

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About  
at the County Hub

### NEW R. R. TIME TABLE

Coal \$15 a Ton –  
May Merge 'Phone Lines –  
D. A. R.s Observe Flag Day  
– Redecorate Library.

There was a frost Friday and Saturday mornings of last week. On account of the fog no damage was done.

The annual banquet of the alumni of Walton high school will be held Thursday evening of next week at 6:30 p. m.

Mrs. Sidney Utter of West brook saw two deer last week near the road between the homes of Adelbert Groat and Mrs. A. Cook.

Gordon Olmstead and Carl Hood have bought the meat market business of Floyd T. Broughton in the Smith building on lower Delaware street.

Chester Sanford, who played on the Walton baseball team last summer was selected by a writer in the New York Times as the best second baseman playing college baseball.

The whirl of motors seems continual over the new road. It has placed West brook on the map for it is no uncommon thing for 150 to 175 cars to pass in one day – West brook correspondent.

The automobile driven by Mrs. G. Dufton of Apex ran into the Ford of Rev. Stanley U. North at the corner of Mead and Townsend streets Wednesday morning. Little damage was done to either car.

Rev. Edward A. Dougher, pastor of St. John's Catholic church here for several years, has been made pastor of Our Lady of Angels church at Whitehall. His successor at Sidney will be Rev. William Casey.

Miss Carrie E. Ratcliffe, who during the past two years has held the biology position in Walton high school, has secured a general science and biology position at Raway, N. J., starting at a salary of \$1,600.

June Hoyt, who has been stationed at Camp Travis, Texas, has received his discharge and was married in Binghamton June 12 to Miss Ellen Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt are now visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hoyt.

A loving cup, which is on display in DuBois' window, has been offered as a trophy for an interchurch tennis tournament to take place the latter part of the summer. The Methodist and Congregational churches now have tennis courts under construction.

O. J. Hoos of Walton attended the bakers' convention at Middletown last week. Others who attended were, his father, E. V. Hoos, of Liberty, and his brothers, E. J. Hoos, of Liberty, Henry Hoos, of Delhi, Fred Hoos, of Livingston Manor and William Hoos of Chester. All are bakers.

The group which recently purchased the Walton People's and the Downsville telephone

companies have made tentative plans for merging the two companies with main offices at Walton. The name of the new corporation will be the Delaware Telephone company.

On account of an advance in price of coal at the mines the local coal dealers are now charging \$15 a ton for the stove sizes of coal and \$11.75 for pea coal. They state that coal even at this price is hard to obtain and that there is apt to be another coal shortage this winter.

A mushroom light has been installed on the corner of Delaware and Townsend streets. The light has an iron cap and a load of ten tons can be driven over it without damaging it. It is thought that it will keep drivers from cutting this dangerous corner and prevent accidents.

Frank Smith of Pines Brook had a large nail driven through his foot one day this week. A wagon tongue, which had been spliced with a large nail and the nail not clinched dropped on his foot. The nail was driven clear through to the bottom of his foot, making a painful injury. Dr. W. G. Smith attended him.

At the monthly meeting of the civic club it was voted to paint and redecorate the interior of the William B. Ogden free library. It was also decided to plant flowers in front of Walton hall and a committee was appointed to see if some means could not be found to prevent property owners along the river from running their sewage into the river.

The new time table of the O. & W. will go into effect Sunday, June 24th. There are several changes of importance in the time trains leave Walton. No. 4 south bound which has been leaving here at 8:01 will leave at 7:56; No. 2, now leaving at 12:25 will leave at 1:55; No. 6 will leave at 2:06. The Utica Flyer will leave about one minute earlier than it has been and Train No. 1, north bound, will leave Walton at 1:34. Train No. 3 will leave Walton at 5:43 instead of 6:25. The morning train on the Delhi branch starts from Walton at 7:55 and comes back from Delhi at 10:45. The afternoon train will leave at 1:35 and get back to Walton at 5:10.

## CHAUTAUQUA DATES ARE JULY 19 TO 25

This Year's Program  
Will Be of Interest to Both  
Old and Young

The Redpath Chautauqua will open in Walton this year July 19 and will close July 25. Tickets have been received by A. G. Patterson and the guarantors should call for them as soon as possible. The tickets will cost \$2.25 this year.

The program offered by the Redpath Chautauqua is an interesting one. Some of the speakers are: Evelyn D. Hanson, whose subject is "Well Dressed on a Moderate Income"; D. Thomas Curtin, an American newspaper correspondent, who has had much experience in European affairs, will speak on "What is the Matter with Europe"; Robert McGowan, who takes for his subject, "What is Freedom," and Edward Amherst Ott, the title of whose lecture is "The Measure of a Man."

The musical numbers promise to be unusually entertaining this year. On the second night

Gounod's opera "Faust," will be given by a group of stars under the direction of Charles D. Isaacson, editor of the music department of the New York Evening Mail. Mr. Isaacson will tell the story as the opera progresses and clearly depict the relation of the music to the dramatic action. On the fifth evening a company of twenty-five will give Victor Herbert's musical comedy, "Sweet Sixteen."

"The Meanest Man in the World," a play originally produced under the direction of George M. Cohen, will be given on the third night. It is stated that the acting in this play will be up to the standard set by the Redpath Chautauqua in previous years. The children will have a junior Chautauqua again this year and on two mornings there will be speakers for the kiddies. In the afternoon of the last day a program especially for the children has been arranged in Pamahasika's Pets. This is a trained animal act and will be greatly enjoyed by not only the children but by older people.

## PEOPLE SHOULD OWN LOCAL FAIR GROUNDS

Unless Action is Taken it May  
Pass into Private Hands

A meeting to which all living in or near Walton are urged to come will be held in Walton hall this (Friday) night to consider the advisability of taking over the fair grounds and running it as a community project.

For several years the fair has not been on a paying basis. Up to the present time it has been run on the membership basis and at present the Delaware Valley Agricultural society is heavily in debt and will probably pass into private hands unless some action is taken in the near future.

Last year proceedings were finished for making the fair a stock corporation. The stock has been issued but only a little of it sold. The plan to be presented Friday night is that enough stock be sold to pay off the indebtedness of the fair association; that the stock be sold to farmers and business men, whose interest it will be to preserve the fair and put it on a sound business basis. It is believed that the fair can be so administered that in a few years it will not only pay expenses but dividends will be earned on the stock.

If the fair grounds are allowed to pass into private hands the town of Walton will lose practically the only place where a large group can gather.

If acquired by a group of men interested in Walton it is believed that it will be of great benefit to the farmers' organizations, the schools and the churches.

## BETTER THAN EELS

Fishes Eddy Man Claims  
Rattlesnakes are Delicious.

(From Fishes Eddy correspondent.)

An unusual number of rattlesnakes are being killed in the vicinity of Fishes Eddy this year. The men employed by the New York Telephone company while cutting brush and setting poles along the line recently killed five in one day. This is the largest bag of rattlesnakes that has been killed in this section in some time in a single day.

Up until a short time ago the rattlesnake was considered a useless article but now it has been discovered that the rattlesnake is delicious when properly cooked. One of the large rattlers which was killed by the telephone men was taken to Fishes Eddy's "Boscoe," who had it skinned and cooked in

about the same manner an eel is cooked, after which he sat down and ate the reptile. On being interviewed the man stated "snakes are as good as eels any day."

This is not the first time that it has been claimed that snakes if properly cooked are delicious, as according to newspaper reports last summer the Pennsylvania state forestry camp was served with rattlesnakes several times and the forresters all stated that the snake was an excellent food. It, however, seems improbable that the snake will ever become a staple article of diet here as only a few are killed each year.

## DOG BITES CHILDREN

Sidney Boys Attacked While  
Playing in School Yard.

Shortly before the opening of school Thursday a mongrel dog owned by Lynn Loomis of Sidney, which had been kept on a chain at the Loomis home, broke loose and wandered to the school on Liberty street where it attacked a group of boys who were playing on the school grounds. The boys scattered in various directions, but Earl Northrup, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Northrup, was not quick enough to evade the animal. He was severely bitten in the groin. Dr. Day and Dr. Loomis were called and 15 stitches were taken in the wound.

After being driven off by a boy with a club, the animal went toward the high school where it met Fred Marriott, 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Marriott. He was severely bitten on the right leg and a piece was taken out of his left leg. Troopers Brown, Norton and Mangano were detailed to capture the dog and they found and killed it after a short time. It was not supposed to have been mad, but was vicious by nature.

## PINNED BENEATH CAR

Bovina Woman Has Exciting  
Experience When Rock  
Upsets Auto.

Mrs. J. Monroe and daughter, Ruth, of Bovina, nearly met with a serious accident last Wednesday when their car overturned pinning Mrs. Monroe under it.

Mrs. Monroe and daughter were going up West Kingston mountain when they turned out to allow a car which was approaching swiftly to pass. There was a large flat rock projecting out from the road. This gave way and carried the rear end of the automobile with it causing the car to overturn. Miss Ruth was able to crawl out of the door on the upper side but Mrs. Monroe was pinned in and unable to move. The daughter called help and Mrs. Monroe was extricated. Neither Mrs. Monroe nor her daughter was seriously injured and except for a broken windshield and top the car was not damaged.

## NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH

Former Delhi Man Comes in  
Contact With Live Wire.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

Wendall Ormiston of Goshen, son of Mrs. Thomas Ormiston of Bovina, and well known in Delhi where he was employed as a telephone lineman some years ago, escaped death by a narrow margin recently. While working on a telephone wire he encountered live electric wires which crossed the telephone wires and

to escape being electrocuted he jumped to the ground. He sustained a broken wrist and several broken ribs.

## BOTH ON WRONG SIDE.

(From Downsville correspondent.)

On Monday afternoon a Ford car driven by Cecil Miller and a Ford driven by Dick Shaw collided while trying to pass each other near Mrs. E. Holmes tenant house, Downsville. Both were on the same side of the road. The cars were damaged but neither one of the boys were hurt.

## LITTLE GIRL BITTEN

Vicious Dog Shot After Biting  
Fishes Eddy Child.

(From Fishes Eddy correspondent.)

While carrying water to her grandfather Monday Leona Schilds of Fishes Eddy was bitten by a dog belonging to Albert Leonard.

The little girl had carried a pail of cold water to her grandfather and on her return home was passing the Leonard place when the dog attacked her. She screamed and the dog ran away. George LaFave, grandfather of the little girl, later shot the dog. No serious results are anticipated as a result of the bite.

## DIDN'T KNOW GUN WAS LOADED

Beerston Boy Shoots His  
Brother While Playing with  
Rifle.

Richard, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Williams of Beerston was shot with a .22 calibre rifle Sunday afternoon by his brother, Daniel. The bullet entered just beneath the right lung and lodged in his body near the back.

Richard and Daniel Williams were fooling with an old .22 rifle the barrel of which had been cut down and the stock shortened so as to make a weapon somewhat resembling a revolver. Never dreaming that the weapon was loaded Daniel pointed the gun at his brother and pulled the trigger. The gun went off and the bullet entered his brother's body. Dr. W. B. Morrow was called, who stated that if the shot had been an inch higher it would have penetrated the boy's lung. At the present time the wound is healing nicely and probably it will be safe to probe for the bullet in the near future.

## GILBOA BEING REBUILT

New Village Being  
Constructed Back of Old  
One.

A new Gilboa looms in sight in the not far distant future, near the site of the present village in which the buildings are fast being razed. The village is to disappear completely and the place where life and industry once prevailed is to be one of the reservoirs for the New York city water supply. The Methodist Episcopal church in the main street is to be used as a club house for the water department employees.

Old residents say the place derived its name from Mt. Gilboa, mentioned in the Bible, and was selected by an ancestor of Alonzo Crosswell, a native of the place. However, with the large number of buildings being erected just back of the village, and the building of a new church and general store, visions of a new Gilboa will be a reality in the near future.