

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

FALLING TREE HITS AUTO

**Buys Franklin Farm—
Didn't Make the Turn—
Ball Player Breaks Leg To
Repair Armory.**

The Beerston Acetate company has shut down its factory on account of being unable to get coal, owing to the coal strike.

The state board of armory commissioners is advertising for bids to be opened Tuesday, August 15, for repairs to the Walton armory, including a new tin roof.

Crawford Brothers are building an addition 60 by 20 feet in dimensions on the east side of the Haverly mill just outside the village. The additional room will be used for storage.

During the thunder storm last Thursday evening lightning struck the storage building in the rear of the Fundas candy kitchen, Delaware street. A few boards and the roof paper were torn off but no other damage done.

The team of Mark Townsend, Stockton avenue, ran away one day last week while in the hay field. The wagon was badly wrecked in the runaway but neither Mr. Townsend nor William Doig, who was helping him, was hurt.

Hall Holborrow has been added to the pitching staff of the Walton ball team. Holborrow's work with the home nine last season was of the best and his addition will greatly strengthen the team. Jack Brazil has left, making the present pitching staff consist of Holborrow, Lynch and Kinney.

John Welsing, third baseman on the Walton ball team, had the small bone of his left leg fractured at the ankle while at practice with the team Monday afternoon at the fairgrounds. He was sliding into second base and caught the spike of his shoe, twisting the ankle. Dr. E. Ray Gladstone assisted by Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture.

Manager J. J. Farrell of Walton has booked four games with Stamford as follows: Friday, August 11, at Stamford; Saturday, August 12, at Walton; Saturday, August 19, at Walton; Friday, August 25, at Stamford. Stamford has one of the fastest baseball nines in this section, composed largely of Holy Cross players, and an interesting series is assured.

Guy Murphy tried to turn the corner from Mead to St. John streets at high speed with his car Sunday night and wrecked the machine in the attempt. The rim of the left wheel came off and kept going up the St. John street hill. This dished the right wheel and that rim came off and struck the Baxter store, rolling back into Mead street. The car landed in the gutter. No one was hurt.

Herbert Gannon of Hamden, who recently injured both ankles so badly by falling onto the concrete floor of a barn, is of the opinion that misfortunes never come singly. On Friday night he had an attack of acute appendicitis and Saturday evening he was operated on at the home of his father-in-law, A. B. Shaw, at Hamden, by Dr. F. J. Douglas of Utica, assisted by Drs. McNaught and Heimer of Hamden. He is doing well.

Thomas A. Archibald has bought the farm of Alton Potter at Franklin and will move there the last of August. The Potter farm is located near Franklin village and is considered one of the most desirable places in the Ouleout valley. Since selling his farm in upper Bovina and removing to Walton two years ago Mr. Archibald has been employed in the Retz-Lincoln store. His house on High street is traded in on the deal.

John Houck, James Murphy and Jack Trembly were arrested in Walton Tuesday by O. & W. officer Ernest Wagner of Hancock and on Wednesday morning were taken to Cadonia and arraigned before Justice D. B. Wright on a charge of illegal train riding. They were fined twenty dollars each and the fines were paid. The three young men mentioned and a fourth, who has not returned to Walton, caught a ride out of Walton on a freight early Sunday morning, July 23.

During the storm Monday J. C. Cosgriff of Rome, N. Y., a salesman, was injured at Northfield when a large limb of a maple tree near Arthur L. White's crashed down upon his Ford car as he was enroute to Walton. The limb passed through the top and hit Mr. Cosgriff on the head and back. The crown was torn from his hat, leaving only the brim on his head. The force of the blow stopped the car and the man crawled out and into the wagon house of Mr. White which was only a few yards away. Harold Brown, who was on the veranda of the White home, saw the accident and hastened to do what he could and assisted Cosgriff to the house where he was made as comfortable as possible. Dr. Smith was called, finding the man badly bruised and one rib fractured. He expects to be able to go to his home at Rome in about a week. Mr. Cosgriff is a salesman for A. Eldridge & Co. of Rome and was en route for Walton when the accident occurred. L. W. Clark, the mail carrier, who was making his last trip on route three before retiring on a pension Aug. 1, had passed only a short time before.

\$10,000,000 DEPOSITS IN COUNTY BANKS

**Loans of Seventeen National
Banks Were Over Eight
Millions on June 30**

Deposits in the seventeen national banks in Delaware county amounted to \$10,240,437 on June 30, according to a tabulation made of the reports to the comptroller on that date. Loans aggregated \$8,029,822. The deposits and loans of the banks on that date were as follows:

| Deposits | Loans | |
|---------------|------------|-----------|
| Andes | 188,042 | 132,625 |
| Downsville | 348,951 | 250,830 |
| Delhi | 1,253,598 | 937,365 |
| Deposit | 633,715 | 675,759 |
| Franklin | 375,351 | 234,724 |
| Hamden | 188,272 | 134,128 |
| Hancock | 705,859 | 404,235 |
| Hobart | 340,528 | 469,677 |
| Margaretville | 682,976 | 274,126 |
| Fleischmanns: | | |
| First Nat'l | 304,523 | 330,662 |
| Citizen's | 306,258 | 311,363 |
| Grand Gorge | 524,193 | 261,985 |
| Roxbury | 397,224 | 246,819 |
| Sidney: | | |
| People's | 461,086 | 302,322 |
| Sidney Nat'l | 982,927 | 934,057 |
| Stamford | 966,879 | 841,599 |
| Walton | 1,580,055 | 1,287,546 |
| | 10,240,437 | 8,029,822 |

The banks owed \$1,076,967 on that date according to the statement of rediscounts and bills payable. The amounts were as follows: Andes, \$10,000; Downsville, \$16,000; Delhi, \$110,000; Deposit, \$149,011; Franklin, \$117,000; Hamden, \$7,631; Hancock, \$95,000; Hobart, \$37,912; First National of Fleischmanns, \$34,870; Citizen's of Fleischmanns, \$98,260; Rox-

bury, \$34,000; Sidney National, \$80,006; Stamford, \$215,277; Walton, \$72,000. The rediscounts and bills payable in most instances show a reduction from the last report.

UMBRELLA SCARED HORSE

**Northfield Storekeeper
Has Lively Run Down
Woodford Hill.**

(From Northfield cor.)

Charles Schmedes, who has the grocery store at Northfield, met with what might have been a very serious accident last Thursday morning. He had started to drive to Northfield Station for a load of groceries. At the top of the hill it began to rain and Mr. Schmedes raised his umbrella to protect himself from the rain. The horse took fright at this and ran down the hill at a lively rate of speed. At the foot of the hill the horse fell, throwing Mr. Schmedes out and also throwing off the wagon box which landed on the horse. Mr. Schmedes received several bad bruises. The horse had its right shoulder and knee badly injured besides other cuts and bruises. Charles Tennant, who works for Miss Ellen Webb, saw the accident and ran to Mr. Schmedes' assistance. They succeeded in freeing the horse and the animal was led back home. It will probably be some time before the horse can be used.

Walton Fair Dates.

The dates for the Walton fair this year are September 5, 6, 7 and 8. The management has arranged for high-class platform attractions and daily aeroplane flights. There will be races daily. The premium books will be ready for distribution in about a week.

SMASHED 3,000 EGGS

**Tree Keeps Hancock Car
from Plunge Into River.**

Returning home from Equinunk on Friday afternoon with ten crates of eggs which he had collected, A. H. Bossley, driving a new Chevrolet ton truck, went over the bank on the Stockport road, Pennsylvania side, opposite Doyle's Island. The car turned over twice in its plunge, and was saved from a bath in the Delaware river when it lodged against a tree 75 feet below the road. Mr. Bossley, carried along with the truck, miraculously escaped injury. Three thousand eggs were smashed.

Shocked by Lightning.

(From Downsville cor.)

On Thursday evening of last week while Miss Kizzie Williams was passing by the telephone during the thunder storm, a flash of lightning struck the wire and followed it into the mouthpiece of the 'phone. Miss Williams was paralyzed for a few minutes by the shock.

Fell from Load of Hay.

(From Andes cor.)

Oliver Liddle of Andes had the misfortune to fall from a load of hay on Friday and break three ribs.

SAVES TWO FROM DROWNING

**Girl Attempted to Swim River
and Young Man Went to Aid.**

(From Long Eddy cor.)

Miss Grace Shermon, a city boarder at the home of Mrs. Catherine Burnes, Long Eddy, and Robert Burnes, son of the latter, narrowly escaped drowning in the eddy Monday afternoon. Miss Shermon attempted to swim across the river in company with Miss Harriet Lorenzo,

another boarder, who did swim across. The former grew weak and went down. Robert Burnes attempted to rescue her and was drawn under by her grip on his neck. Fortunately Mr. Hunter, a cottager, came to the rescue and both young people were saved, and seemed none the worse for the experience.

Cow Killed in Fall from Rocks.

J. J. Corbett of Jefferson had one of his cows fall from the high rocks by the West Jefferson bridge last Saturday. The cow was dead when found.

DAM FOR WATER SPORTS

**Such a Structure
Contemplated Across River at
Margaretville.**

(From Margaretville cor.)

It is rumored that a dam will be placed in the Delaware river in the lower end of this village of Margaretville and that an engineer has been engaged to look the project over.

This dam would require around 100 yards of concrete, and at the present time could be put in for \$13 per yard with an estimated cost of \$2,000. The dam would be used for bathing, boating and other water sports, and if this materializes it will be called the Delaware Papadunk, one of the old Indian names.

KILLED WALKING TRACK

**John M. Archibald Struck
While Returning Home**

DEATH INSTANTANEOUS

**Engineer of U. & D. Train
Blew Whistle and Attempted
to Stop Train but Could Not
Prevent Accident**

(Kelly Corners-Halcottville
Cors.)

John M. Archibald of Kelly Corners was killed Saturday morning about 8 o'clock when struck by Ulster & Delaware train No. 32.

Mr. Archibald had been across the river to his old home to gather apples and was returning with a pail of them when he was struck by the locomotive just below Hubbell Brothers' residence west of Kelly Corners. He was walking toward home along the end of the ties at the time. The engineer blew the whistle for the crossing near there and also to attract Mr. Archibald's notice but seeing that the man paid no heed to the whistle the engineer applied the brakes. He was unable, however, to check the onrush of the train in time to prevent Mr. Archibald being struck. The unfortunate man's neck was broken and both legs were fractured by the impact of the cowcatcher. Death was instantaneous.

The funeral was held at the family home on Monday, the interment being in the Kelly Corners cemetery near the home. Mr. Archibald was about 67 years of age and most of his life had been spent in and about Kelly Corners. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Harry Hewitt, of Halcottville, and a son, William L., at home.

Mr. Archibald was born in the town of Bovina but had lived in Kelly Corners a number of years. He was well known in the surrounding country as "Jack the Drover," as he had been in the cattle business a number of years.

FIREMEN CALLED OUT TWICE WHEN LIGHTNING HITS HOUSES

Two houses in the village of Walton were struck during the

severe storm about five o'clock Monday afternoon. The fire department was called out in both cases, first to the home of George Palmatier on Delaware street and a few minutes later to the house of Hugh Luckey, Townsend street. The damage in both cases was small.

The bolt that hit the Palmatier house struck the roof and badly shattered one of the rafters, following it to the plate. The rafter was set on fire and a spot about four feet in diameter was badly charred by the flames. Directly under where the bolt struck were kept the playthings of little Bartlett Palmatier, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Palmatier, who died four years ago at the age of seven. These playthings were practically ruined by the flames. The telephone was put out of commission and the electric light bulbs and sockets in the house were burned out. Mr. Palmatier estimates the damage at about fifty dollars.

The Luckey family were eating supper when their house was struck within a few minutes of the time when the firemen were called to the Palmatier home. Mr. Luckey realized the bolt had hit nearby and got up to look out of the kitchen window. Seeing nothing there he decided to go upstairs and on reaching the head of the stairway discovered fire in a quilt which had been left in a quilting frame in one of the front rooms. Mrs. Luckey had been working on the quilt just before going down to get supper. Mr. Luckey called to his wife to get some water and succeeded in extinguishing the flames but not before fragments of the burning quilt had dropped to the floor and ruined the rug. Mrs. Ralph Charles who lives across the street saw the lightning strike the Luckey house and called to J. C. Hoyt, who had taken shelter at Shaw's store, corner of Townsend and East streets. Mr. Hoyt rushed over to the Luckey's and he and Mr. Luckey threw the burning quilting frame out of the window. In the meantime the fire alarm had been sent in from the Shaw store and the firemen who had just left the Palmatier place were soon on the scene but their services were not needed. The damage in the Luckey home is estimated at from \$100 to \$150 covered by insurance with S. H. Pond. The roof where the bolt struck was badly ripped up and the second floor rooms were damaged by smoke.

A number of telephones in the village were put out of commission by the storm and in some parts of the village there was no light service for several hours.

COUNTY PICNIC AUG. 23

**Mayor Lunn Will be
Speaker at Delhi Gathering.**

The date of the annual picnic of the Grange, League and Farm Bureau and Home Bureau which will be held at the State School grounds, Delhi, has been changed to Wednesday, Aug. 23. This was done in order to secure George R. Lunn, Mayor of Schenectady, who will be the principal speaker. Mayor Lunn has become well known throughout New York state because of his spirit of fairness to both capital and labor and the ways in which he has so successfully handled the affairs of his city.

Besides the talks there will be sports, demonstrations, Dairy-men's League ice cream, and a general good time for all who come. This is a basket picnic and is not limited to farmers and their families but is for everybody, and the committees under the leadership of Van E. Wilson are working to make this the most successful county picnic every held.