

# 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**

### MAJESTIC THEATRE SOLD

**Small Fire—Dr. Metzger to  
Leave—Studying the Fly—  
Memorial Tablets for Soldiers**

Guy Wood of Beerston reports the latest freak of nature. From a Spanish Leghorn egg Mr. Wood had three chicks hatched Tuesday. All three chicks died later.

Four Walton high school students will try the Cornell scholarship examinations in Delhi on Saturday, June 3. They are Raymond Cobb, Dorothy Clark, Catherine Wakeman and Evelyn Eells.

Dr. E. Ray Gladstone of Walton and Dr. Howard Goodrich of Delhi have been appointed examining physicians under the New York state veterans' relief law. The appointments were made by E. R. Graham of Delhi, county deputy.

"Fly week" will be held in the Walton union schools next week when a study of the fly and the harm he can do will be made by the pupils. On Wednesday afternoon an exhibition of movies covering the subject will be given at the Majestic which will be free to the grade children.

Truman C. Tobey Post, No. 32, American Legion, has ordered individual memorial tablets for the soldiers and sailors from the town of Walton who lost their lives during the World war. The tablets when received will be placed in the Walton armory. Each one is to be inscribed with the soldier's name and rank,

Dr. H. J. Metzger, the veterinarian, has accepted a position with the Cornell agricultural college to do tuberculosis eradication work in connection with the federal accredited herd project. Dr. Metzger expects to leave Walton about the first of July. He has sold his business to Dr. John Bullard of Theresa, N. Y., a Cornell graduate.

The action brought by the estate of the late Walter Harby against the New York Life Insurance company which was on the court calendar for trial in Brooklyn last week was settled before the trial. An insurance policy for \$3,000 was involved, the company refusing payment on the ground that the insured died within a year after the issuance of the policy.

There is little change in the typhoid fever epidemic. Only one new case has developed, Mrs. J. Ackley. The condition of Mrs. I. D. Smith, who has been seriously ill, was improved on Thursday. George M. Parker has also been very ill. Most of the cases of typhoid have been in a mild form and the disease has not assumed the virulent form often found.

Writings were drawn Thursday, May 25, for the transfer of the Majestic theatre property by Frank S. Medrick to Morris Lazerwitz and Moe Weisberg of Liberty, N. Y. If the deal is consummated, as seems probable, possession of the theatre will be given June first and of the living rooms on the second floor now occupied by Mr. Medrick's family on the 20th of June. The value placed on the property is understood to be in the neighborhood of \$18,000.

The appeal of the Moon Motor Car company, defendant-appellant, from the judgment of \$1,900 secured against it by E. E. Risley of Oneonta, formerly of Walton, plaintiff-dispondant, was argued this week before the appellate division of the supreme court in Albany. The action was brought for the alleged conversion of a Moon car bought by Mr. Risley which he left in the company's repair shop in New York. A. G. Patterson of

Walton represents Mr. Risley in the action.

The peeping of little chicks is a familiar sound in the Walton postoffice these days. The parcels post has caused a development in the shipment of chicks and many poultry raisers who formerly hatched their own chicks now buy from the large dealers. During the past few weeks on the average about 2,000 chicks have been received weekly at the Walton post-office. On Thursday of last week 1,400 chicks were received. The postal regulations prohibit shipment where transit takes more than forty-eight hours and among the hundreds of chicks received at the Walton office only a few have been found dead.

The Walton Fire Department was called out early Wednesday morning by a small fire in the cupalo of Crawford Brothers feed mill on the river road, a short distance above Walton. The blaze was discovered by Clinton Smith and James Russell, who were coming down the river road in Russell's automobile. They noticed a light in the cupalo and saw flames. They aroused Robert Littlejohn, who lives in the house just above the mill, and then went to Walton, turned in the alarm and returned with the chemical truck. In the meantime Littlejohn had climbed into the cupalo and kept the flames under control with water and with the arrival of the fire truck the fire was quickly extinguished with hand chemicals. It is thought that the fire was caused by an overheated bearing in one of the elevator shafts which end in the cupalo. James Crawford estimates the damage at \$100.

## IN DELAWARE COUNTY

**Minor Happenings in the  
Nineteen Towns**

### START DEPOSIT HIGHWAY

**Stamford's Summer Ball  
Team—Breaks Arm Second  
Time—Caught 23 Inch Trout.**

The residence of Galli-Curci, the soprano, on what used to be the Fred Raymse farm at Fleischmanns will cost \$100,000.

Robert Brown of Deposit caught a lake trout in Oquaga lake last Friday that measured 23 inches in length and weighed four pounds.

Five unknown men were hurt when their Buick car left the road at Fleischmanns and collided with a tree early one morning recently.

Street commissioner Perry Hoffman and force of men on Tuesday began the work of rebuilding the Sands Creek road in Hancock village.

Percy F. Klein has purchased the Peter Randall property on West Main street, Hancock. He expects to move his household goods about the 15th of June.

Menzo Tobey has sold his farm to Richard C. Porter of Fergusville. Possession given at once. Mr. Porter does not move to East Meredith until Dec. 1.

Harry Belden of Margaretville has been offered an important post in Hong Kong, China. If he accepts the family would remain at Margaretville for some months.

T. G. Kenyon of Deposit will be 91 years old May 19. His wife was 87 Apr. 19. They have been married over 65 years and are still keeping house by themselves.

The trustees of the First Presbyterian church of Delhi have completed the transfer of the old manse on Elm Street to E. D. Russell. The consideration was \$3,500.

Thomas Tuttle has sold his house and lot just above Andes village and within the corporation to Corbin T. Bouton and gives immediate possession. The price was \$700.

John Oliver, who for the past year has been in the employ of William C. Oliver in Andes, has taken a position as assistant in an undertaking establishment at Schenectus.

A brooder containing 100 chicks of F. S. McCracken of Davenport caught fire recently

and burned. Mr. McCracken was unaware of his loss until notified by a neighbor.

Glen, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Coulter of Delhi, broke his left arm again Wednesday and was taken to Oneonta for X-ray examination by Dr. Silliman, who reduced the fracture.

Brainard N. Parsons, for the past two years physical director at the Deposit high school, has been engaged by the Liberty board of education for work in the public schools of that place.

William Meagley has the frame up for his new bungalow at Keery's switch, near Cadusia. Its dimensions are 28x36 feet. His new garage on the opposite side of the road will be ready for business about June 15.

Miss Eleanor Carpenter of Hancock, a student in Syracuse university, had the honor of being one of the six coaches selected to train the cast for the annual play given by sophomores, which is part of their June exams.

Dr. Sweet was in Andes on Tuesday to see Mrs. Charles Tremper, who fell over a year ago and has since had to use crutches. He found that her leg had been broken at the hip and hopes to help her so she can discard crutches.

Out of thirty-one agents competing for new business written for the New York Life Insurance company, George O. Burgin of Franklin stood first and will be given a trip to New York and with winners in other districts will be entertained by the company.

In making the turn from Park Place into West Main street, W. H. Clark had a mix-up with a Ford car driven by R. C. Johnson of Binghamton. One mudguard on Clark's new Buick touring car was bent and the Ford car had to have a new wishbone put in.

The head of the commissary department of Menaguale, Camarco & Behan, the contractors who are to complete the Deposit-Cannonsville highway, arrived in Deposit Wednesday morning to make advance arrangements. The machinery was shipped this week.

The Stamford baseball club have now finished signing up their players for the season and expect to have the strongest team the town has ever had. Eight of the team are from Holy Cross college. This college team won the eastern college championship last season and are bidding for it this year, having lost but two games out of 13 played so far this season. Stamford will have men from the first string.

## FISHERMAN DROWNS IN THE BEAVERKILL

**Dr. G. W. Pulver Swept Off  
Feet by Swift Current**

### BOOTS DRAG HIM UNDER

**Body Carried Far Down by  
Swollen Waters of Stream—  
Dentist Was Former  
Hancock Boy.**

(From Hancock cor.)

Dr. George W. Pulver of Binghamton was drowned in the Beaverkill river at Trout Valley farm, the former Jay Davidson place, at Beaverkill, near Roscoe, Saturday morning.

Dr. Pulver was the husband of Mary Brecht Pulver, authoress, whose stories frequently appear in the Saturday Evening Post. Dr. Pulver was a Hancock boy and after graduation from the Hancock high school took the course in the dental college of the university of Pennsylvania. For a few years he practiced his profession at Hancock and later at Deposit, finally locating in the city of Binghamton.

Doctor Pulver and his wife, Mary Brecht Pulver, well-known author; their son, Gordon Pulver, and Ralph O. Smith left Binghamton Sunday, May 14, for Beaverkill, it being the second fishing trip the party enjoyed there this spring. The stream was very low the first part of the week, but the heavy rains made the stream roily and turbulent. There was no fishing done Thursday or Friday, but

both Dr. Pulver and Mr. Smith decided to make another try Saturday morning.

The men, accompanied by Mrs. Pulver, left the Trout Valley farm at 10:30 o'clock. They went to the Golf Links pool, Mr. Smith fishing the upper end of the pool and Dr. Pulver the lower. He decided to ford the stream at the regular crossing place, which was about 50 feet wide at the time. When half way across the stream, he seemed to be having a difficult time to keep his feet, and finally Mr. Smith was summoned by Mrs. Pulver, who was watching her husband.

Dr. Pulver then asked him to come out and take his fishing rod, which he did. Mr. Smith then went to the shore in quest of a staff for Dr. Pulver, but after the latter had used it a short time it broke and soon afterward Dr. Pulver suddenly lost his footing, settled in the water and disappeared. Mr. Smith and Mr. Pond, a Jersey fisherman staying at the farm, rushed along the bank trying to keep up with the swiftly moving water, but neither caught sight of the body again until they reached a point half a mile below.

Mr. Pond then saw the body, which was entirely submerged, being swept along with the flood. Mr. Smith ran 100 yards below and waded out in the stream up to his breast. He clutched the clothing of Dr. Pulver and dragged the body ashore.

Dr. Pulver had heavy wading boots, which extended up around his body. It is believed that these filled with water and held his body below the surface.

Undertaker Reed of Roscoe took charge of the body which was taken to Binghamton where the funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the home, No. 13 Bennett avenue.

### Expect Good Fruit Crop.

(North Kortright cor.)

If the profusion of blossoms now seen results in any approximate fruitage there will be an unusual abundance of apples and berries.

## NEARLY \$2,000,000 FEED BILL

**Enormous Dairy Supply  
Indebtedness Carried  
in County.**

(From Delhi correspondent.)

The Delaware County Retail Feed Dealers association held their first meeting since 1916 in the village hall in Delhi on Wednesday afternoon.

Practically every town in the county was represented by dealers and the number totaled about forty-five.

The chief topic of discussion which at times proved very spirited was the credit system. It was brought out during this discussion that among twenty-five dealers \$800,000 was in credit of notes and book accounts; at the same ratio the total indebtedness that the feed dealers of Delaware county are carrying would approximate \$1,750,000. Taking this into consideration it is not to be wondered at that the retail feed dealers are considering very seriously the matter of credit in their business. We understand that the association is soon to issue a circular letter to their customers on the subject of credits and we think it a good idea for both dealers and customers to have a thorough understanding of the situation.

The meeting Wednesday afternoon was called to order by the retiring president, Mr. E. T. VanBuren of Hobart, after which the new president, Mr. C. E. Kiff, presided.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, C. E. Kiff of Delhi; vice president, R. B. St. John of Walton; treasurer, W. B. Oliver of Andes; secretary, H. Glen Harper of Delhi; executive committee, E. C. Dean, Delhi; L. Camp, Walton; A. M. Lyon, Bloomville.

Following the meeting a delicious banquet was served at Ye Koffee Shoppe. The after dinner speeches were made by Frank Jones, secretary of the Eastern Federation of Feed Dealers

which comprises nine states and by Mr. Keaser of the Casco Mills Co., of Waverly, N. Y.

## HOBART GIRL KILLED WHEN AUTO HITS TREE

**Betty Sheffield Meets Death  
in Accident at Highland**

### MOTORCYCLIST AT FAULT

**Unknown Cyclist Tried to Pass  
Between Approaching Cars and  
Sheffield Marmon Skidded.**

(Delhi-Stamford cor.)

Elizabeth, the 15-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sheffield, was killed in an automobile accident at Highland late Friday afternoon while the family were en route from their winter home at Ridgewood, N. J., to Hobart to spend the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield, daughter, Elizabeth, best known as "Betty," their two sons, Halsey and Billy, and Walter Ostrander of Andes had reached the village of Highland, Ulster county, south of Kingston, on their way to Hobart. The family had planned to return to Hobart for the summer when the school closed at Ridgewood in June and the party was on the way to Hobart to spend the week end and get the house in readiness.

The accident occurred about 6 o'clock at a point near where the state highway at Highland crosses over the Central New England railroad tracks on a bridge. Mr. Sheffield, who was driving a seven passenger Marmon car, turned out to pass a machine going south. Just at that time a motorcycle with side car, which had been traveling behind the southbound car, attempted to pass between the machine he was following and the car of Mr. Sheffield. Mr. Sheffield, seeing that the space was very narrow, made a quick turn of the wheel to avoid a collision with the motorcycle. It had been raining and the heavy Marmon car skidded upon the wet pavement and crashed into a tree at the side of the road.

Although the top of the Sheffield car was up Miss Betty Sheffield, who was sitting in the rear seat, was hurled out by the force of the collision and was struck with terrific force by the motorcycle. Her skull was fractured and her body badly lacerated by a pedal of the cycle. Death was instantaneous.

Billy Sheffield, who was also thrown from the machine, was not hurt. The Marmon car was badly wrecked by the collision with the tree. During the excitement the man driving the motorcycle, whose attempt to pass between the approaching cars was directly responsible for the fatal accident, motored away and his name was not learned. A Highland physician and Coroner Suiter of Marlborough were called and the coroner made an investigation.

William H. Sheffield is a well-known member of the Sheffield Farms company and also president of Sheffield By-products company. Mr. Sheffield has been a resident of Hobart since boyhood and also his wife, Lizzie Foote, daughter of O. B. Foote, was born at Hobart and has always lived there.

Last year Mr. Sheffield purchased a home at Ridgewood, N. J., and the family had spent the winter there, but making frequent trips at week ends to their Hobart home, where they expected to soon come for the summer.

Elizabeth (Betty) Sheffield, the victim of the accident, was a very sweet girl and loved by everybody in her native town. The funeral was held from the spacious family residence at Hobart Monday afternoon. The house, porches and lawn were filled with mourning friends and neighbors. The large plants of Sheffield Farms company and the By-products company are near the Sheffield residence and as the body passed on the way to the cemetery all the employees stood at attention in front of the plants. The bearers, all uncles of Miss Betty, were E. L. Foote, John Foote, Bailey Foote, Fred Foote, B. I. Sheffield and John H. Sheffield. The services were conducted by Rev. W. N. Hawkins, rector of St. Peter's church, Hobart, and interment was made in the family plot in Locust Hill cemetery.