

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About  
at the County Hub

### NURSE SUES FOR \$5,200

Recover Stolen Auto—New  
Motorcycle Cop—Ride 90  
Miles on Bicycle.

The Kayser silk mill has closed down until Sept. 11, while the annual inventory is being taken.

Robert Ells, Augustus Smith and William Cranston left Monday on a bicycle trip to Kingston, a distance of ninety miles.

Philip DeGroat has bought the house on Liberty street owned by Mrs. W. J. S. Findlay of Jamestown. T. M. Galley made the sale.

Robert, the six months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Liguory, died Wednesday, Aug. 9. There are two other children in the family.

Charles Zinno, who lives with his brother, David Zinno, fell from a bicycle Monday on Fancher avenue and broke his left arm. Dr. Morrow reduced the fracture.

Word was received by Walton relatives last week that Henri C. Tobey had suffered a slight shock in Pasadena, California. Late advices are favorable to Mr. Tobey's early recovery.

Miss Helen Hoag of lower North street fell Monday on the sidewalk and sustained an impacted fracture of the left hip. She was taken to her home by A. J. Holmes and Dr. Smith was called.

The fresh air children to whom Walton residents have opened their homes for two weeks or have contributed the money necessary to pay their board are expected in Walton next Friday, Aug. 18.

Grievance day on the town assessments will be held next Tuesday, Aug. 15, when the board of assessors will meet in Walton hall at 9 o'clock in the morning to review the assessments recently made.

Miss Mildred Mathewson, public health nurse, will resume her work in Walton next week. She has been spending the month at Lake Onawa, Maine, while recuperating from an operation for the relief of appendicitis.

Clair, the 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Gray, nearly severed the big toe of his left foot with an axe while splitting wood at the farm of Robert Kilmer, West Trout brook, Tuesday. Dr. E. Ray Gladstone dressed the injury.

Examinations for chauffeur's licenses will be held at the Walton armory next Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 10 a. m. standard time. Be sure and hand in your application not later than Saturday, Aug. 12, 6 p. m., to S. T. H. Knight, Walton.

The continued rains have greatly delayed the hay harvest and there are still many farmers who have not gotten the crop in. Corn is doing quite well and green corn is coming on the market in increasing quantities. Some oats are being cut.

Andrew D. Scobie has sold the Richard Garrison place consisting of a house and several acres of land to William Yeoman of Delhi. The sale was made through H. M. Robinson, The place adjoins Mr. Scobie's farm on the Beerston state road.

Harold F. Miller has been appointed motorcycle policeman by the village board of Walton, to act during the absence of Officer Stidd, who will accompany Company F to camp at Peekskill Saturday. He has been instructed to arrest all found speeding within the village limits.

The members of Company F will assemble at the armory at 8:15 p. m. Saturday to roll packs preparatory to leaving for the state camp at Peekskill. The period extends from Aug. 13 to Aug. 27. This is now one of the largest companies in the Tenth Regiment, having a strength of nearly one hundred.

The automobile recently stolen from the barn of Claude J. Utter of Auburn, formerly of Walton, has been recovered near Syracuse where it was abandoned after the thieves had stripped it of everything saleable. The car was taken from the barn at Mr. Utter's camp at Owasco lake just outside of Auburn.

The band concerts on Delaware street every Wednesday evening are coming in for much favorable comment. The band seeks to have a change of program each night and also to introduce novelties. Wednesday evening Harry F. Marvin gave two solos and for next week there will be vocal selections and toe dancing by little Rose Simmons.

Miss Kathryn Robinson has brought an action against W. C. Munn of Delhi as executor of the estate of the late Daniel Munn to recover \$5,200 alleged to be due for services to the decedent from April, 1916, until Mr. Munn's death in November, 1921. A. G. Patterson is attorney for Miss Robinson while A. F. Curtis of Delhi is the attorney of record for the executor with Hon. L. F. Raymond of Franklin as counsel.

## WALTON FAIR DATES ARE SEPTEMBER 5 TO 8

Premium Books Will Soon Be  
Ready For Distribution

### A RACE PROGRAM DAILY

Riding Devices and Side  
Shows Booked for Midway—  
Aeroplane Flights Daily.

The dates of the Walton fair this year are September 5, 6, 7 and 8, and already the management has plans under way to make the exhibition one of the best in the state.

The premium books are now being printed and will be ready for distribution next week. Requests for copies will be filled as soon as the book is off the press. Some changes have been made in the premiums offered this year, the most important being a number of reductions in the cattle department.

It is expected that aeroplane flights will be given daily and Walter Hemple, a New York pilot, has been engaged for this purpose. In addition to his exhibition flights he will carry passengers for hire. The riding apparatus along the midway will be of the best and will include the whip, seaplane swings, ferris wheel and merry-go-around. The midway itself promises to be larger than ever before.

The platform attractions have not all been booked but these will be announced later. There will be a daily race program in which some of the fastest horses in this section will be entered. There will also be trotting races, pacing races, running races, farm trots and mule races.

The Walton fair this year promises to again be, as usual, Delaware county's old home week.

## LOUDON'S PIG CAUSES HIRED MAN'S ARREST

Floyd Rhinebeck Involved by  
Testimony in Dispute Over  
Porker

Early in October, 1921, a black Berkshire pig owned by George Loudon of South street disappeared from a pen near the Walton fairgrounds. In May of this year Mr. Loudon learned that C. J. Cain of McGibbon hollow had a pig answering the description of the missing hog. In July Mr. Loudon visited the farm of O. L. Howland, where the animal was kept at the time, and claims by certain white spots on its body to have identified the pig as his missing porker. After getting legal advice he revisited the Howland farm and brought the pig home.

Mr. Cain on learning of the matter brought an action for conversion against Loudon, asking damages in the amount of \$55. The case was tried Tuesday afternoon at Walton Hall before Justice E. S. White.

In their testimony Mr. Cain and his wife stated that in October Floyd Rhinebeck, who had left Loudon's employ to work for them, brought a pig a few weeks old to their farm stating that he had received it from Homer Howland in payment of money owed for cider. Mr. Cain bought the pig of Rhinebeck for three dollars and in the months before Loudon claimed it as his property the porker grew and waxed fat until according to Cain's valuation it was worth at least forty dollars. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cain denied having any suspicion that the pig had been stolen.

Homer Howland of Beerston denied ever having given Rhinebeck a pig in payment for cider and stated that he had not had a hog on his place in seventeen years.

Loudon claimed ability to identify the pig as the one stolen from him by certain white marks on its body. This spring Rhinebeck quit Cain to work again for Loudon and Loudon declared that Rhinebeck told him that in the previous October Cain hired himself and brother and William Corgan to steal the pig from Loudon. Merritt Loudon also identified the pig as that stolen from his father's pen last fall.

At the close of the case the justice decided that the pig belonged to Loudon. Later in the afternoon a warrant for Floyd Rhinebeck's arrest was issued by Police Justice James M. Peak, in whose jurisdiction the alleged theft was committed. Rhinebeck's hearing was set down for next Tuesday. Negotiations were in progress Thursday for the settlement of the case and the dropping of the criminal charge.

## NO SIGNS TO MAR HIGHWAYS' BEAUTIES

Orders of State Department  
Will Eliminate Them From  
Within Highway Limits

All signs on the New York state highways, other than warning signs, must be removed in the next few days according to a notice sent out to division engineers by the state highway department. These officials were directed to take immediate action. Signs worth many hundreds of dollars have already been removed and the work will go steadily on until all the signs not legitimately within the boundaries of the highway are removed. There are a number of signs on the state road leading out of Walton which come within the order.

The present order for removal is issued through J. C. Finch, secretary of the state highway commission; but it is understood that the provisions of the law itself are not changed. In

fact the law prohibiting business and other signs within the road boundaries was made effectual a considerable number of years ago, and to a considerable extent it was carried into effect by the town authorities. This was not done throughout the state, however, and the state highway commission now takes it into its own hands.

One reason given for the recent order to division engineers is understood to be that refreshment stand owners have in many instances placed "Stop" and "Go Slow" signs near their establishments for advertising purposes. Motorists are becoming used to these sort of signs and are beginning to disregard real warning signs, properly erected by the highway authorities. Several serious accidents of recent date are said to have been traced to motorists not obeying a warning sign.

"I wish to inform you that division engineers are instructed to see that all advertising signs are removed from the bounds of the state highway," says Secretary Finch in a recent letter to automobile club officials. "The stop signals for refreshment stands come within this classification and are to be removed immediately."

It will of course be understood that the state has no jurisdiction outside the highway boundaries, and signs so erected by consent of the owners of the property are not within the purview of the state commission.

## ASK PARDON FOR SMITH

Attorney Lee Files Petition  
for Review with Governor.

Attorney David F. Lee of Norwich, counsel for Herbert W. Smith of Hancock, twice convicted of the shooting of Lewis H. Johnson, the Nineveh Junction storekeeper, and now awaiting in the death house at Sing Sing the carrying out of his sentence of electrocution during the week of Aug. 28, has by no means given up his fight for his client's life.

Attorney Lee has filed an application with the governor at Albany, asking for a review of the case in the hope that he may secure a hearing and may impress the chief executive with the circumstances and conditions of the crime, that he will interfere and commute the sentence to imprisonment for life.

Failure of Governor Miller to interfere and stay the execution will result in carrying out the death sentence the last week of the present month.

Alienists, who recently examined Smith and Luther Boddy, Negro slayer, in the Sing Sing death house, have found them to be sane.

## WALTON CARS MEET IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Oliver Auto Went Through  
Guardrail and Down Bank

### BOTH BADLY DAMAGED

Ford Driven by James  
LaFrano Also Broke  
Guardrail in Accident at the  
Oxbow.

The automobiles driven by Andrew D. Oliver and James LaFrano met in a head-on collision near the bridge over the Oxbow brook, Hamden state road, Monday evening about eight o'clock. Both machines were badly damaged.

Mr. Oliver was returning from Delhi in his Maxwell car and was accompanied by his brother-in-law, John I. Smith, who intended to return to Delhi on the flyer that evening. Mr. LaFrano, accompanied by Leslie McLean, was driving to Delhi in a Ford belonging to the Archibald garage, where he is employed.

After the machines struck the Oliver car continued about thirty feet west of the bridge and then plunged through the south guardrail and almost straight down a fifteen foot bank without overturning. The Ford ran into the guardrail on the northeast of the bridge, breaking through the boards, being held from going entirely through.

The radiator of the Oliver Maxwell was damaged, the fenders and mudguards on both sides stripped, one wheel was also smashed and the car badly wrecked. The damage to the Ford consisted of both front wheels being broken and one side stripped.

## A MODERN JUGGERNAUT

Progress of Steam Shovel  
Slow on Road to Bloomville.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

A mammoth steam shovel to be used on the Bloomville-Hobart state road is now on its way from the Bovina state road job to the latter location. Its progress is slow as even on the macadam road, which it is yet traveling, in order not to mar the road, planks have to be laid down in front and then taken from the rear and again placed in front as it moves along. In fact this shovel is a sort of a juggernaut, or at least the car that carried the idol juggernaut one mile to his summer home on the occasion of the great Hindu festival, which was held yearly. The distance from the temple to the summer home or country house was but a mile and yet it took many days to accomplish this journey, so cumbersome was the craft. Many pilgrims on their way to the Hindu temple would throw themselves under the car as a sacrifice to the God. We do not expect the pilgrims who travel the Hobart Bloomville road, although many of them have been driven to desperation by its condition, to sacrifice themselves before this steam shovel, but we do expect they will watch its progress with profound obeisance.

### Tablets for War Heroes.

The memorial tablets recently purchased by the Truman C. Tobey post, No. 32, American Legion, have been engraved with the names and ranks of the eleven Walton men who gave their lives during the World War. The tablets will be placed upon the walls of the armory.

### Legion Convention in Hancock.

The annual convention of the Delaware County American Legion posts will be held at Hancock on Friday, Sept. 1st. The afternoon will be devoted to the business session, to be followed by a banquet in the opera house dining room. For the evening a social and musical program is being prepared. Hancock Post is planning to entertain about one hundred.

### Double Wedding at Trout Creek.

(From Trout Creek correspondent.)

A double wedding was celebrated at the M. E. parsonage, Trout Creek, on Sunday, Aug. 6. The contracting parties were Carl Sprague of Trout Creek and Miss Katherine Bullis of Walton, and Abraham Hinkley of Norwich to Miss Ruby Sutliff of Walton. They are spending a few days with Mr. Sprague's parents near this place. Rev. George Evans officiated.