

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About
at the County Hub

TWO INJURED ON FOURTH

**Chautauqua Is Next—
Coming Ball Games—
River Farm Sold—
Screwdriver Hit Eye.**

Bert C. Sherwood has bought the trucking business conducted by Stanley DuMond. Possession has already been given.

Clifford Taylor had his foot painfully smashed under a stone while working in H. C. Conner's quarry, Marvin hollow, Wednesday.

John Vanakin of Howell Street claims to be Walton's champion rat catcher. In just a week he trapped seventy-five of the rodents.

John Montieth, who sold his farm this week, has purchased the Edwin B. Hanford property, upper Townsend street, and takes possession July 15.

Rev. Stanley U. North of Park Ridge, N. J., has accepted the call to become pastor of the First Congregational church. He will take up the work as soon as possible.

Seventy-two pheasant chicks from the state hatchery at Sherburne were received Saturday by the Delaware Valley Fish and Game club and were released near Colchester Station.

Louis Burkhardt of Newark, N. J., has taken a year's lease of the Walton house and takes possession July 15th. Mrs. Eva Loomis has operated both the Walton and Central houses.

Richard Gould, driver of the Standard Oil truck, suffered a painful injury to his eye Monday when a screwdriver he was using struck him in the corner of the eye, lacerating the eyeball.

Edward L. Lathan has sold the house on Liberty street which he recently bought from James France, to William Coulter of Shavertown. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

The young daughter of John Stewart of Beerston while splitting kindling one day this week, nearly severed the index finger of her left hand with an axe. Dr. Smith dressed the injury.

Dr. John F. Bullard of Theresa, N. Y., has taken over the veterinary practice of Dr. H. J. Metzger in Walton. Dr. Metzger has accepted a position with the Cornell state agricultural college in Ithaca in connection with the work of bovine tuberculosis eradication. He left for Ithaca Wednesday.

An amendment to the motor vehicle laws effective July 1 increases from one to two dollars the charge for registering each vendee's certificate, or certificate of transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle. Another law effective the same date increases from \$2.50 to \$5 the registration fee for motorcycles.

The Fourth brought few accidents in Walton. Helena Perry, daughter of Mrs. Marie Perry, had her hand painfully burned while holding a Roman candle. Little Helen Edwards of Delaware street was also injured by a candle, one of the balls striking her on the leg. Dr. W. R. Gladstone attended both children.

The holiday traffic on the Ontario & Western was not up to last year. From Thursday to Sun-

day night approximately 28,000 passengers were carried, a decrease, according to officials, of 17 per cent from a corresponding period last year. Nearly every north bound train, however, was run in sections during the rush.

The farm of John Montieth on the corner of Marvin Hollow road and the Walton-Delhi road was sold by H. S. Ogden to John F. Rutz of Long Eddy last week. The sale included all personal property. Possession will be given on Oct. 1. The sale of the McLaughlin Bros. farm at Hamden by H. S. Ogden to N. A. Van Son was definitely closed on Thursday, June 29.

Season tickets for the Chautauqua will be placed on sale Saturday of this week at the usual stores. It should be remembered that the war tax has been eliminated this year by an agreement that any excess income from the Chautauqua on this circuit shall be equally divided among designated charities, one in each place on the circuit. In Walton the Red Cross has been designated. This reduces the price below that of last year while the program, which will be found in another column, is one of the very best yet offered.

Unadilla will play ball in Walton this Friday, afternoon, and a return game will be played at Unadilla on Thursday, July 13. On Saturday afternoon the fast Utica K. C. nine will be the attraction at the fair grounds. This team recently defeated the Jersey City Internationals by a score of 1 to 0, and has played close games this season with Oneonta, Unadilla and other fast nines in this section. Tuesday, July 11, Norwich will open a series with Walton on the local diamond. Games away from home next week include Sidney on Saturday, July 15.

RECOVER STOLEN BONDS

**Jeweler Traps Man Trying
to Pass Andes Security**

ARREST MADE IN BOSTON

**Men Rounded Up in New
York and Boston Belong
to Organized Gang of Bank
and Mail Thieves.**

Six thousand dollars of registered Liberty bonds stolen from the Andes bank on May 16, 1921, have been recovered. With the arrest of six men in New York and Boston the authorities believe they have rounded up a gang which has been largely responsible for a series of bank and mail robberies. The New York Herald of Friday, June 30, says:

"Five men said to be members of a nationwide combine to dispose of loot from bond and mail robberies are under arrest after having been trailed for months, and more than \$1,000,000 in stolen Liberty bonds has been recovered through the Secret Service operating under Capt. John S. Tucker. The arrests took place Thursday. Much of the recovered loot has been identified as being a part of the robbery of a mail truck in Los Angeles March 3.

"The men under arrest are William J. Pierce, who has offices at 140 West Forty-second street; Thomas F. Lamon, who said he was connected with the Trans-Coast Finance Corporation of 350 Madison avenue; Albert Fitzroy of 260 East Twenty-fifth street, Brooklyn; Abraham Rosenthal, 973 Tiffany street, The Bronx, and Robert Burns, who gave his address as 144 West Seventy-sixth street.

"A sixth man, Max Sonand, is under arrest in Boston in connection with the attempted negotiation of nearly \$10,000 worth of stolen bonds which were found in his possession, and which, according to the government

agents, he confessed to having received from Pierce.

"Pierce, according to Capt. Tucker, is believed by the Secret Service to be the head of a bond and mail robbery gang operating throughout the country and which has disposed of millions in stolen Liberty bonds and other securities.

"Sonand, who is under arrest in Boston, had been active in disposing of the bonds in New York city, in Norfolk, Va., and Washington, D. C., according to the reports of the secret service. In Boston he met his trouble when a clever jeweler to whom he wanted to transfer a Liberty bond of \$1,000 for a \$650 diamond noticed that the spelling on the bond read "Frances Knapp" and realized that Frances was a woman's name. He called a policeman."

The bond mentioned was one of three \$1,000 belonging to the late Mrs. Frances Knapp of Andes. It is understood that a similar amount of registered bonds owned by W. A. Ostrander were among the loot secured by the burglars at Andes. These bonds were put up as collateral for a loan in Boston on May 20, 1921, only four days after the robbery at Andes.

One scheme of the bond gang was to "plant" their agents in brokerage houses. These agents would receive stolen registered bonds and "exchanges" them for more easily negotiable coupon bonds at the expense of the firms for which they were supposed to be working.

WOMAN BADLY BURNED WHEN GAS EXPLODES

**Home of Harry E. Lakin
Near Shavertown Destroyed**

USED GASOLINE ON FIRE

**Liquor Taken for
Kerosene Believed Now to
Have Been Gasoline Taken
From Wrong Can.**

(From Shavertown cor.)

Mrs. Harry E. Lakin of Shavertown was critically burned Sunday afternoon and the Lakin farm house was destroyed by a fire caused by an explosion of kerosene or gasoline used in starting a fire. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Lakin was starting a fire to do her evening work and poured what she thought was kerosene into the stove. Instantly there was an explosion which demolished the stove, filled the room with fire, set Mrs. Lakin's clothing on fire. Her screams were heard by Mr. Lakin and one son who were at the barn just across the road, but before they could reach her she was severely burned, her clothing being almost entirely burned off. The house caught fire and in a few minutes the building was a mass of flames. Neighbors saw the fire when it first started and gave the alarm and a large number of men were soon on the spot but because of the intense heat nothing could be saved from the house.

Mrs. Lakin was taken to the home of Byron Huggans and Dr. Wakeman was called to dress her burns which cover much of her body and limbs. Dr. E. Ray Gladstone of Walton was in consultation with Dr. Wakeman Tuesday. While Mrs. Lakin's condition is critical it was stated Thursday that there were strong hopes for her recovery.

Mr. Lakin says he had one can containing kerosene and another containing a mixture of kerosene and gasoline. Mrs. Lakin had sent the boy to the barn for kerosene and it is thought the gasoline mixture was used by mistake.

DOG SCARES AUTO THIEVES

**Attempt Made to Steal Car
Near Arena.**

(From Arena cor.)

An attempt was made Sunday

night to steal the large Hatfield car belonging to Seth Howland, Cross Mt., near Arena. It is thought the thieves were scared away by the barking of the dog. In going to the garage in the morning Mr. Howland found the lights turned on and the engine still running while the floor was covered with burnt matches.

JULY BRINGS GUESTS TO CATSKILL PARKS

**Rainy June Weather Delayed
Rush From the City to
Mountain Resorts**

(From Arkville cor.)

If Decoration day did not do justice to the opening of the summer season in the Catskill mountain region, the early days of July up to the 4th certainly fulfilled all expectations and somewhat exceeded them.

Beginning Friday, June 30th, an extraordinary arrival of city guests by rail and auto began and continued until Monday afternoon, their destinations being as far as Stamford on the outer fringe of the Catskills, up the Delaware valley and Roxbury, Arkville and vicinity; Fleischmanns, Highmount, in the lower Delaware valley; Pine Hill, Big Indian, Shandaken and Phoenicia in the Shandaken valley. From Phoenicia they flocked to the old resorts up the Stony Clove to Hunter, Windham and Ashland, Tannersville, Haines Falls and the big hotels, the Beach Mountain House, the oldest and ever popular, where one's eyes are greeted with a view across thousands of miles of landscape comprising four states; the newly remodelled Kaaterskill with its 1,200 rooms, and the smaller but famous Laurel House on the edge of the Kaaterskill gorge.

These are all teeming with the usual summer activity, while in the parks the residents are coming in and opening their summer homes more slowly. Park life takes usually until July 15th before it is in full swing. The largest of these at Haines Falls, being a combination of Twilight, Sunset and Santa Cruz, has nearly all its summer homes open while its three big inns are booking guests each day. Elka Park in the Platte clove, four miles from Tannersville, shows much summer life, and Onteara, the unique with its lovely rustic architecture scheme, is also opening its shutters to the summer sun.

The many camps here and there near these resorts have opened which tended to swell the incoming crowd. A special train was run on the U. & D. on Saturday with the youngsters for Shandaken and Highmount. Three carloads were also taken to Hunter, where there are three camps located. It is said 14,000 people were at Kingston Point Saturday, the majority of which headed into our mountains, the balance being pleasure seekers on a sail and short visit to that city from points between there and New York.

The home going crowd on the Fourth did not reach proportions expected so it seems that our summer season while slow getting under way is at last in full stride.

Big Cauliflower Crop.

(From Halcottville cor.)

Thousands of cauliflower plants have been planted during the past few weeks and reports are that this will be the biggest year yet in shipments of cauliflower from this vicinity. Many farmers have commenced raising the plant for the first time.

Enters High School at Ten.

Miss Katherine Crawford, aged ten years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Crawford of Hamden, received her preliminary certificate as a result of the June examinations and will enter high school in the fall.

Milk Truck Plows up Lawn.

A heavy truck carrying Dairy-men's League milk, coming from South Kortright Sunday loaded with milk to be taken to Unadilla, had a mishap at Otego when the steering knuckle broke when in front of William Conner's residence. The truck plunged to the side of the road and plowed deep furrows in the lawn which was the only damage occasioned.

Will Rebuild Cadosia School.

(From Cadosia cor.)

B. J. Busman of Hancock has been awarded the contract to build the Cadosia school building which was destroyed by fire this spring. Harry Kraft will have charge of the carpenter work and S. M. Wheeler and sons company will install the heating plant and do the plumbing. The building is to be ready by September 1st in time for the opening of the fall term of school.

An Arkville Divorce.

Proof was taken by Justice Kellogg in Oneonta, Saturday, in the action for divorce of Hattie M. George of Arkville against Harvey A. George and decree granted. Andrew C. Fenton of Margaretville appeared for plaintiff.

Railroad Shopman Strike in Protest to Wage Reduction

The strike on Saturday of the shop workers on the various railroad systems of the nation as a protest in the recent cut in their wages by the federal labor board has but little affect locally, although to Norwich, Middletown and Oneonta, where railroad shops are located the strike is of vital concern.

In Norwich some two hundred shop employees laid aside their tools Saturday at the direction of the national officers of the union following a strike vote of the men. In Middletown it is stated that some 1,000 men are affected by the strike. Oneonta has about 600 to 700 workers who walked out while in Kingston a hundred employees' of the Ulster & Delaware shops laid down their tools Saturday morning. Most of the railroad shops have been running on short time and many shop workers have been laid off in recent months.

The railroads have announced that men who quit will lose all seniority and pension rights. Labor leaders, however, declare that practically all the workers went on strike. In Oneonta the D. & H. has brought in workers from outside to replace the men on strike.

The threatened strike of maintenance of way employees may be averted by conference between representatives of the men and the railroads, according to recent newspaper reports. The question of certain working conditions is involved as well as the recent cut in wages.

SIDNEY HAS TRI- COUNTY PICNIC

**Farm Organizations to Enjoy
Day's Outing on July 15th.**

Sidney is planning a big outing of the farm organizations of Delaware, Otsego and Chenango counties on Saturday, July 15th.

A basket picnic will be held that day at the Sidney camp grounds under the auspices of the Farm Bureau, Dairy-men's League and Home Bureau. Hon. Bradley Fuller, former president of the League Co-operative association, and other prominent speakers will be present. Games and sports will be provided and accommodations for all who come, rain or shine.

The Tri-County Heifer Club will make a distribution at this time of the heifers purchased through the cooperation of the Sidney National bank.

An invitation is extended to any interested to attend the day's festivities.