

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

ROAD OPEN TO DELHI

**Fresh Air Kids Coming—
New Grocery Store—
Tripped and Fell on Street—
Other Happenings.**

Sheldon Wakeman has purchased H. J. DeNio's new house on Fancher avenue. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

George Wayman had his right shoulder dislocated last Thursday in a friendly scuffle with another man while doing haying for L. D. Cole, East Trout brook. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the dislocation.

At the recent quarterly conference of the Methodist church in Stamford it was voted to raise the salary of Rev. J. C. Coddington \$200 a year. Mr. Coddington was pastor of the Walton church before going to Stamford.

C. E. Hulbert, president of the First National bank, suffered a severe attack of acute indigestion last Thursday while in New York city on business. Mr. Hulbert was able to return home a few days later and apparently has recovered his usual good health.

The Philadelphia Colored Giants, who play in Walton next Thursday, are classed as among the best of a number of fast colored teams. The Giants earlier in the season defeated most of the semi-professional nines in this vicinity and when they take on the Walton bunch a hot contest is expected.

While crossing Delaware street one day recently after the highway had been treated with tarvia Mrs. Hugh Luckey fell near Wood's hardware store while stepping from a plank on the street to the curb. Her nose was cut on the rim of her glasses and the glasses themselves cracked. Dr. Morrow dressed the injury.

The Rhode Island red hen again proves her right to live and lay. A bird of this breed owned by William Soper of Walton one day last week laid an egg which measured 8 1-4 by 6 1-2 inches and weighed five ounces. Mr. Soper has the egg to prove it and says his hen will meet all comers in a big egg contest except an ostrich.

Andrew T. Park of Pittsburgh, Pa., son of the late Dr. Thomas Park, former pastor of the United Presbyterian church in Walton, will be appointed an assistant district attorney in Allegheny county, Pa. District Attorney H. H. Rowland has announced his intention to appoint Mr. Park to fill a contemplated vacancy on his staff.

Clark DuMond, a brother of John H. DuMond of Walton, died Sunday at his home at Preston Park, Pa. Mr. DuMond formerly lived in the vicinity of Merrickville and Northfield, but has resided at Preston Park about thirty years. He was 74 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. DuMond and Mr. and Mrs. C. G. DuMond and son, Lewis, attended the funeral service Tuesday.

The Globe Grocery company has opened a new store at the corner of Delaware and Liberty streets adjoining Sherwood's shoe store. The building has been remodeled so as to give the Sherwood store more room in the rear and the Globe company will use the corner room formerly utilized by the shoe firm. Lincoln Lyon will have charge of the Globe

store. F. H. Ball representing the Globe company has been in Walton attending to the details incident to the opening this week.

Fred Entrott, system chairman of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way and Railroad Shop Laborers on the O. & W. and other local chairmen were in conference with railroad officials in Middletown this week. An agreement has been reached by which the Brotherhood and railroad officials will unite in an appeal to the Railroad Labor Board for a revision upwards of the wage scale and meanwhile the men will continue at work under protest.

The concrete road from the Delhi town line above Delancey to Frasers has been completed and was opened to traffic the latter part of the week. This leaves a gap of about three miles in the improved road from Walton to Delhi, but this section is now under construction. It is understood, however, that the concrete on this contract will not be laid until next spring. As the new road from Frasers to Delhi runs on the north side of the O. & W. railroad tracks the construction does not interfere with the use of the old road.

Miss Alida Byer of the Tribune Fresh Air fund was at the special meeting of the Civic club Monday evening and spoke in the interest of the fresh air children. The Civic club adopted this work as a project for this summer. Miss Margaret Thomson was appointed chairman of a committee to look after the project. The other officers of the committee are Mrs. J. G. Yendes, vice chairman; Miss Annie M. White, secretary; and Miss Hazel Seaman, treasurer. Other members will be chosen from the various churches to work with the officers in locating the children. The children are to be here from August 18 to Sept. 1. Further particulars will be printed next week.

DOWNSVILLE STAYS A VILLAGE

**Proposition to Dissolve
Corporation Defeated
by Voters.**

The proposition to dissolve the village of Downsville which was submitted at a special election on Tuesday, July 18th, was defeated. Fifty-four votes were cast in favor of dissolution and seventy-three against. The proposition to incorporate the village was carried at the election held in March, 1921, by a majority of nine. At the special election held on the 18th the incorporation was sustained by a majority of nineteen.

FAVOR \$390,000 BONDS

**To Pay County's Share of
Highway Construction Cost**

NEW CHILDREN'S COURT

**Judge McNaught Will Preside
Over Tribunal for Juveniles—
Special Board Meeting.**

The plan to issue bonds to cover the county's share of the cost of state highways in Delaware county now under construction or under contract was approved by the board of supervisors at a special session in Delhi Wednesday evening.

The committee recommended an issue of \$390,000 to care for the county's share of the cost of the following roads: Andes-Margaretville, Deposit-Rock-Rift, parts 1 and 2; Bloomville-Hobart, Frasers-Delhi grade crossing elimination, and the Delhi-Delancey road.

No recommendations as to the maturity of the bonds or the interest rate was submitted and the board authorized the committee to take up these details and submit them at a later meeting.

The \$50,000 bond issue au-

thorized by the taxpayers of the town of Hancock to repair the flood damage of June 3 was approved by the board.

An appropriation of \$500 was made for the use of the district attorney to meet the expenses of his office. The purchase of a new machine for the county clerk's office was also authorized.

County Judge A. J. McNaught explained the provisions of the children's court law and stated that he would certify that he was able to preside over the new court in addition to his other duties. This will save the election of a special judge of the children's court which commences to function November first. All cases involving children under 16 years of age, which are now heard by justices of the peace, will be handled in the new court. Judge McNaught will receive an additional compensation of \$500 for his services under the terms of the law and provision must be made later to meet the other expenses of the court.

The matter of rewiring the county court building was brought up and the committee was authorized to proceed with the work. The expense is estimated at from \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Supervisor Huyck of Deposit was named by Chairinan Moore as a member of the junior extension board.

Resolution was adopted expressing the sympathy of the board for Henry S. Graham, clerk of the board, and his family, for Mr. Graham's serious illness.

DRAGGED UNDER RAKE AROUND HAYFIELD

**Meredith Boy Thrown Under
Machine When Broken
Tongue Scares Horses**

(From Delhi correspondent.)
Monday afternoon a bad accident happened in the hayfield of Russell G. Thomson on Dry brook, town of Meredith. Mr. Thomson's young son, Arthur, was raking with the team. Mr. Thomson and a neighbor, William K. Hymers, meanwhile were loading hay on the rigging to which Mr. Hymers' team were attached. The rake tongue broke, frightening the Thomson team which started to run and the boy was thrown and caught in the rake, and thus dragged all around the hayfield. His father ran to his assistance but was knocked down by the runaway team. Mr. Hymers then left his team and started to catch the runaways, but the Hymers team then ran, starting toward the barn. The hay rigging hit an apple tree and then the horses freed themselves and with only the front wheels attached they took to the highway, running as far as Will McDonald's where they were caught by Mr. McDonald. Both Mr. Thomson and his son were badly bruised and suffered from the shock, particularly the boy whose body and limbs were a mass of bruises. He also had one cut on his head. Dr. Ormiston attended them and both are improving nicely. Neither of the runaway teams sustained much injury.

DO YOUR CANNING NOW SAY CROP EXPERTS

**May be Several Years
Before Such Abundance of
Fruit Again**

For the first time in years housewives will this season have the combination of an abundance of fruits and of sugar at a reasonable price. According to the official estimates of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State Department of Farms and Markets, the apple crop of the state, while considerably below the big yield of 1920, will be as large as the 1921 and 1919 crops combined. The quantity of pears produced will probably be seventy per cent greater than

the quantity harvested last year; and the peach crop is expected to be the biggest this state has had since 1917.

Plums, quinces, sweet and sour cherries, raspberries and blackberries, while not quite as promising as they were at this season in 1920, will probably produce better than in any other recent year. Grapes also are very promising, and in many parts of the state the yields of 1919 and 1920 may be equaled.

In commenting on these figures, Commissioner Berne A. Pyrke pointed out that with prospects for good yields of practically all kinds of fruits, not only in this state, but in all parts of the country it is probable that prices will be more reasonable than they have been for several years, and it would be well for housewives to can and preserve rather more fruit than they will need for this season, for it may be several years before there will again be such an abundance.

Some idea of the huge quantity of fruit which this state produces may be secured from the official estimates which now place the probable fruit crops this year as follows: Apples, 28,000,000 bushels; pears, 2,600,000 bushels; peaches, 2,900,000 bushels; grapes, 70,000 tons.

According to John B. Shepard, who now has charge of estimating the crops of the state for both the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the New York State Department of Farms and Markets, the hay crop, which was rather poor a month ago, now promises a yield of ten per cent better than usual, timothy, clover and alfalfa all being unexpectedly heavy. Corn, winter wheat, oats, barley, rye, peas, cabbage and tomatoes were each from one to six per cent better on the first of the month than they have averaged on the corresponding date during the last ten years. Beans and late planted potatoes were, in many cases, hurt by the excessive moisture, but as the weather since the first of the month has been more favorable, they are now expected to produce about average yields. Onions, which are grown mostly on reclaimed swamp land, were quite seriously hurt.

When the reports from all crops are combined, it is estimated that, in proportion to the acreage planted, crops in this state will produce eight per cent more than the average during the last ten years. In this respect, New York is exceptionally fortunate, for in the states south of Virginia and west of Ohio, crop prospects are on the whole rather poor, and in the country as a whole, crops average two per cent poorer than usual.

A Big Strawberry Crop.

(North Kortright correspondent.)

J. A. Hendry of North Kortright has finished gathering his strawberries and reports that from the plants in his garden were picked approximately 1,100 quarts. Everbearing plants are now blooming.

HERBERT SMITH TO DIE

**Execution of Murderer Set for
Week of August 28.**

Herbert Smith of Hancock, imprisoned in the death house, has been refused a new trial by the court of appeals, and must die, Sing Sing officials were notified Tuesday. Smith was convicted of the murder of Postmaster Lewis Johnson at Nineveh Junction. His execution has been set for the week of August 28. Smith has attracted much attention by drawing pictures in his cell. Executive clemency now is Smith's only hope.

Better Than Haying Wages.

Monday was a profitable day for Neil Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bartlett of Pines brook, who took a day off from the hay field to attend the circus. Neil has always had a reputation as an athlete and wrestler. At the after show given following each performance the circus management offered to give \$25 to the person selected by the audience whom the wrestler with the show could not throw in fifteen minutes. Bartlett was one of those who offered to take on the circus man and both in the afternoon and evening was chosen by the audience. Both times he succeeded in throwing his opponent in a few minutes and received \$25 each time. The Sparks circus was a clean, wholesome show with many novel features and gave excellent satisfaction.

SAVE HOUSE FROM FLAMES

**Sidney Center Dwelling
Damaged by Flames Saturday.**

(Sidney Center correspondent.)
About five o'clock Saturday morning fire was discovered in the house at Sidney Center occupied by Ralph Dean and Bert Laraway. The hose company responded quickly to the call and by heroic effort the building was saved though it was badly damaged. It was insured with Wheeler & Mabey of Sidney. The damage is estimated at about \$500. The household goods of Mr. Laraway and Mr. Dean were carried out but they were quite badly damaged. Insurance on the goods was carried with Hanford of Unadilla and the Delaware County Farmers' Insurance company.

MINK HAD CHICKEN DINNERS

**Fremont Center Man Ends
Depredations With Bullet.**

(Fremont Center correspondent.)
Albert Emrich recently shot a mink which had been freely helping himself to quite a number of chickens; Albert discovered fifteen which the mink had carried into a stone wall, and it is impossible to state definitely how many more he may have taken.

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