

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

MAPLE PRODUCERS MEET

**Chicken Thieves Around—
May Buy Boice Block—
Prize Speaking Contest—
More Scarlet Fever.**

Ray M. Guild has bought of Raymond Peck of Chicago the house on Gardiner Place which Mr. Guild now occupies.

The brigade prize won by Co. F at Peekskill last summer has arrived. This is the third year that the company has won a prize in shooting.

Judge A. J. McNaught on Tuesday approved the papers for the adoption of Margaret Isabelle Harby by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Medrick.

Ellery Shippey of Oneonta has purchased the residence of George N. Martin at 50 Maple street in that city. Mr. Shippey, a former clerk in Lane's drug store, is now engaged in business in Oneonta.

The annual prize speaking contest of the Walton high school will be held next Tuesday evening in Walton hall. The winners will participate in the interscholastic contest in Delhi the following Thursday.

Sneak thieves visited the chicken coop of Telford Sanderson of West brook one night recently and made away with some of his choice fowls. An attempt was also made to enter the chicken house of Perry Coe.

A hot box on the elevator in the cupola of the Crawford mill, river road, might have resulted in a serious fire Friday night but for its prompt discovery by Ichabod Sprague and Irving Shuster, who put out the smoldering blaze.

George Winsor is ill with scarlet fever. Theodore and Leigh Seely, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Seely, and Walter and Robert, sons of Mrs. Walter Terry, also have the disease. Dr. Gould attends Mr. Winsor and Dr. W. R. Gladstone the Seely and Terry children.

The Nestle company has rented the creamery of the Banner Co-operative Milk company at Rockroyal and after April first the milk will be trucked to the Nestle plant in Walton. There are about forty patrons of the feeder plant and the amount of milk handled will add materially to the output of manufactured goods in the Walton plant.

F. C. Darling has negotiated for the purchase of the Boice block, Delaware street, and it is expected that the writings will be drawn this week. Mr. Darling recently sold his building on Delaware street, formerly known as the Rothenesies block, to Ernest Vail. After April first the Walton Auto Sales company will be located in that building. Mastro's barber shop and Mrs. P. R. Harby's Style shop are located on the ground floor of the Boice building.

Village President Courtney recently wrote to the public service commission relative to the lack of train connections for the Ontario & Western railroad at Sidney in the

morning. The D. & H. train to Albany now leaves about 37 minutes before the arrival of the Utica Flyer on the O. & W. in Sidney and there is no other train until 3:05. This makes it impossible to get from Walton to Albany and return in the same day. Mr. Courtney has received a letter in reply stating the commission has the matter under advisement. Complaints have been made from other villages.

The Kiwanis club of Walton will send a representative delegation to the international convention of Kiwanis in Atlanta, Georgia, May 28 to 31, inclusive, if officers of the club may judge from the interest already manifested among the members. It is generally indicated that the Atlanta convention will be the most largely attended in the history of Kiwanis. The entertainment feature of the Atlanta convention is being especially stressed in the invitation extended to Walton Kiwanians, who are urged to see if "old-fashioned southern hospitality" still lives up to its reputation.

A meeting of the Delaware County Maple Producers' association was held in Walton hall Tuesday, at which Mr. Robertson, the new manager of the state association, was present and outlined the present condition and future plans of the parent organization. Mr. Robertson has been all through the northern part of the state, where the bulk of the syrup is produced, and the greater proportion of the old members are going to stick by the association this year. The two chief handicaps last year were bad management and the fact that the preferred stock of the association, which was calculated to finance the organization, had never been sold. The members are taking the preferred stock this year and there is every prospect that the association will be on a sound financial basis. Mr. Robertson is also manager of the state wool pool, which has proved so successful. Owing to the fact that Tuesday's meeting was called on short notice and the annual meeting requires two weeks' notice, the regular meeting for the election of officers of the county association will be held later in the spring.

17 ARE MADE CITIZENS

**Delhi School's Civic Class
Watch Naturalization**

GRAND JURY MATTERS

**Arraignments of Prisoners
Will Be Made Monday—
Civil Cases Tried This
Week.**

(From Delhi correspondent.)
The March term of Supreme Court convened at 10 a. m. Monday, Mar. 12, at the Court house in Delhi with Hon. George McCann of Elmira presiding.

On account of road conditions many of the juryment were late in appearing. However, the grand jury got at work during the afternoon with Charles G. DuMond of Walton as foreman.

Naturalization proceedings occupied quite a large part of the day as seventeen persons became American citizens, and a few others were turned down, at least for the present. During the naturalization proceedings the civics class from Delaware academy, 40 or 50 strong, were present and as Justice McCann explained to them how to become a citizen from beginning to end and as Congressman John D. Clarke gave a talk to the newly made

citizens on Americanism, the court room was for the time being like the ancient Roman forum.

By the action of the court and the examiner the following persons became citizens, their former nationality and present residence being given: Frederick Lobsiger, Switzerland, Bloomville; Salvatore Leo, Italy, Hobart; Guiseppi Sergio, Italy, Walton; Ludwig Kohn, Austria, Halcottville; Samuel Sergeant, England, Franklin; Fortunato Passuelle, Italy, Bloomville; Andrew Madsen, Denmark, Bloomville; Joseph Daddazio, Italy, Corbett; John Tischmecher, Germany, Arena; Louis Hussang, Germany, Fishes Eddy; John Gielskie, Poland, DeLancey; Arthur Infusine, Italy, Delhi; Carmeno Possomato, Italy; Domico Fucci, Italy, Cadosia; Frederick J. M. Arundel, England, Delhi; Frank Hugh Ditty, Delhi; Roscoe Possomato, Italy, Cadosia.

Tuesday morning at the opening of court case No. 2 on the calendar, Kathryn Robinson vs. William C. Munn, executor of Daniel Munn, an action for services, was called.

As many jurymen were excused on account of illness in families and other causes, an extra panel of 20 was drawn Tuesday morning.

The jury in the Munn-Robinson case, an account of which will be found elsewhere, returned a verdict Wednesday of \$2,200 in favor of Miss Kathryn Robinson, the plaintiff.

The grand jury finished their labors Wednesday evening, having found nine indictments out of a possible sixteen or eighteen cases. Arraignments will be made Monday.

It is a sort of a Walton week at this session of the Supreme Court as the next two cases on the day calendar were from Walton. In the first, S. J. Beagle against F. C. Darling to recover a board bill of the 1920 ball team, a verdict of \$515 was given the plaintiff, Beagle. The replevin action of the A. D. Granger Co. against the Walton Foundry Co. was then placed on trial.

HOLD O.&W. OFFICERS IN SHOOTING OF MAN

**Detectives Thought Italian
Was Firing at Them**

BULLET IN NECK KILLS

**Railroad Men Billeted in
Car Believed Bullets Fired
at Chicken Intended for
Them.**

Grant Wilson, chief of the O. & W. police, and Sergeant Howard E. Mulford, both of Middletown, E. H. Wagner of Hancock and John Addler of Carbondale, Pa., all O. & W. detectives, are being held in connection with the shooting and killing of Philip Storzasa of Childs, Pa., Tuesday.

According to the announcement of the Lackawanna county authorities, Storzasa, who is employed at night as a fireman by the O. & W., went into the yard of his home Tuesday afternoon and undertook to kill a chicken with a revolver. He fired several shots, it was said, and according to Chief Morosini, the railroad detectives, billeted in a bunk car at Childs across the street from Storzasa's home, believed the man was firing at them.

The whole story of what transpired after the railroad detectives rushed out of the bunk car, pistols in hand, was not told.

The Middletown Times-Press gives the following facts regarding the affair:

"Chief Morosini directed the detention of the four men pending further investigation. On advice of counsel they would make no statement. At the offices of the Scranton Evening Times it was said that the dead man had a good reputation in the neighborhood. It may have been, the investigators said, that Storzasa had been drinking. The dead man had lived in this country for 22 years and was the father of eight children, the oldest 16 years of age and the youngest eight months.

"Constable Farrell, who made a preliminary investigation of the shooting, went to the barrack and took the four railroad detectives into custody. They submitted and accompanied the constable to police headquarters.

"The screams of one daughter of the dead man attracted a large crowd. It was not ascertained whether more than one of the detectives fired shots.

"According to Deputy Coroner Dr. W. J. Johnson of Carbondale, the man was shot through the neck, the bullet severing his jugular vein. A second wound was found in his right leg.

"Constable Farrell of Carbondale was the first to arrive on the scene of the shooting. He went to the bunk car in the yards and took the detectives into custody. Upon searching them he is said to have found a revolver with one empty cartridge in the pocket of Wagner.

"The four men were then taken to the office of District Attorney Harold A. Scragg for questioning. Attorney D. J. Reedy and Preston Badger of Carbondale were secured as counsel and it was upon their advice the men refused to make a statement concerning the shooting.

"Chief Wilson is quoted as having made the following statement during an interview prior to being questioned by the county authorities:

"We were sitting in our car when we heard the shots fired, and when we rushed out we saw Storzasa shooting, we thought at the car repairmen in the yards. We endeavored to stop him and he turned his pistol on us. Several shots were fired and he dropped."

"Lackawanna county authorities believe they have a witness to the shooting in Anthony Odomo of Carbondale, who was in the doorway of the boiler room at the time. He is reported as having told the authorities that Storzasa was intoxicated and was shooting at a chicken in the yard when shot by the sleuths, who apparently thought he was shooting at the shop workers in the Mayfield yard."

NEW TRIAL DENIED IN BUDINE LAWSUIT

**Question of Defendant's
Age Comes Up in Motion
Yet Undecided**

The motion recently made before Justice A. L. Kellogg of Oneonta for a new trial in the breach of promise action brought by Irene Lent of Carnwall against Lawrence Budine of Walton, on the ground that the verdict was against the weight of evidence, was denied in a decision handed down Saturday by Justice Kellogg. When the case was tried at the October term of supreme court in Delhi the jury gave a verdict of \$1,750 for the plaintiff, Miss Lent.

The question of fact submitted to the jury in particular was as to the age of the defendant when he entered into the alleged engagement with Miss Lent. Mr. Budine set up the affirmative defense that he was only 19 years of age and

therefore incapable as a matter of law of entering into such a contract.

Motion for a new trial was made at completion of the trial but before a decision was rendered Justice Tuthill died. The attorneys then stipulated that the case be heard on a printed case by Justice Kellogg and he heard the motion in Oneonta on Feb. 17th last.

Justice Kellogg in his opinion, now holds that all of the questions at issue under the evidence were for the Jury and that the verdict of the jury for that reason, was not necessarily against the weight of evidence.

A further motion for a new trial on the grounds of newly discovered evidence, to the effect that the physicians in attendance upon his mother at the time of his birth testified as to the date of this birth, has not been decided by Justice Kellogg as the evidence of the defendant has not all been presented. It is upon this motion that defendant now relies for a new trial. Henry Hunter of Newburgh appeared for the plaintiff and Peake & Peake of Walton, with A. L. O'Connor of Hobart as counsel, for the defendant.

An appeal will be taken to the appellate division should both motions for a new trial be denied.

AIRMEN DROP BOMBS ON DELAWARE ICE JAM

**Explosions Failed to Move
Huge Mass of Ice Near
Port Jervis**

Army aviators from Aberdeen Field, Md., on Wednesday bombed the five mile ice jam in the Delaware river, which has threatened to result in the flooding of Port Jervis, but were unable to move the floe.

Two large Martin bombers were used. Airmen dropped seven 300-pound bombs, three of which hit land but injured no one. The others cracked great holes in the ice but failed to move the jam.

The danger from floodwaters is not past, and some fear is held that ice jams from above will come down the river with the continuation of warm weather and pour the water into the city.

While attempting to take off from a snow-covered field, Lieut Phillips Melville, who came to Port Jervis Sunday to direct the bombing operations, escaped injury when his plane overturned in the snow and was wrecked. Lieut. Melville on the first attempt to take off had with him a moving picture operator from the International News Service. The ship would not rise. The photographer alighted and another attempt was made. Lieut. Melville had intended to go to Stroudsburg, Pa., to escort the bombers to Port Jervis.

After circling the city, the two planes passed across the river. It had been expected the planes would follow the river course, dropping the bombs as they went. One of the bombs struck 200 feet from the home of John Teller, tearing a hole 15 feet deep and 30 feet in diameter in the earth. Another bomb struck close to a group of moving picture operators on the river bank. No one was injured. The three bombs which struck in the ice jam, tore holes 50 feet in diameter and tossed ice more than 200 feet in the air.

It is believed that had the airmen followed the course of the river, all of the bombs would have been effective.

The ships did not make a landing before starting bombing operations.