

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

FRESH AIR KIDS ARE HERE

**G. A. R. Picnic—Pay Your
Baseball Pledge—Two Hurt
by Falls—Farm Sold.**

The fall time table on the Ontario & Western will become effective on September 6. Practically all of the summer trains will be discontinued on that date.

J. T. Cobb has sold his restaurant business at Worcester to A. W. Redmond of Delhi and has moved from Worcester to his house on Townsend street which Rev. G. W. Nims has occupied.

Agnes, the three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Tweedie of the Mountain, fell Wednesday against a stone, cutting a painful gash in her face. Dr. W. R. Gladstone attended her.

The John Montieth farm on the state road to Hamden, recently sold to John Rutz of Long Eddy, has been resold to William Sines of East Brook. The sale was made through the agency of H. S. Ogden.

By a new law effective September first all real estate salesmen outside of the cities must pay a state license fee of two dollars. The fee in first class cities is five dollars, and three dollars in second-class cities.

George Gray fell Saturday into a new cesspool he was digging in the rear of his home on the upper Third brook road. Mr. Gray fell about eight feet and suffered severely from shock and was badly bruised about the body. Dr. W. B. Morrow is the attending physician.

A good season for game both in the Catskills and the Adirondack section is predicted by the conservation commission. Deer are reported as plentiful. The winter was favorable to grouse and large numbers of birds, rabbits and squirrels are reported by game protectors.

Carleton Laidlaw, a member of Company F, was taken ill with acute appendicitis while in camp with the guardsmen at Peekskill and was operated upon Sunday morning in the West Point army hospital. He is making a favorable recovery from the operation.

The action brought by Maud Yeoman against John M. Flynn to set aside the transfer of the Yeoman farm at Rock Rift, scheduled for a hearing at Walton Thursday before C. H. Hitchcock of Binghamton as referee, was adjourned to Sept. 6 on account of the illness of Mrs. A. G. Patterson, wife of the plaintiff's attorney.

On Friday, Aug. 18, thirty-nine fresh air children arrived to spend two weeks in and around Walton. Seventeen of the children are being boarded in homes and \$159.50 has been contributed for this purpose. The others are being entertained in various homes free. The children are to return to New York September first on the train leaving Walton at 10:45 a. m., standard time. Please be sure that the children are at the station in plenty of time.

Additional shipments of trout fingerlings from the state hatchery at Bath and the feeding station at Summitville have been received by the Delaware Valley Fish and Game club this week for distribution in vicinity streams. The trout from Bath

came in charge of Earl King, fish messenger, and have been received in unusually good condition. King's interest in the fish does not cease at the car door but when time has permitted he has personally superintended the placing of the fish in the brooks. The fingerlings from Bath are from three to four inches in length. There are from 250 to 300 in a can.

Fifteen members of Ben Marvin post, G. A. R., enjoyed a picnic dinner at Watauga Falls, Delhi, Wednesday. Those in attendance were C. H. Weaver, Albert Smith, Thomas B. Clark, J. I. Webb, A. G. VanSteenburg, A. Crabb, William Bushnell, W. H. Fish, C. W. St. John, George Benedict, Rev. C. A. Hubbell, Wallace Sherwood, Nathan Houck, H. J. Denio and John H. Nichols. The average age of the fifteen is eighty years. A chicken dinner prepared by Martin Smith was served under the direction of Mrs. Susie Sutliff and Mrs. Austin Owens. Mrs. Sutliff and S. J. Beagle also contributed the use of their cars to the veterans.

With the end of the ball season near at hand, it is essential that those who pledged funds for the support of the team at the beginning of the season redeem their pledges. Manager Farrell has given Walton a type of ball seldom seen outside the big leagues and the expense of maintenance has been much less than the cost of the teams at Unadilla, Oneonta, Sidney, Norwich and Stamford, all of which teams the local nine has defeated. Four games are booked for next week. Wednesday Norwich plays Here, and on Thursday Endicott-Johnson. Friday, the fast Stamford nine will end the series with Walton. Scranton is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 2. Sidney has cancelled the date for Saturday of this week but Manager Farrell expects to have a good team to oppose the home nine on that date. Announcement will be made by hand bills.

LEAVE CROPS A DAY TO PICNIC AT DELHI

**Two Thousand Gather
for Farm Bureau Outing**

MAYOR LUNN'S ADDRESS

**Visiting, Basket Picnic
and Speech Making
Enjoyed by Big Crowd at
State School Grounds.**

(From Delhi Cor.)

The Delaware county annual picnic, under the auspices of the New York State College of Agriculture, U. S. Department of Agriculture, State Department of Agriculture and Delaware County Farm Bureau, was held Wednesday on the state school grounds in Delhi with an attendance of about 2,000 people, largely farmers and their wives, and yet with quite a sprinkling of Delhi village residents.

The forenoon was taken up with the discussion of business affairs connected with the different farmers organizations. At the noon hour a basket lunch was spread, coffee, milk and Dairy-men's League ice cream being sold. At 2 o'clock speech making commenced. The first speaker was Robert Adams of Ithaca, who spoke on Junior Project activities. One of the main points made by the speaker was that the Junior activities as conducted had a great influence in keeping the young people on the farm.

The second speaker was Mayor George R. Lunn, D. D., of Schenectady. This celebrated mayor got his audience in good humor on the start by relating several funny incidents in connection with his introduction as a speaker upon different occasions. He urged the fact upon the farmers that their salvation depended upon co-operation but cautioned them that they must remember that co-op-

eration must be conducted along the lines of fair dealing and that too much selfishness would end in disaster. He said it should be remembered that whether the co-operative society was Wall street bankers, grocery men, hardware dealers or farmers that over and above them all was the Government of the United States—the government of the people. The speaker did not touch upon the troubles that are weighing down upon the people today farther than to say that there would be a serious shortage of coal the coming winter and that serious hardships and suffering would be the lot of many and that there was no human power to avoid such a recoil that are usually in piles on the coal that is usually in piles on the top of the ground at this season of the year are now underground. No remark made by the mayor during his speech would indicate whether he was a Republican, a Democrat or a Socialist. However, between the lines one could hardly help getting the idea that the mayor's own idea was that it was about time that the government took a stern hold of the labor troubles.

The last speaker was Guy D. Gold, sales manager for the firm of Ayer & McKinney of Meridale, and who has spent much time abroad. Mr. Gold arrived late, coming from Philadelphia, on account of trains being behind time. His speech was short but interesting as he gave a clear account of the successful co-operation of the farmers of Denmark, of France and other countries of Europe. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to athletics—the various events resulting as follows:

60 yard dash, boys under 10: First Lloyd Thompson; second, William Johnson.

50 yard dash, girls under 10: First, Gertrude Winand; second, N. Carpenter.

60 yard dash, boys under 14: First, Dick Gilbert; second, Russell Winand.

100 yard dash, boys over 16: First, Thompson; second, Prof. Barney.

60 yard sack race: First, Dick Gilbert; second, Russell Winand.

Running broad jump: First, Dick Gilbert; second, Cowell.

Standing broad jump: First, Prof. Barney; second, Thompson.

Tug of War: Creamery boys vs. Federal board students, won by the creamery boys.

Ball game: North Franklin vs. Elk Creek, resulted in North Franklin winning by a score of 11 to 10.

At the commencement of the races a gold pen was presented to J. Walter Ringholm by the Federal board students in appreciation of his services rendered as an instructor at the state school.

HOBART BARN BURNS WHEN LIGHTNING HITS

**Building on Farm of John
Rampe Totally Destroyed**

126 TONS OF HAY LOST

**Neighbors Form Bucket
Brigade and Save House and
Nearby Barn From Flames.**

The barn of John Rampe on the John Cowan farm, located on the Stamford township road a mile and a half east of Hobart, burned to the ground during the thunder storm of last Friday evening.

The flames broke out about 9:30 o'clock just after a particularly vivid flash of lightning, and it is believed that the building was struck by the bolt and ignited.

The burning structure attracted many people to the scene of the conflagration, and they immediately formed bucket brigades, constantly throwing water on the house and another barn, both of which were close to the flaming structure, and they succeeded in saving these two buildings, but not without blistering the paint of the

second barn. The wind was blowing in a direction which aided the men somewhat in their work.

A call was sent in for the Stamford automobile fire engine and the run was quickly made, but the engine was not used because of lack of water in sufficient quantities, the bucket brigade being the only means of fire fighting available, their efforts being confined to saving the house and other barn, when it was seen that there was no possible chance of putting out the fire.

About 125 tons of hay were also burned, as were also a few tools which it was impossible to remove. Most of the farm machinery was stored in another structure and the implements in the destroyed barn were removed. The horses and two or three head of young stock in the building at the time the fire commenced were successfully gotten out.

The barn, which was a large one, having stanchions for about 60 cows, was partially covered by insurance. The structure will probably be rebuilt.

HOME BREWERS BUSY

**District Attorney
Declares More Liquor
Being Used Than Ever.**

(From Delhi Cor.)

During the course of her speech, Mrs. Ella A. Boole, president of the New York State W. C. T. U., which was delivered Tuesday evening at the annual convention of the Delaware county society in Delhi, made the statement that the enforcement of the Volstead Act throughout the county was 64 per cent efficient. A. Lindsay O'Connor, district attorney of Delaware county, who is an enforcement agent by virtue of his office and who made a temperance speech on the same occasion and no doubt knows whereof he speaks, made the statement that there was more liquor being manufactured and drunk in Delaware county than ever before in its history. According to these statements, Delaware county mathematically must be about 136 per cent wet—not a very good record for a county that was the second one in New York state where every town in a county voted dry under the local option law.

WALTON FAIR DATES TWO WEEKS AWAY

**Fast Racing, Good Platform
Attractions and Busy Midway
Will Be the Features**

Less than two weeks remain before the gates of the Walton fair will be swung open to welcome the crowds expected at the thirty-seventh annual exhibition of the association.

Lieutenant E. F. Beers, who at one time attended the Walton school, has been engaged to give daily exhibition flights in his aeroplane and will also carry passengers for hire. Daredevil stunts will feature his exhibition performances daily.

President W. H. Austin has been visiting vicinity fairs and booking horses for the various races. The midway this year promises to have many attractions and the various riding devices will be of the most modern type. The platform attractions will be furnished by the Frank Melville company of New York.

The premium books are now being distributed and copies may be had on application to J. W. Palmer, acting secretary. All entries must be received not later than Thursday evening, August 31.

The dates of the fair this year are September 5, 6, 7 and 8.

DEAFNESS CAUSE BY BLOW ON HEAD.

(From Loomis correspondent.)

June Boice of Loomis, while pitching oats recently, met with a peculiar accident which he would not like to repeat. Boice was about

to land his forkful on the load when a stone dropped out, striking him on the side of the head with sufficient force to deaden the nerve governing sense of hearing and causing deafness to occur for several days. As this is only one of the many accidents which he has experienced in 12 moons he will soon get over it.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF HUSBAND

**Former Sidney Woman Held
in New Jersey Because of
Baffling Murder Mystery**

No new developments have occurred in the case of Mrs. Ivy Richmond Giberson, the former Sidney girl, who was arrested recently on suspicion of having killed her husband at Lakehurst, N.J., as told in the Reporter last week.

Mrs. Giberson stoutly maintains her innocence and continues to contend that two burglars entered the Giberson home on the night of the murder, bound and gagged her, and one of them went upstairs and shot her husband in his bed.

New York newspapers of Saturday stated that a detective had been sent to this section to investigate Mrs. Giberson's past life in Sidney and Delhi. Editor Bird of the Sidney Record thus describes Mrs. Giberson as he recalls her:

"Mrs. Giberson, the woman now under arrest and accused of having committed the deed, was born in Sidney, known in her earlier years as Ivy Richmond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. Richmond, and a student at Sidney high school. Ivy Richmond as a Sidney girl, while yet in her teens, has rather alluring features, glossy raven hair; keen, penetrating black eyes, that scintillated with brilliancy under normal conditions, but shot out lightning and daggers under provocation. Her conduct and reputation while residing in Sidney were exemplary.

"The family about twenty years ago resided on Grand street in Sidney near the river embankment. Mrs. Richmond at her home worked on gloves for the Clark Textile company and Ivy Richmond worked in the Clark silk mill.

"Mrs. William Giberson, of Lakehurst, N. J. is the same identity, the Sidney Ivy Richmond of 20 odd years ago. Her father, Leroy H. Richmond, was a builder and contractor and built several of our village homes, his workmanship being in high demand. Mrs. Richmond's father died in Sidney. The family moved to Lakehurst, N. J., and still reside there.

"Ivy, now Mrs. Giberson, was twice married. Her first matrimonial venture was in Oneonta about 1902, when she was married to William Meehan, and the couple had a son; they separated while residing in Trenton, N. J. Later she worked in a restaurant conducted by her late husband, William Giberson, their marriage following soon after. Her son by her first husband is named Frank Richmond, who now resides at Lakehurst with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy H. Richmond."

The case is being given much publicity by the city newspapers and various motives for doing away with her husband are attributed by them to Mrs. Giberson but all evidence against her is purely circumstantial.

Plan Trip Through Catskills.

A sightseeing tour of members of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce will take place over the week end of Sept. 23. The trip will take in the Ashokan dam, Kaaterskill Clove drive, the eastern Catskills, Roxbury and Kirkside park, the summer home of Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, and the birthplace of Jay Gould and John Burroughs, continuing down to Kingston.