

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

SCHOOL MEETINGS NEXT

**Mail Carrier Retires—
Child Breaks Collar Bone—
Coal all Sold—Hay a
Big Crop.**

The lively horse driven by Florence Knapp ran away Wednesday morning and wrecked the wagon and harness. No other damage was done.

The tour of the Motor Cycle club of Philadelphia, Pa., will be held July 28th to 31st, and the route followed, unless plans are changed, will pass through Walton.

Ellis, son of George W. Jones, fell Tuesday while playing on the mortar in front of the armory, dislocating his right elbow and cracking the bone. Dr. Gould attends him.

Arline, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Miller, Liberty street, fell on Tuesday evening and suffered a greenstick fracture of her left arm. Dr. Smith had to break the bone to set it.

The two-year-old daughter of Mrs. Shaw of New York, a guest at the home of Amasa Rickard, Northfield, fell Tuesday and broke her collar bone. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture.

Nathan Spafford of the town highway force on the West brook road had his hand painfully burned while applying asphalt the last of the week. Several others were also burned by the hot fluid.

Many farmers have finished their haying. Practically all report a bumper crop. The heavy rains of June, while retarding corn, greatly increased the hay yield and made the crop one of the largest in recent years.

Local dealers have contracted for the sale of practically all the coal they have on hand and there seems little chance of getting more soon. Coal rationing has been ordered by the federal government under state supervision.

Rev. and Mrs. Milward W. Riker of Henderson, Kentucky, have arrived in Walton where Mr. Riker assumes the rectorate of Christ Episcopal church. He was formerly with the Chapel of the Intercession in Trinity parish, New York.

An attempt was made last Friday night to break into the mail box at the corner of Mead and Shepard streets. The lock was found badly jammed by Carrier Willard Teetsel the next morning. The thief or thieves had been unable to break the lock.

In practicing before the Walton-Norwich game in Norwich Tuesday Manager Tom Clark was hit back of the left ear by a batted ball, rendering him unconscious for ten minutes and delaying the calling of the game for a half hour and keeping Clark out of the game.

Claude J. Utter, foreman of linotypes of the Auburn Advertiser-Journal, had his Scripps-Booth car stolen from the garage at his summer home out of Auburn early Sunday morning. The thief forced open the door and removed the car, but apparently left a Studebaker untouched. Mr. Utter at one time lived in Walton and was employed in the Reporter office.

Miss Ethel Hinton, who entertained on the opening afternoon at the Chautauqua tent was in

France during the Great War. Her unit was the first to give an entertainment on German soil. When the American flag was raised over the Ehrinbreitstein fort at Coblenz, Miss Hinton's unit gave an entertainment to the American boys gathered within its walls. J. J. Connelly of Walton was in her audience on that occasion.

A baseball team, like most things worth while, requires money to support it. The Walton club is no exception to the rule. Before the season opened about \$2,000 was subscribed by local fans for the support of the team. Many have neglected to pay their subscriptions and about \$800 is still unpaid. Those who have overlooked the matter are asked to send their checks for the amounts due to Harry F. Marvin, treasurer of the association.

Tuesday evening, Aug. 1, is the date of the annual school meeting which will be held in the study hall of the high school building. The budget for the ensuing year will be submitted for approval and nominations made for three trustees to succeed S. H. Fancher, W. E. Henderson and Dr. D. W. Nutt, whose terms expire. The annual election will be held Wednesday in the eighth grade room of the high school building between the noon hour and 4 p. m.

Lester W. Clark will make his last trip as carrier on rural route three next Monday, July 31. He will retire after fifteen years and seven months of service and will be granted a pension. Mr. Clark is appreciative of the kindness and courtesies extended to him by the patrons of the route during his long period of service. C. A. Churchill will act as carrier until a permanent appointment is made. Route three extends up Pines brook to Loomis and thence to Northfield and down Kerr's creek to Walton.

KILLED BY PITCHFORK

**Hugh Hotchkiss Slid From
Load of Hay Onto One**

DEATH DUE TO SHOCK

**Schenectady Boy Failed
to Rally from Accident
on Platner Brook Farm
Wednesday Afternoon.**

Hugh Terry Hotchkiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hotchkiss of Schenectady, was fatally injured Wednesday afternoon at the farm of Leslie Bliss, Platner brook, when he slid off a load of hay onto a pitchfork. Death was caused by shock.

Young Hotchkiss, who was 15 years of age, came to the Bliss farm on Platner brook, near Frasers, about three weeks ago to help during the harvest. He was a first year student in the Schenectady high school.

A three tine fork had been left sticking in the rear end of a load of hay and when the boy slid off the end of the load he struck the fork and two tines entered his left leg, one tine passing entirely through the leg near the femoral artery.

The accident occurred about 2 o'clock and the young man suffered severely from loss of blood. Death was caused by the shock of the accident, however, rather than to the extent of the injury, according to Dr. Ormiston of Delhi, who was called. The young man failed to rally after the accident and passed away at an early hour Thursday morning.

The parents were notified and with the other two children, Ralph and Dorothy, motored to Walton and are with Mrs. Hotchkiss' sister, Mrs. Charles Currie, Stockton avenue. Hugh's body was brought to Holmes' undertaking rooms in Walton and will be taken to Schenectady for burial. A prayer service will be held at the Currie house at 11 o'clock this Friday morning.

The parents are well known in this section. Mrs. Hotchkiss was Elizabeth Terry of Hamden before her marriage and Mr. Hotchkiss formerly lived in Downsville.

LAY THE CORNERSTONE FOR \$200,000 CHAPEL

**Ceremonies Incident to
Occasion Held at Lake
Delaware on Tuesday**

(From Delhi cor.)

The cornerstone of St. James church, Lake Delaware, was laid Tuesday with fitting ceremony. Most all of the Episcopal clergy located in Otsego and Delaware counties were present and took part in the ceremony. Bishop Co-adjutor-elect Rev. O. Ashton Oldham, bishop to be of this diocese, laid the stone, Bishop Nelson being ill and unable to be present.

Clergy and choir vested in St. James' chapel where the procession formed and marched a distance of a few rods to where the church is under construction. A notable feature of the procession was the presence in the line of 125 boys in Scout uniform, members of Robert Gerry's boys' camp, where each summer he takes care of 125 boys from New York city, giving them military, secular and religious instructions. The processional was sung by a choir of boys selected from the camp.

After the ceremonies of the day were over, the visiting clergy and other invited guests were entertained at luncheon by Miss Gerry, at her summer home at the foot of Lake Delaware.

The parish house and church are being built by Miss Angelica Gerry, daughter of Commodore Elbridge Gerry, who devotes much of her time and money to religious and charitable projects. The architects are Cram & Furgeson, perhaps the most noted church architects in America. The probable cost is \$200,000. The foundations are of concrete but the super structure is to be of field stone from the Gerry estate. The stones and rocks of the fields in this locality are of shale formation, fine grained and soft and so to the laymen would not seem very suitable for such buildings. However, in a few years the walls will be covered with clinging moss and ivy and with their exquisite architectural effects, flanked closely on three sides by a primeval forest, as they are, they will form a shrine worthy a long pilgrimage.

That little cup-like hollow, with its few houses, surrounded by hills and mountains on all sides and located where the Delhi-Andes road crosses that sparkling mountain stream, known as the Little Delaware, and now called Lake Delaware, was for several generations of Delaware county people known as the "Hook"—even to the present time it is as often called the "Hook" as Lake Delaware. Wondering as to the origin of the name your correspondent asked an aged citizen of the locality how it happened that the place was called the "Hook." He was told that from a very early day in the settlement of this locality there was a tavern kept at this point and long ago when the four-horse stage coaches were making their daily trips to Kingston from Delhi, the drivers always, and as a rule the passengers, stopped at the tavern to take a drink. The drivers being in the habit of speaking of hooking up their teams instead of hitching up, got calling their drinks a hooker—hence the name "Hook," and also it was the origin of the word "hooker" as applied to a drink, a term much in use to the present time.

The stage coaches and the famous old tavern are things of the past but when the state road is completed from Delhi to Arkville many tourists will take this route to New York and portions of New England, as it is 35 miles shorter distance to reach the Hudson for people coming from the west than by Oneonta and Stamford. Most of them will know nothing about

the old tavern and its hookers, but a few rods beyond where it stood they will stop to admire one of the most artistic church edifices in the whole country. Perhaps some of the more devout, remembering that the groves were God's first temples, and as the primeval forest reaches almost to the church doors, may "kneel down amidst the cool and silence and offer up solemn supplication and prayer."

TAKE SPORTING GOODS IN HARDWARE THEFT

**J. E. Wood's Store Entered
and Robbed Saturday Night**

ENTERED BY A WINDOW

**Fishing Tackle, Rifle, Razors
and Flashlights Taken Besides
Small Amount in Cash.**

The hardware store of J. E. Wood in Walton was broken into Saturday night and cash and articles to the value of about \$150 stolen.

Harlan J. Wood closed the store about 11:30 o'clock Saturday night and it is believed that the robbery occurred shortly after midnight. The theft was discovered late Sunday afternoon when Harlan Wood and his brother, Clayton, stopped in the store for a minute and noticed that articles in the showcase were in confusion.

An investigation showed that an attempt had been made to enter through a rear window. A pane of glass had been broken and an effort made to pry the window open with a jackknife as the broken blade was found nearby. Failing in this the window near the desk on the Gardiner street side was pried open until the lock was broken and entrance obtained.

The show cases had been ransacked and the missing articles included lines, minnows and other fishing tackle, a .22 calibre Remington repeating rifle, about a dozen razors, twelve jackknives and a couple of hunting knives in sheaves, several flashlights, cartridges, and hunting clothing. The cash register was opened and \$16.07 left there was taken.

When the burglary was discovered word was sent out and it was learned that four young men suspected of the crime had hopped a freight out of Walton about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, getting off at Cadosia and walking to Hancock where they had breakfast. The next morning they were seen at Hale Eddy and Deposit and it is thought they left the latter place about 10 o'clock on a westbound freight. No one has as yet been apprehended.

VETERANS MUST FILE ALL CLAIMS AT ONCE

**Law Provides That New
Compensation Cases Not
Accepted After Aug. 9**

Under the provisions of the Sweet bill passed on August 9, 1921, new compensation cases will no longer be accepted from veterans of the World War by the United States government after August 9, 1922.

The Sweet bill states that application for compensation must be made within one year from the date of discharge or not later than August 9, 1922, whichever is the later date. In nearly every case former soldiers who are entitled to file claims for compensation have been discharged from the service for from two to three years.

It is declared essential that every man in the county who has cause for claims against the government for disabilities or illness incurred during the period of service in the United States Marine corps, army or navy, make application for them immediately at the Veteran's Bureau, in order that they may be taken care of properly before the law becomes effective. This is probably the last

opportunity these men will have to secure compensation and the local veteran's bureau is making every effort within its power to impress upon veterans the real seriousness of the situation. A branch of the veteran's bureau is maintained in the Press building in Binghamton.

LANDED ON HIS HEAD

**Delhi Farmer Thrown From
Hay Rigging in Runaway.**

(From Delhi cor.)

Thomas Blake was badly injured Friday while working in his hayfield at his farm up the Franklin road, near Delhi. He was on the hay rigging loading hay and his son, Raymond, went to adjust a headstall on one of the horses when the animal pulled the headstall off and then the team broke away and ran across the field and to the barn.

Mr. Blake was thrown off, striking on his head. He was stunned and sustained a cut on the temple. He is still confined to bed and suffering from the nervous shock, but is improving. He is unable to recall the accident, but otherwise his mind is clear.

BANKERS MEET IN WALTON

**Annual Convention and
Banquet Held Here Saturday.**

Covers were laid for about forty at the annual banquet of the Delaware County Bankers association held Saturday evening at the Royal cafe in Walton. Previous to the banquet a business session was held in Walton hall at which addresses were given by E. J. Gallien, secretary of the State Bankers association, and Walter Copeland, representing the Federal Reserve bank. C. E. Hulbert was re-elected president, H. S. Marvin of Delhi as secretary and S. C. Robinson of Stamford treasurer.

HAD TO KILL DEER

**Protector Bowen
Shoots Animal Injured
at East Branch.**

(From East Branch cor.)

A large deer was injured by an O. & W. train down on the curve near Ward Signor's, East Branch, Monday forenoon. Game Protector Bowen of Hancock came and had the animal killed. The deer was a buck.

Starlight Has Woman Pastor.

Starlight, Pa., near Hancock, has the first and only woman preacher in this section. Miss Mildred Nichols, a graduate of the Los Angeles Bible institute, has accepted a call to the pulpit of the Starlight Baptist church. She was recently ordained and preached her first sermon in her new charge Sunday.

\$2,500 for Injury to Hand.

Charles Fuller of Sidney has received notice that he is awarded \$2,497.95 for a 75 per cent loss of his hand, sustained while at work in the Kayser plant in July, 1921, at which time he received a badly mangled hand. Mr. Fuller will receive payments at the rate of \$13.65 per week for 183 weeks to cover the amount of the award.

Troubles Cause Insanity.

(From Cannonsville cor.)

Charles Eggleston, a prosperous farmer of Dry brook, near Cannonsville, for some time has shown evidence of mental derangement and Wednesday he was taken to the state hospital at Binghamton for treatment. There have been a number of deaths in his family, his wife is in the asylum and last fall his barn was burned, all of which seemed to prey upon his mind with the above result.