

# LOOKING BACK

*100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter*

100 YEARS AGO,  
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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

## SHIVERING ROBINS HERE

**Married 57 Years—Asphalt  
for Road Binder—Ice Jams at  
the Rift—Tanner House Sold.**

Townsend hose company No. 4 cleared \$111 at the roast pig supper in the Kayser club rooms last Thursday evening. Over four hundred persons were served.

The community concert, the last number on the lecture course, which was scheduled for next Tuesday, March 13, has been postponed. The new date will be announced later.

D. W. Coulter, the Studebaker man, has purchased the house on upper North street known as the Tanner property from Mrs. Emerson Greenlaw of Endicott. Mr. Coulter will move his family from Andes as soon as the roads are open. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

To few couples is the opportunity given to celebrate the fifty-seventh anniversary of their marriage. It was just such a happy occasion in honor of which Mr. and Mrs. Cook W. St. John on Wednesday last, February 28th, entertained at dinner the members of their family and a few friends. Sixteen were seated at the table for the delicious chicken dinner and afterwards a social hour was enjoyed.

George T. Johnston went to Elmira Wednesday where he joined his wife, the two being called there to attend the funeral of Edwin Radeker Stancliff, whose death from an accident occurred at San Pedro, California, on February 24. He suffered a heart attack while building a stone embankment and fell eight feet, suffering a fractured neck which resulted in his death a short time later. Both Mr. Stancliff and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Stancliff of Elmira have visited at the Johnston home in Walton.

The town board of Walton at a meeting on Friday evening authorized the town superintendent of highways to purchase asphalt as the binder for the macadam roads which will be built this summer. Between 50,000 and 100,000 gallons will be required and the contract price with the Standard Oil Company of New York is 7 ¾ cents a gallon, subject to deductions. When the town was unable to secure tarvia last fall to complete the West brook highway asphalt was used with satisfactory results. The tarvia price is about three cents a gallon higher than asphalt.

Few families have three of their members married within a week, but this is what happened in the family of Cyrus Budine of East Walton. On February 27 Rubert H. Budine and Miss Alice E. Lambert were married by Rev. D. H. Piper. Wednesday morning, Mar. 7, at the M. E. Parsonage Mr. Piper united in marriage Clyde S. Chamberlin to Edith C. Budine and Leon C. Budine to Miss Dorothy A. Lambert. Mrs. Rubert Budine and Mrs. Leon C. Budine are sisters and Rubert Budine, Leon C. Budine and Mrs. Clyde Chamberlin are brothers and sister.

Owing to the rain last Sunday the ice broke up and went out Sunday night but at A. M. Voorhies' barn about one-half mile below the main current of the river found a side issue as it has the last few years, and left

the ice jam there. As the high water was bringing cakes of ice constantly all day Monday the jam slowly formed again and at times reached nearly up to the Rock Rift bridge. That night the weather turned colder and froze so that now the river is to all appearances as ice bound as at any time this winter. The water was held back so the river at the bridge was still and wide like a lake all of Monday afternoon. It did not however overflow its banks. —Rock Rift correspondent.

Howard Salton looked out of the window of his Griswold street home while at dinner Wednesday and saw a robin shivering in a nearby tree while a gale scattered the falling snow. Mr. Salton told of his discovery on his return to the postoffice only to find he was a month late in being the first Waltonian to see a redbreast. Dr. G. H. Nellis reports seeing a robin near John Olmstead's home on Townsend street on the 9th of February. Not to be outdone with nature stories, Earl Hinman, O. & W. signal maintainer, has a yarn of counting seventeen woodchuck holes opened through the snowbanks along the railroad tracks between Walton and West brook during the last week of February. From all of which it would appear that spring is on the way.

The many friends of Miss Ruth Eggleston, who for the past several years has been teacher of homemaking at Cooperstown, will be interested to learn that she has been elected to a similar position in the Chazy Central rural school at Chazy which is about sixteen miles from Plattsburg in the Champlain valley. Her salary is to be \$2,200 with a suite of rooms in a teachers' dormitory. The Chazy school has become widely known because of the fact that a wealthy man by the name of W. H. Miner of Chicago constructed the school and heavily endowed the same. It is located in a small village of about three hundred and twenty population, but the advantages of this central school are given to at least eleven districts which have been consolidated and which transport daily their students.

## NO MONEY FOR NURSE DEPOSIT VOTERS SAY

**Village Has an Old-fashioned  
Election at Which  
640 Votes Were Cast**

Deposit had a real old-fashioned village election Tuesday when 640 persons voted for the village officers and 380 on the various propositions submitted. It was an off-day for the appropriation of money and only one of the propositions was carried.

The proposition to raise \$1,000 for the community nurse was defeated by a majority of 92, there being 126 votes in favor and 218 against. The appropriation of \$2,500 for street lighting was carried by 133, while the propositions to raise \$12,000 for macadamizing Wheeler street and \$13,500 for the same purpose on Dean street, were both defeated, the first proposition by 26 and the second by 119. The proposal to sell the Neptune hose building found few supporters, only 82 voting in the affirmative to 272 against. The proposition to abolish the poll tax on which all were permitted to vote was carried 318 to 217.

Charles L. Bridge, Democrat, defeated John J. Knapp, Republican, for village president, by 100 plurality. Albert F. Loomis and Paul M. Page, Republicans, were elected trustees for two years, and Dr. A. Lyle Brown, Democrat, trustee for one year. Ernest A. Thatcher and Ella M. Freeman were chosen as trea-

surer and collector, respectively, without opposition.

## CHARGE OF ARSON BROUGHT AGAINST FRANKLIN RESIDENT

Thomas Donoson of Franklin is a prisoner in the county jail in Delhi awaiting the action of the grand jury on a charge of arson arising out of a fire Saturday evening in rooms in George Littlebrant's house in Franklin which he occupied.

Young men on their way to attend the moving picture show in Rutherford's hall about 8 o'clock Saturday evening had their attention attracted by the dense smoke coming from the rooms rented by Donoson. An alarm was sent in but before the fire apparatus arrived the young men had the fire practically out. Most of the damage was by smoke.

Donoson at one time conducted the moving picture show at Franklin and had the machine used in the show stored in his rooms. He carried an insurance on both the machine and his household effects. Monday morning W. H. Bush, the Franklin insurance agent, visited the place to adjust the damage when he found indications which led him to believe that the fire had been incendiary. State troopers were called from Sidney and later Donoson was arrested and arraigned before Justice E. C. Hunt, who held him for the grand jury which meets next week.

The evidence against Donoson is entirely circumstantial. He had left the rooms about ten minutes before the fire was discovered and was at the picture show when the alarm was given. Bush declared that there was evidence that cushions, clothing and quilts had been soaked with oil and it was upon this evidence that the arrest was largely based. Donoson maintains his innocence.

## PONIES TOOK LIVELY RUN

**Lake Delaware  
Woman's Shoulder  
Dislocated in Runaway.**

(Lake Delaware cor.)

Mrs. Al Jardine was quite seriously injured last Saturday evening. She and her son, Ray, had just returned from Delhi and as they stopped at the house Ray stepped from the sleigh, winding the reins about the whip. The ponies then started running around the yard and overturned the sleigh. Mrs. Jardine was thrown out and her left shoulder dislocated. She was also badly bruised about the back. Dr. Ormiston of Delhi was called and put the shoulder back in place.

## INCOME TAX MAN TO VISIT COUNTY SOON

**Period for Payment to State  
Closes April 16, a Month  
After Federal Date**

Expert advice and assistance in making out returns under the state personal income tax law will be made available to all residents of Delaware county during the collection period which is now on. Announcement has been made from Albany that Fred J. Graff, director of the Utica district, has inaugurated a comprehensive plan whereby experts from the central office of the Income Tax Bureau of the State Tax Commission will establish headquarters at various places throughout the district for the sole purpose of being readily available for any taxpayers who wish assistance.

The latest figures available which have just been made public by the Tax Commission show that there were 2,453 persons in Delaware county who made re-

turns under the law for the taxable year 1920. These returns were based on taxable income amounting to \$8,892,200.00 and produced \$76,328.00 in taxes.

Returns are now being filed and taxes paid for incomes during the year 1922. The tax must be paid on or before April 16, and the representatives of the Income Tax Bureau will be out in the field until that date. They will observe the following schedule and maintain headquarters as indicated in Delaware county:

Sidney, Mar. 19th to 21st, Municipal hall.

Delhi, Mar. 24th and 26th, supervisors' room.

Hancock, Mar. 27th and 28th, village hall.

Deposit, Mar. 29th and 30th, Farmers' National bank.

Walton, Mar. 31st to April 4th, Walton hall.

The State Tax Commission urges all taxpayers to make every possible use of the assistance made available in this way, and any resident of this district who is puzzled by features of his state tax return is urged to take his troubles to one of the places indicated on the schedule for the district.

Taxpayers who have received their state income tax blanks through the mail and desire assistance are requested to bring the blanks with them when they go to consult one of the field representatives. Persons who become subject to the personal income tax law this year for the first time, and for that reason or any other have not received blanks through the mail, may get them from the representative at the time of the interview.

## MUST PAY FOR DAMAGE

**Stamford Lads Taught  
to Respect Property.**

Five Stamford lads, Alexander Hymers, Marshall Brownell, Maynard VanLoan, Donald Dichter and Lad Tooley, were arraigned before Justice of the Peace J. M. Hebbard Monday evening because of depredations which they committed on Thursday night last. The lads came from Stamford in an automobile and committed acts of lawlessness from Harpersfield to Davenport Center, stealing signs, mail boxes and a can of milk. Some of the mail boxes were found later thrown down wells. The "Slow Down" signs for motorists were torn down and carried some distance away. A can of milk was stolen from F. M. Toles, carried to Harpersfield, and the contents emptied in the school house, which the lads broke into.

Justice Hebbard ordered the boys to make restitution for the property loss and suspended sentence during good behavior. The lads were arrested by state troopers. It is possible that the case may not end here as the stealing of the mail boxes is a federal offense and a serious matter. —Star.

## County's First Woman Lawyer.

(From Margaretville cor.)

Attorney and Mrs. A. C. Fenton of Margaretville were in Albany this week and Mrs. Fenton tried examinations which will admit her to the bar as a full-fledged lawyer.

## Crushed Against Post.

Mrs. William Gladstone of Treadwell was painfully injured last week while assisting in drawing a load of straw. In some manner she was caught between the load and a post in the barn and sustained two broken ribs and other bruises.

## Develop Stamford Property.

(From Stamford cor.)

Howard S. Hall, formerly of

Delhi, now a resident of Stamford, has purchased of Mrs. Augusta Morrow, five building lots on Lake street, located between the new residence of Prof. Getman and the Atchinson bungalow, and will at once commence the erection of five new cottages on the land and also will build a cottage on lands adjoining for Mrs. Morrow. Clayton Tompkins has been engaged to supervise the construction work. Mr. Hall is negotiating for the lease of Fred Cook's sash and blind factory on South street and expects to operate the mill in connection with his building operations. Many men will be given employment and the new cottages will find ready sale or rental owing to the demand for homes.

## BUY BETTER FIRE EQUIPMENT

**East Branch Taxpayers  
Approve Proposition.**

(From East Branch cor.)

The election held in J. S. Allen's hall at East Branch last Thursday night for the purpose of voting on raising the sum of \$3,500 to be used for the purchase of fire equipment was carried by a large majority of the taxable voters.

## WALTON CONTESTS CLAIMS

**High School Basketball  
Championship May  
Require Another Game  
with Hancock.**

The Hancock and Sidney high school basketball teams played on the armory court in Walton last Thursday evening for what they termed the championship of Delaware county. As Walton has cinched the championship in the county league, to which Sidney and Hancock do not belong, the local players take exception to the championship claim and may arrange a game with Hancock, the winner, Thursday evening. Hancock was supported by a fine turnout of rooters who came on the Mountain Express and returned on a special train. Sidney had a number of representatives here but far from as many as Hancock, while Walton people rooted impartially for both teams. The final score was 24 to 22. Sidney was outplayed in the first half which closed with Hancock leading by a margin of 18 to 13. In the last period Sidney made 9 points to 6 of their opponents, but could not overcome the lead.

## Look on the Bright Side.

(North Kortright cor.)

The heavy blanket of snow which has retarded work in various lines and hindered automobile traffic is not without its inherent good. Optimists say that the protection thus afforded the grass roots presages a good hay crop, that strawberry plants and berry bushes will not be winter-killed and that a productive maple sugar season may be expected.

## DIDN'T KNOW LEG WAS BROKEN

**Fleischmanns Girl Injured  
While Coasting Last Week.**

(From Fleischmanns cor.)

Lillian, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. Siminoff of the American House, Fleischmanns, broke her leg while coasting last week. Her parents not knowing the cause of the child's limping paid no attention to her until the injured limb became so painful that Mr. Siminoff was told by Dr. Wilson to have an X-ray taken of the limb at Kingston. The little girl has the wishes of the community for a speedy recovery.