

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About
at the County Hub

HIGH SCHOOL HONORED

No Daylight Saving Time Here
— Masons Entertain Grand Master
— Looking up Fire Engine.

H. E. Lane has taken the agency for Buckley Brothers laundry of Oneonta and promises an up-to-date laundry service.

Arthur Neer has sold his farm on the Third brook road to Oscar Schriber. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

Mrs. Newton Houck, cook at the Central House, fell over a basket of clothes one day this week, striking on her head and sustaining painful injuries. Dr. Gould attends her.

Jack Doyle was arrested Thursday night for being drunk and disorderly. He was fined five dollars by Police Justice J. M. Peake and placed under probation in the supervision of Rev. M. W. Riker.

Mrs. I. D. Smith has sold her property on Delaware street occupied by Broughton's market and Galley's shoe store to Woodburn Brothers. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, has selected Walton high school among the fifty-one high schools in fourteen states to which special four year scholarships are being offered, beginning next September. The scholarships are valued at \$400 each.

Mrs. Anna Mills has sold her six acre farm on Prospect avenue to Frank T. Ives of Beerston. Possession will be given about May 15th, at which time Mr. Ives plans to sever connections with the Beerston Acetate company, where he has been superintendent for some years past. The sale was made through the agency of G. A. Drake.

Eight cans of trout fry were received Tuesday by the Delaware Valley Fish and Game club from the federal hatchery at Cape Vincent, N. Y., and were distributed in West brook. Other shipments from the state and federal hatcheries are expected later in the season. The present shipment contained about 50,000 fry, it is estimated.

A committee representing the village and firemen's boards visited Elmira this week to inspect an American LaFrance pump engine and also went to Syracuse to see an AhrenFox machine. In both places tests of the machines were given. A. J. Courtney and J. J. Farrell represented the village board and A. E. Woollett, Fred Haverly, Milo VanValkenburgh and Harry McCabe the firemen's board.

Daylight saving in New York city and other cities and villages which have adopted the same will go into effect Sunday, April 29, when watches and clocks will be set ahead one hour. Liberty, Monticello, and Middletown are among the places on daylight saving time. Most of the railroad companies have spring timetables effective Sunday. The principal change on the O. & W. is the leaving time of No. 55, the Utica Flyer, which will be at 7:27 a. m. Train 2, south bound, will leave at 12:25 p. m.

Walton Kiwanis recently had a "Courtesy Week" in which prizes were offered to the most

courteous boy and girl selected by designated but unknown persons. The judges were Principal C. P. Wells for the girls and Mrs. Henry S. White for the boys. The judges based their decision not on any special act of courtesy but on their observation of the general courtesy of Walton boys and girls over a period of time. Henry Hafele was awarded the prize for the boys and Mae Morlock for the girls. The Shewanis club not to be outdone is observing a curiosity week. Photographs of Shewanis members in their infancy and younger years are on exhibition in the windows of the Walton music store and a designated but unknown prize is offered the persons making the nearest correct guess as to what local celebrities the photographs are supposed to represent.

It was a notable gathering of Masonic brethren which greeted Justice Arthur S. Tompkins of Nyack, N. Y., Grand Master of Masons of New York state, on the occasion of his visit to the Walton lodge Wednesday evening to meet Master Masons of the Delaware-Sullivan district. Upon his arrival on the evening train Justice Tompkins was escorted to the Kayser club rooms where a banquet had been prepared in his honor at which were present a small number of those high in local Masonic circles. District Deputy H. S. Marvin of Delhi presided at the convocation in the lodge rooms later at which the Grand Master gave an address of interest to all Master Masons in which he outlined the work being done by the Grand Lodge along the line of charitable and relief work, with special detail regarding the Masonic Home in Utica and the proposed tuberculosis camp at Saranac Lake. The practice of the Masonic virtues in everyday life was urged by him. Following the address light refreshments were served. Between four and five hundred Masons were present. Thursday Justice Tompkins went to Oneonta, where a similar gathering in his honor was held that evening.

PROPER HEADLIGHTS ON CARS REQUIRED BEFORE MAY 1ST

The motor vehicle bureau of the state tax department is again calling the attention of automobile owners and chauffeurs to the new headlight regulations effective May 1. In accordance with a list approved on November 5, 1922, more than sixty lenses and devices then in use failed to meet the requirements of the illuminating engineering company, the headlight specifications of this concern having been adopted by all of New England, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, as well as New York.

Late in November, following completion of the list of approved lenses and devices, the tax commission sent to all county judges, city magistrates, sheriffs, chiefs of police, state troopers and automobile clubs, copies of the law and the new regulations, together with a list of the lenses approved as legal after May 1st. Since the issuance of this list of some forty five approved lenses, one type, the McKee Spreadlist, has been added and copies of the rules and regulations have been forwarded to 4,000 public garages, with a request for co-operation in securing compliance with the law.

The new regulations provide that "all motor vehicles must be equipped with two headlights, with clean bright reflectors, free from rust and dents, and both lamps and lenses must be alike. Twenty-one candle power, gas filled bulbs only can be used."

The commission declares that strenuous efforts will be made to enforce the law and rules and regulations as to approved lenses and devices. A great many of the automobile accidents occur-

ring after dark are claimed to be chargeable to glaring headlights.

Copies of the rules and regulations, containing a list of approved lenses and devices may be procured from the motor vehicle bureau of the state tax commission. Included in the rules and regulations are some very valuable instructions as to the proper method of focusing automobile headlights.

INDICT O. & W. POLICE ON MURDER CHARGE

Chief Wilson and Three of
His Officers to Be Tried for
Shooting Man

The four special officers of the New York, Ontario & Western railway, involved in the shooting of Philip Scarzasava at Childs, Pa., on Mar. 13, were indicted for murder by the Lackawanna county grand jury in session here.

Those against whom true bills were returned are: Grant R. Wilson, Middletown; Ernest H. Wagner, Hancock; Howard E. Mulford, Middletown, and John Addley, Carbondale, Pa. It is expected that the trials will be held in Scranton next month.

Scarzasava was killed on the afternoon of Mar. 13 in front of his home, near the O. & W. yards at Childs. Accounts of the shooting given by Scranton papers at that time differed widely as to the manner in which the shooting occurred. Some versions said that he was shot down in the yard of his own home, others told of his being shot down on the porch of his home. All accounts printed in Pennsylvania papers seemed to agree that he had been drinking prior to the shooting and that he had been shooting a revolver. He was said to have fired at some stray chickens that were ravaging his garden.

Chief Wilson told how he and his men, at different points in the yards, had heard the sound of the revolver shots and had rushed toward the point from which the shooting came, to find Scarzasava, a gun in either hand, blazing away at the workmen in the car repair yards.

BRUSH FIRE NOT ONE CALL WAS GIVEN FOR

Girl Puts Out Flames When
Firemen Fail to Appear

BAKER'S HOUSE MENACED

Girl's Presence of Mind
Prevents Serious Fire When
Oil Stove Explodes in
Kitchen.

While the Walton fire department was making a record run to put out a brush fire on the river bank in front of Mrs. Elizabeth White's house, Stockton avenue, the fire in the home of C. W. Archer on Sewell place, which had caused the alarm to be sent in was being extinguished by Miss Eva Archer, the 14 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archer. Not until the brush fire was out did any but a few of the firemen know they had come to the wrong place.

The fire started in the kitchen of the Archer home from the explosion of an oil stove. Miss Archer had lighted the stove to do some cooking and then went into the parlor where she sat down to play the piano. Suddenly she heard an explosion like the firing of a gun and hurrying into the kitchen found the flames shooting up to the ceiling.

With rare presence of mind the young woman removed the oil tank from which the burners are fed, turned on the water in pails, locked the outside kitchen door and shut the stair door to prevent a draft. Then she telephoned to the central office for the firemen.

Returning to the kitchen she

busied herself in throwing water on the flames which had communicated to the woodwork. It was some minutes before she had the flames entirely out.

Meanwhile the fire department had responded to the call and started across the river. A short time before a fire had been started on the river bank to burn some trash and in the high wind the flames got beyond control and spread through the brush and grass. The firemen saw the flames and smoke and decided this was the real fire. Hose was connected to the hydrant and the water turned on to put out the flames. Meanwhile Miss Archer had succeeded in getting completely out the fire in the Archer home and the services of the firemen were not needed when it was learned they had visited the wrong place.

The fire badly damaged the kitchen, breaking two window glasses and charring up the woodwork and floor. The damage is estimated at about fifty dollars, covered by insurance carried with the Pond agency.

The Archer fire occurred about 4 o'clock. Earlier in the afternoon the firemen were called to the home of Irving Baker, Haverly hill, by a brush and grass fire started on the bank below the house by sparks from a passing locomotive. The house is too far from a hydrant for hose to be laid, but the chemical was used and members of the department joined the broom and shovel brigade in stamping out the flames.

HIS LOVE REJECTED, MAN SHOOTS SELF

Ends Life When Attentions
Are Found Unwelcome

HAD MANIA FOR SUICIDE

Meridale Italian Cast Out by
Own Family When He Joined
Church There.

(From Meridale correspondent.)

Angelo Nanco, an Italian laborer employed at Meridale Farms, Meridale, shot and killed himself Sunday evening.

Nanco, who was about thirty-five years old, had for some time been attentive to Miss Dorothea Palmer, the seventeen year old daughter of Mrs. Effie Palmer of Meridale, and a student in the Oneonta normal school. Learning that his attentions were displeasing he had for some time been despondent. On Saturday night he called at the Palmer home and on Sunday members of the family at the Russell boarding house, where he stayed, observed that he was acting in a peculiar manner. During the afternoon he was seen to watch the Palmer home through a field glass. Early in the evening he went to the Palmer home again, and stating that he was leaving for his home in Jersey City, demanded that he be allowed to see Miss Dorothea to say good-bye. Mrs. Palmer at first refused his request, but finally consented. When Miss Palmer appeared he asked her if she would marry him, and upon being told "No" in a decided manner, took out a revolver and flourished it.

Merle and Lloyd, the two sons of Mrs. Palmer seized the man, but he broke away from them and turned the pistol upon himself. The bullet entered the right side of the head above the temple, and came out just above the left eye. The man lived for about two hours.

Dr. William Ormiston of Delhi and Dr. Grover Silliman, coroner, were summoned immediately. It was thought best at first to take the man directly to a hospital, but while the question was being debated he died.

Nanco evidently had a suicide mania. Some time last fall he was found unconscious in his car, after he had made a call at the Palmer residence. He denied

all knowledge of the manner in which he became unconscious, but persons who passed the spot where he was found earlier in the afternoon stated that the car was empty when they passed. He told various persons that an attempt was made to stab him at the Morris fair last summer, and one night after service at the Baptist church at Meredith Square, of which he was a member, he threatened to kill himself and a young lady present.

The body was removed to the Mason undertaking rooms at Delhi and plans were made to send the body to his home in Jersey City. Nanco's brother arrived on Tuesday, however, and stated that the family did not wish the body returned to them, as Angelo had cut himself from his family by joining the Baptist church last summer. The funeral will therefore be held at Meridale some time this week, and burial will be made in the cemetery there.

INCUBATOR LAMP CAUSES FIRE

Explosion Results in Burning
of Roses Brook Farm House.

The explosion of an incubator lamp caused a fire Wednesday evening which destroyed the farm house of Adelbert Aldrich at the head of Roses brook, near Hobart.

But little of the furniture in the house was gotten out. Neighbors gathered from a wide radius and the other farm buildings were saved.

MR. HOUCK OUT AGAIN.

(From Treadwell correspondent.)

Manley Houck of Treadwell, who was injured recently when thrown from a sleigh, is recovering from his illness and is able to be about again. He is a former resident of Harvard.

ALL WANT GOOD ROADS

Tompkins Town Board
Overwhelmed With Requests.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

At a meeting of the Tompkins town board a few weeks ago representatives from several sections of the town appeared before the board in regard to their respective roads. A committee of seven were appointed in regard to the following highways: Trout Creek via Pine Swamp to Masonville town line; Rockroyal to Loomis to Walton town line; river bridge, Cannonsville, two miles south side; Johnny brook road; Sands creek to Hancock town line; Reeds creek to Hancock town line. The committee at two meetings arrived at nothing definite. Petitions are being circulated in regard to building the several highways. Undoubtedly a special election will be held as to the town issuing bonds for the purpose and in regard to a bridge over Trout creek on the state road.

COURT LASTED HALF HOUR

No Business Ready for April
Term of Court.

The April term of county court was convened at 2 p. m. Monday, Judge McNaught presiding and the following are the "short and simple annals" of the term. The county clerk called the list of jurors, a motion or two was made by attorneys and at 2:30 p. m., the jury men were discharged and the April term of county court was ended.

PATRICK WILL TAKE A REST.

Patrick Gill, a hobo, was sentenced to thirty days in the Delhi jail Saturday by Justice H. M. Read of Hancock.