

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**

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY

**Village Votes \$16,000—Two
Hit by Autos—Broke Cheek
Bone—Arrested in Binghamton.**

E. E. Risley of Oneonta, formerly of Walton, has broken ground for a two-story business block on the Oneida street side of his present building at Shadyside, West End.

Mildred Thelma Holmes of Walton helped to design and execute many of the costumes used in "A Good Girl," the annual junior show at Mount Holyoke college, South Hadley, Mass., Friday evening. The show took the form of a musical satire on the modern generation.

The Maxwell car driven by John Brush and the Ford of William Corgan collided Tuesday evening at the Marvin hollow bridge on the Walton Hamden state road. The fronts of both machines were badly smashed and jammed but no one was seriously injured although Brush suffered a painful cut on the nose.

Rev. S. R. MacEwan, rector of St. John's Episcopal church, Oneida, who resigned recently to accept the position of canon missionary of the diocese of Easton, Maryland, has yielded to the strong pleas of his parishioners to remain in Oneida and a telegram has been sent to Maryland asking the bishop for Mr. MacEwan's release.

Jack Tremblay was arrested near Binghamton last Thursday by Officer Lewis Stidd of Walton on a warrant issued by Judge McNaught in children's court on a serious charge involving a Walton girl. The prisoner was brought before Justice J. M. Peake and bound over to await the action of the grand jury. He was taken to the Delhi jail Friday.

At the annual school fair and stock judging contest held last week at Delhi, the agricultural department of Walton high school was represented by a team made up of the following boys: Aubrey More, Kenneth Owens, Kenneth Graby and William Van Wagner. Teams were also present from the Endicott, Edmeston and Greene schools. Up to the present time the results of the contest are not known.

Fred J. Betts of Binghamton, a former Walton man, was struck by an automobile operated by Thomas Hawley of that city Tuesday evening while riding a bicycle home from his work in the circulation department of the Morning Sun. The accident occurred on Susquehanna street at the intersection with Washington street. Mr. Betts was thrown ten feet from his wheel and suffered severe injuries about the head which necessitated his removal to the City hospital for treatment.

E. J. Love of Bobs brook had a bone in his cheek fractured when he was thrown from a wagon Sunday morning on the state road between the farms of Robert George and George Pierce. Mr. Love had been to Walton to deliver his milk and was driving home when the whiffletree bolt came out, letting the wagon run against the horses' heels. The animals jumped, throwing Mr. Love from the wagon. He struck on his face on the macadam and sustained the injury mentioned. Dr. Gould attended him.

There are eleven open churches in the town of Walton, the Baptist, Catholic, Congregational, Epis-

copal, Free Methodist, Episcopal, Reformed Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, Beerston Presbyterian, Northfield Congregational and Pine Brook. The aggregate attendance at the regular daytime service Sunday, Nov. 5, was 1,605. The aggregate attendance in all these churches last Sunday, Nov. 12, was 1,680. It is expected there will be a record attendance this coming Sunday, Nov. 19, which is Go-to-church Sunday. The number will be printed in next week's Reporter.

At the special election last Thursday, Nov. 8, the proposition to bond the village of Walton for \$16,000 to cover the deficiency in the cost of the highway improvements made in 1921, was carried by a majority of 58. There were 243 votes cast of which 149 were in favor of the proposition, 91 against, 2 blank and one void. The voter who cast the void ballot marked in both the yes and no squares. The frontage tax which it was proposed to raise to cover the cost of improvements in excess of the \$50,000 bond issue was found invalid under the terms of the original proposition, making necessary the special election to approve the expenditure of the money.

While Mrs. John Westcott was crossing the river bridge one day this week she stopped to watch the children playing on the Stockton avenue school playgrounds. While she was thus engaged her two little children John and Helen, ran across the road to the other side of the bridge to watch some fishermen. When the mother noticed this she called the children to return and Helen at once went back but Master John did not at first hear his mother. When Mrs. Westcott called a second time to him the lad started to cross the road and failed to see the automobile driver by John Greigor which was approaching. He ran in front of the machine and was knocked down but fell between the wheels and the car passed over him without hurting him.

MAN HIT BY TRAIN HAS LEGS FRACTURED

**Waters Struck by Engine at
New Sidney Crossover**

STOOD TOO NEAR TRACK

**Foreman Engaged in Directing
Men Failed to See Approaching
Locomotive Until Too Late.**

Freeman Waters of Norwich, in charge of an O. & W. carpenter force, had both of his legs fractured Saturday morning when struck by the southbound New Berlin branch train while engaged at work upon the new crossover over the railroad tracks at Miller's crossing just north of Sidney.

Mr. Waters was in charge of a force of carpenters in the maintenance of way department, engaged in constructing a wooden form for an abutment of the new overhead crossover. Mr. Waters' brother, George, had just asked him about some detail of the work and another workman asked for information as to how some other work was to be done. Mr. Waters was standing close to the rail at one side of the track. Unobserved the New Berlin branch train bore down upon him at a high rate of speed.

The engineer had blown the whistle, but the sound of it, and the roar of the approaching train were drowned by the noise of two stationary engines employed on the work at the crossing, one engine operating the concrete mixer and another hoisting the concrete to the point of the abutment where it was to be used.

Mr. Waters lunged from the track in an effort to avoid being caught but the train struck his leg and tumbled him down the bank. He was taken in an automobile to Sidney and from there to the Norwich hospital.

At the hospital an examination showed that his right leg was broken above the knee and the left at the ankle. His right arm was seriously bruised. Mr. Waters is 52 years of age and has been with the railroad company for a long time.

SEEKS A REDUCTION IN TAX PAYMENTS

**Hearing on Petition to Close
Andes Branch of D. & N.
Adjourned Two Weeks**

The hearing on the petition of the receivers of the Delaware & Northern railroad to discontinue operations on the Andes branch and junk the equipment used thereon, which was set for Monday before Federal Judge Cooper in Albany, has been postponed by mutual consent for two weeks.

In the meantime negotiations are in progress looking to the town of Andes making concessions to the railroad in the form of tax reduction if the railroad will continue to operate the branch.

By some it is claimed that the Andes branch is the best paying part of the Delaware & Northern railroad on account of the two large creameries. On the other hand there is no doubt that the completion of the concrete highway connecting Andes and Margaretville and the establishment of a motor bus line running between Delhi and Margaretville will result in some of the traffic, both passenger and freight, which the D. & N. has secured in the past, going to the bus line. This is a situation which all railroads must now face and only time will determine the extent that motor transportation will cut into the D. & N. revenues.

TEACHING STANDARDS RAISED BY REGENTS

**Aim to Have All Instructors
Normal School Graduates**

KEEP TRAINING CLASSES

**Certificates will be Good for
Only Three Years and Will Not
be Renewable.**

In the latest bulletin of the state education department, copies of which were sent out on Monday, full explanation is given of the action which the board of regents took at its September meeting relative to raising the professional standard of those entering the teaching service. The explanation is quite voluminous and will interest teachers and school officers alike in normal schools and colleges and in city, village and country schools. The following are some of the salient features of the new regulations:

Several forms of teacher certification, the statement says, which have heretofore been recognized as far from satisfactory, will be discontinued. One of these will be the academic certificates, which have been issued to high school graduates who have completed a six weeks course in a normal summer school. These are valid licenses to teach for two years and are renewable for one year periods for each six additional weeks attendance at a normal summer school. These certificates will be discontinued and will be neither issued nor valid after July 1, 1924. Such certificates, whether issued for the first time in 1923 or theretofore, will all definitely terminate on July 1, 1924.

Rural school renewable certificates, which have been issued as the result of examination without other high school or professional requirements, will not be issued after July 1, 1924. The holder of such certificates valid on that date will be protected but no new certificates will be issued after July 1, 1924.

Both limited state certificates and state certificates are to be discontinued. These certificates are issued solely upon examination. They are discontinued on the theory that professional training is a fundamental requirement for

preparation, and that there is no place in the present program for the licensing of teachers without such preparation. No examinations for limited state certificates will be given after August, 1925, and none for state certificates after August, 1926. A person planning to earn either kind of state certificates must complete the examinations required on the dates specified.

Training classes will be continued, not because the department feels that they offer satisfactory preparation for teachers, but because at present they offer the only satisfactory solution of the problem. The training class course is to be strengthened and special opportunity must be provided for observation and practice teaching in the rural schools. The training class graduates receive a certificate good for three years and not renewable. The certificates will, however, be accepted as equivalent of one year of advance standing in the state normal schools. With such concession it is expected that those who expect to make teaching a life work will complete their training in normal schools. There are, it is understood, two training classes in Otsego county—one at Schenectady and the other at Unadilla.

The general courses in the state normal schools have been lengthened from two to three years, but this work need not be done consecutively. At the end of the first two years of the new course a student will be entitled to a limited certificate, valid for three years in the elementary schools of the state. This certificate may be extended for an additional two years provided the holder complete 12 semester hours of work in the advanced course of the third year. If this work is completed at summer sessions, the full three year course can be completed in less than one year of additional regular attendance.

The new courses at the normal schools are differential into kindergarten-primary, grammar or middle grades and intermediate or junior high school grades. A teacher in the new normal course who elects the work of the higher grades will receive a diploma that will be a license to teach in intermediate or junior high schools.

Students completing two years of the new course at state normal schools and who then decide to enter a teachers' college to complete the full work for a degree will be admitted to the State Normal college at Albany and other teacher-colleges of the state and will be given full credit for the two years completed. This will enable students to complete the teachers' college course without loss of time. It should also be noted that graduates from the three-year normal course can complete the college course in one additional year.—Oneonta Star.

BAD CHECK FOR GAS LANDS MAN IN JAIL

**Marshall Boggs Confesses
to Having Forged Check
to Pay Bill**

Marshall Boggs, who confessed to forging the name of Tracy W. Strickland of Meridale to a check which he passed in Oneonta, was held in \$1,000 bail when arraigned in city court in Oneonta Wednesday morning.

The check was for \$35 and was given to Clarence J. Sherman of Oneonta on October 21. The check was presented by Boggs in payment for gasoline obtained and was cashed without question, Boggs receiving about \$30 in change.

Boggs' arrest was caused by the Delaware National bank of Delhi upon which institution the check was drawn. When questioned after his arrest Boggs admitted that the writing on the check was his own, but declared he knew nothing of having made it or passed it. After a night of reflection in the city jail he concluded to tell the truth and made a clean breast of the matter. He stated that he had been short of funds and had forged Strickland's name, choos-

ing the Meridale man as his victim because he was known to Clarence J. Sherman of Oneonta who cashed the check. Boggs wrote the check in his car while waiting for an order of gas at Sherman's garage.

Boggs worked until recently for D. J. Bresee, who lives near Meridale.

KILLED DEER WITH SHOTGUN

**Animals Quite Plentiful but
Few are Taken.**

The deer season both in the Adirondacks and the Catskill counties closed Wednesday, Nov. 15. Deer during the last few years have been much more plentiful in Delaware county than formerly. The open season, however, has led to the killing of so many bucks that some local sportsmen favor a closed season in the county for a time. One of the lucky hunters was Ted Felter, who killed a deer near Readburn with a charge of buckshot from a shotgun. Two bucks have been killed near Granton and a number in the town of Hancock.

The deer which has made his habitat up East Brook has been sought by many hunters and although wounded once, still has his freedom.

The season for both squirrels and partridges closed Nov. 15. The season for raccoon and skunk opened Friday, Nov. 10, and continues until Feb. 10. Mink season is Nov. 10 to March 15 and for muskrat from Dec. 1 to March 15.

BUSH WANTS DAMAGES

**Presents Claim of \$1,400
Following Auto Accident.**

Among the claims presented to the Hancock town board last week was one by Dr. E. O. Bush of Walton, for \$1,400. Of this amount \$900 is for damage to his Studebaker runabout and \$500 for personal injury. It will be remembered that Dr. Bush's car ran off the bridge just above the Keery company's acid factory at Cadonia one night last month and landed on its side in the creek. Final action was not taken by the town board, they deciding to first investigate the circumstances connected with the mishap before acting.

STUDENTS' CARS WRECKED

**Cornell Rooters Have
Accidents While on Way to
New York**

(From Hancock correspondent.)

Friday about 200 cars passed through Hancock from Cornell university, Ithaca, on their way to New York Polo grounds to witness the big football game between Cornell and Dartmouth and Sunday they returned. Several of the cars met with accidents east of Hancock as four of the party were brought to this village for medical attention, being cut about the face and body. One car left the road at Fish's Eddy and went over the bank smashing up the machine. Another car left the road about two miles west of Fish's Eddy and two men were hurt. According to reports accidents happened all along the route on their way home.

AUTO FELL DOWN CELLAR

**Barn Floor Gives Way and Car
Takes a Fall.**

(From Cannonsville correspondent)

Mrs. J. E. Bailey and son, Ora, of Cannonsville visited at the home of their cousin, Mrs. J. J. Gregory, last week Friday. The families had been for a motor ride and when they returned after the others had alighted Mr. Bailey drove his car into the barn, when the floor gave way, letting the machine and driver into the basement. Fortunately Mr. Bailey escaped uninjured and only slight damage was done to the car.