Town Insurance company for \$1,000, which far from covers the loss and the sympathy of the community is extended to the family in their loss. Mr. Huyck and family have moved into a vacant house, owned by him, which is not far from the one which burned.

GAS TOOK SUDDEN DROP

**Juniors' Spree Benefit at
Least to Some Motorists.**

Gasoline took a sudden drop in the Walton market Friday morning for a short period. During the class banner scraps Thursday night the numerals "23" were painted upon the sidewalks, buildings and other conspicuous places. One of the spots selected by the juniors or their supporters was the gasoline sign at the Parker service station, corner of Delaware and Liberty street, and the sign "Gas 25" was painted over to read "Gas 23." When the Archibald-Barnhart garage across the street was opened by one of the employees early Friday morning he glanced across the highway and read the sign "Gas 23." Good business, he figured, made it necessary to meet a competitor's price and a few minutes later a sign reading "Gas 23" appeared on the pump in front of the Archibald-Barnhart garage. Some twenty gallons were sold at the reduced price before the mistake was discovered. The buyers were fortunate as on Tuesday gasoline was raised to 28 cents at all the garages following an increase in the wholesale price.

MAY BE FATALLY INJURED

**Binghamton Woman Struck
by car of Dr. E. O. Bush**

DRIVER HELD BLAMELESS

**Miss Jennie Congdon Stepped
Directly in Front of Walton
Man's Car—Bush Driving
Slowly.**

Miss Jennie Congdon of Binghamton was struck and probably fatally injured Sunday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock by the Studebaker automobile of Dr. E. Ogden Bush of Walton at the corner of Court and Chenango streets, Binghamton.

Sunday morning Dr. Bush, his mother, Mrs. Anna Bush, and aunt, Mrs. Josephine Bostwick, left the Bostwick place at Delancey to visit in Binghamton. Dr. Bush was driving a Studebaker roadster, which he had purchased only the night before. The party arrived in Binghamton about 1:30 and proceeded down Chenango street. When opposite Hills, McLean and Haskins' store Dr. Bush saw Miss Congdon and a companion, Martin Lof-

tus, crossing the street towards Hills, McLean and Haskins' store. Bush, who was driving the car at a rate of about 8 miles an hour, blew his horn and Loftus and Miss Congdon stopped apparently to let the automobile pass. When the car was almost opposite Loftus, who was on the inside, Miss Congdon stepped out directly in the path of the car. She was knocked down and two wheels of the automobile passed over her body.

Dr. Bush stopped almost instantly and with the aid of Loftus lifted the injured woman into the automobile and started for the hospital. When about a half block down Court street, a policeman jumped on the running board and advised going to the police station to get the ambulance. At the police station it was learned that the ambulance was out and so the patrolman drove the car to the hospital, where it was found that Miss Congdon was suffering from several fractured ribs, a broken shoulder bone and possibly a fracture of the skull and internal injuries. It was the opinion of the hospital physicians that she had only a slight chance of recovery.

After leaving Miss Congdon at the hospital Dr. Bush reported the accident at the police station, where he was released on his own recognition. No blame for the accident is attached to Dr. Bush. Loftus, the immediate witness of the accident, stated that he saw the Bush car coming slowly down the street, that he and Miss Congdon stopped to let the automobile pass and that when the car was directly in front of him Miss Congdon seemed to step directly in front of it and the driver had no chance to avoid hitting her.

A message from Binghamton Wednesday stated that Miss Congdon's condition was favorable and some hope for her recovery was given.

BALL TEAM DEPENDS ON MATTER OF FUNDS

**Committee Will Canvass the
Village to See if Team Can Be
Supported**

Walton will have a ball team this year if the people of the village and township are willing to give the necessary support.

A meeting of baseball fans was held in the court room of Walton Hall Wednesday evening at which the question was discussed at length. It was decided to appoint a committee of three, Dr. W. B. Morrow, Earl S. St. John and H. M. Barnhart, to conduct a canvass and see if the support required is forthcoming.

The plan is to make organization of a team contingent on subscriptions of \$2,000. The amount required above gate receipts is estimated at between \$2,000 and \$2,500 and thirty or more persons will be asked to enter an underwriting agreement to make up the deficit, if any, above the \$2,000 of subscriptions, but with a limited liability of \$25 each.

Action on the matter must be taken at once as bookings must be made with nearby semi-professional ball teams in the near future. J. J. Farrell, who managed last year's nine, stated that he had received a number of inquiries as to games and also letters from players wishing to join the Walton organization. Last year the Walton team established a name for itself. The people want a good team or none. The question which they must decide is whether they are willing to pay the price. Many believe that a summer ball team is an asset to any town and worth much more than the cost in furnishing wholesome recreation.

Fleischmanns Looking Forward.

(From Fleischmanns correspondent.)

Fleischmanns has truly earned the title of "Queen of the Catskills," as a summer resort. Thousands of dollars are being expended to enlarge the capacity of the boarding houses and to beautify the various places. At least 500 men have been employed here all winter in preparing for the reception of the thousands of guests expected this season. Hotels and boarding houses will be able to accommodate many more visitors this year owing to the improvements made.

Finish Village Clean-up.

The work of removing rubbish in the village will be completed today, Friday, it is expected. President Courtney states that never before have the people of Walton co-operated so well in the annual clean-up week as they have done this year. The amount of rubbish removed has greatly exceeded that carried away last year.

SHEFFIELDS WILL PAY \$1.70

**Agree With Producers'
Association on Price for
May Milk.**

The Sheffield Farms-Slawson-Decker company announced Saturday that the concern will pay its producers for May milk not less than \$1.70 per 100 pounds for 3 per cent milk in the 200-mile freight zone, with the usual differentials. It was stated that officials of the company and the representatives of the recently formed Sheffield Producers' Association, made up for some 4,000 non-pooling patrons of the company, met in New York Saturday morning and agreed upon the price.

Watchman's Shanty Burned.

The watchman's shanty at the south end of the O. & W. tunnel at Northfield was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning. The loss is small although a telephone in the shack was destroyed.

SUPPLIED TUNNEL MEN LIQUOR

**Four Men Arrested Near
Shandaken by Federal
Officers.**

A squad of federal prohibition agents visited Bushnellville in the town of Shandaken, Greene county, Saturday and as a result of their raids four men were arrested. They are Hymer Rosenweig and Morris Hipsher, owners of a general store, and John Morton and Andrew Coleman, negroes. The Ulen Construction company, which has the Schoharie dam contract, had complained to federal agents that their workmen went on a spree on "mule" whiskey after each pay day. A 25-gallon still was seized in Hipsher's house.

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