

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

### PROMOTE BANK OFFICERS

**Fire Apparatus Not to  
Leave Village—Electric  
Companies to Merge—Truck  
Side-Wiped Two Autos.**

Haying is now in full swing in this vicinity. While the crop will not be up to that of last year most farmers prophesy that it will be an average yield. Corn is doing well.

The report of the First National bank of Walton, published on another page, shows that on June 30 that institution had deposits of \$1,719,986. Loans on the same date aggregated \$1,377,813.

A. F. Hasbrouck has sold his house on Fancher avenue to W. T. McCall of Binghamton. Mr. McCall is a salesman for the National Biscuit company and will make Walton his headquarters. The sale was made by G. A. Drake.

Herman M. Webster, aged 58 years, a native of Delaware county, died in New York city Thursday, June 28th. His nephew, Ralph Kilpatrick, went to New York and accompanied the body back to Walton, where burial was made Sunday.

The Southern New York power company has applied to the village board for its consent to a consolidation with the New York state gas and electric corporation. The New York state gas and electric at the present time owns the controlling interest in the Southern New York power company and has made application to the public service commission that the two companies be merged.

The directors of the First National bank at a meeting Friday made E. B. Guild, who has been cashier, a vice president of the institution. W. G. Moore was promoted from assistant cashier to cashier and J. C. McClelland from teller to assistant cashier. John Olmstead remains as a vice president and trust officer. The regular semi-annual dividend of five per cent and an extra dividend of two per cent was declared.

At a meeting of the village board last Monday night it was voted that no fire apparatus except the chemical engine be allowed to leave the corporate limits without special permission. A reasonable charge will be made each time the chemical apparatus is called out of the village. At the present time the village has the old Fancher hook and ladder truck, which can be fixed up for out of town calls at very little expense.

While returning from the annual picnic at Cooperstown of the senior class of the high school the cars of Harold Wheat and Miss Katherine Hoyt were run into by F. B. Wall of New York city between Colliers and Oneonta. Wall in passing the two automobiles in his truck side wiped each car. He was arraigned before Justice F. S. Murdock, near whose farm the accident happened and upon a plea of guilty of reckless driving was fined \$25.

Everett Dicks was seriously injured at the recent barn raising on the farm of John K. Storrer. Mr. Dicks was among the eighty or more men who assisted in the raising. He was standing on the edge of the second floor when he lost his balance and fell a distance of twenty feet. He struck on the left side of his head and the left side of his body was terribly lacerated to the hip. Willing hands helped move the injured man to the Storrer home where his injuries were dressed by

Dr. W. G. Smith and later Mr. Dicks was removed to his own home at Loomis. He will be laid up for some time. —Loomis correspondent.

A verdict of no cause for action was rendered by a jury in the action brought by Frank Fiumera against Leslie M. Budine, trial of which was held before Justice E. S. White in Walton hall Tuesday afternoon. Fiumera owns the building on Delaware street in which Mrs. Estelle Boyd formerly conducted a tea room. Budine held a chattel mortgage given by Mrs. Boyd upon the benches, linoleum, dishes, sink and boiler. Fiumera claimed that no care was taken in the removal of the benches and that as a result it cost him \$36 to repair the damage in the removal of the benches and sink. A further claim of \$60 was made for the sink and boiler removed. The jury consisted of Charles A. Bartow, Verne Darling, Charles Pierson, Norman Wall, Elmer Wakeman and Lorin Wakeman.

The annual banquet of the alumni association of the Walton high school was held in the high school auditorium last Thursday night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Charles E. Dann; vice president, Mrs. Joseph Beckwith; second vice president, Fred R. Lyon; recording secretary, Miss Myrtle Wright; corresponding secretary, Miss Frances Benedict. An executive committee to assist the officers was also appointed. The personnel of this committee is: Chairman, Mrs. Charles E. Dann; S. H. Fancher, Mrs. C. B. Lincoln, Miss M. Janie Launt, Miss Sarah E. Pond. Rev. George E. Guild, D. D., Theodore Davis. It was found that the list of alumni was not up to date and a committee of Mrs. C. B. Lincoln, Miss Margaret Thomson and Miss Kathryn Wright was appointed to revise this list.

### FARM HOUSE BURNS IN FAMILY'S ABSENCE

**Home of John Foot Razed by  
Flames**

### STARTED IN FORGE SHOP

**Neighbors Save Furniture in  
Downstairs Rooms—Flames  
Seen by Passersby.**

The house on the farm of John Foot on the Walton Mountain road, near Pines, was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon during the absence of the family in Walton.

The fire started in a small shop located about fifteen feet back of the house. There was a forge in the shop but no fire had been in there for three days, it is stated.

The flames were first discovered by Leslie M. Budine and George Bailey, who were driving down the Bobs brook road. They drove at once to the place and were soon joined by other neighbors who helped in the work of saving the household goods. When Budine and Bailey reached the place the house was in flames as well as the shop.

Practically everything in the dining room, sitting room and a downstairs bedroom as well as from the cellar was rescued. A call was sent to Walton for help and the local firemen did effective work in keeping the flames from spreading to the other farm buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Foot and son had driven to Walton before dinner with a team. They were told of the fire while still in the village but did not reach the farm until their home was in ashes.

There was an insurance of only \$600 on the house, \$200 of household goods, \$75 on bedding and \$75 on canned goods, carried in the town company. At present the family are occupying Leslie M. Budine's tenant house.

### THEIR SILVER WEDDING

**Delhi Couple Celebrate  
Twenty-fifth Anniversary.**

A very pleasant time was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Archibald of Delhi Friday, June 29. The occasion was in honor of their 25th anniversary. Delicious refreshments were served at noon and the happy couple was presented with a beautiful set of pyrex cooking utensils.

Among those present from out of town were Andrew Cowan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Sanford of New Kingston, Robert Dickman and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Neild and daughter, Lillian, Mrs. Robert Campbell and sons, Mrs. Mae Vermilyea, Mr. and Mrs. Bursie Knapp, Miss Helen Davis and Miss Mary A. Davis of Andes; Mrs. Florence Whitcomb of Boonville; Mrs. Ora Baker, Roxbury; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dyer and son, Milford, Walton; Mrs. James Archibald and son of Treadwell; besides friends and relatives in town.

We leave the happy couple wishing them to live and enjoy life until their 50th anniversary.

### Passed With High Honors.

(From Cannonsville corr.)  
Roswell Whitman of Masonville, a member of the 1923 graduating class of the Oneonta high school, passed examinations 100 per cent in geometry, 98 1-2 in mathematics, with an average of 92 in all subjects, at the age of 15 years. He is the son of Rev. Roswell Whitman, well known in Cannonsville. The above will be very pleasing to many relatives and friends in this locality.

### REBUILD FRANKLIN CREAMERY

**Walton Man Has Contract  
With Ayer & McKinney  
for Work.**

(From Franklin corr.)  
Robert Jones of Walton has taken the contract to build the new Franklin Dairy plant to replace the structure recently destroyed by fire. A large force of workmen will soon be put on the job and the buildings rushed to completion as soon as possible.

### BITTEN BY SAVAGE DOG

**Young Man Steps in Front  
of Brother to Save Him.**

(From Coe Hill corr.)  
Dominico Fasano of Coe Hill, North Franklin, was bitten three times by a dog Friday, twice on one leg and once on his arm. He was slightly scratched on his face. Dr. O. C. Tarbox was called to dress the wounds.

The boy stepped in front of a younger brother to prevent his being hurt by the animal.

### Musicians Arrive at Fleischmanns.

(From Fleischmanns corr.)  
Between last Thursday and the Fourth of July over one hundred musicians arrived at the hotels for the summer. They are all said to be excellent bands (no doubt this is the reason for the large attendance of girls at the dance halls).

### 2,000 USE THE U. & D.

**Vacationists Rush to  
Mountains to Spend the  
Fourth.**

After considerable delay it seems as though the rush of people to the mountains through Kingston has started. Up to last week the travel over the Ulster & Delaware railroad was very light. However, over the past week end over 2,000 people used this road to get to the Catskill mountains.

The automobile travel through the city has been fairly heavy since about the third week in June. Saturday, however, there were more

cars passing through the city than any other one day this year. The travel was also heavy on Sunday.

The Hudson River Day Line is having a good season so far and particularly the up boats during the past few weeks have been well loaded.

### RECEIVES \$37,021 INCOME TAX

**Delaware County's Share of  
Apportionment by State.**

A. B. Shaw, county treasurer, has received \$37,021.08, from the state treasurer as the county's share of the first distribution of the 1922 collections from the personal income tax. This amount will be apportioned among the nineteen towns on the ratio the assessment of each bears to the total assessment in the county. Otsego county receives \$41,275.58; Chenango, \$24,922.90, and Schoharie county, \$14,397.56. It is stated that the amount apportioned to Delaware county is \$6,000 more than that apportioned in the first distribution in 1922.

### ROAD CONTRACTORS INJURED

**Andrew and George Young  
Meet With Accidents at  
Cannonsville.**

(From Cannonsville corr.)  
Two of the Young Brothers, contractors on the state road, met with accidents a few days ago. Andrew Young was thrown over the head of the horse he was riding by the animal's stumbling on the sub-base. Mr. Young had one shoulder badly injured by the mishap.

George Young was repairing the mat to the steam shovel and in some manner got one leg caught under the mat. While he was badly bruised and lamed the leg was not broken.

### FLYING SPARK CAUSES FIRE

**Sidney Center Firemen  
Control Blaze With  
Chemicals.**

(Sidney Center correspondent.)  
About one o'clock on Monday afternoon a fire was discovered in the east wing of Lewis Perkins' farm house about a mile and a half from the village of Sidney Center. They immediately telephoned for the hose company who responded quickly. By the use of chemical fire extinguishers and buckets the flames were gotten under control. It is thought that the fire started from a spark from the kitchen chimney which lodged on the shingles and smoldered for hours. Insurance was carried with the Delaware County Farmers' and Patrons' Insurance company. The damages were adjusted at \$110.

### ACUTE ALCOHOLISM KILLS MAN IN JAIL

**John McVey of Lake Como  
Passes Away in Hancock  
Lockup Saturday**

(From Hancock correspondent.)  
John McVey of Lake Como died in the Hancock village jail Saturday evening, June 30, from acute alcohol poisoning.

Saturday afternoon McVey was arrested by Officer Lynn Leonard of Hancock for public intoxication and was placed in the village lockup to sober up. Later in the afternoon the officer went in to see how his man was faring and found him in a very serious condition. The officer at once called Dr. D. R. Davidson, who gave temporary relief. For a time the man seemed better but during the early evening he was taken much worse. The doctor was again called and did all he could for the man. About 11 p.m. McVey passed away.

Early Sunday morning District Attorney A. L. O'Connor and Coroner Silliman of Delhi were notified and they went to Hancock Sunday afternoon and held

an autopsy and inquest in Attorney Carpenter's office. Dr. L. E. Woolsey and Dr. D. R. Davidson performed the autopsy. The finding of the inquest was death due to acute alcoholism.

Mr. McVey was a man about 50 years of age and a native of Lake Como, Pa. He had been around Hancock for a few weeks, working some of the time. It is understood that he has relatives near Binghamton and in Lake Como, Pa. Undertaker S. S. Busfield took charge of the remains.

### ANOTHER COALLESS WINTER

**Miners Ask Twenty Per  
Cent Raise of Wages from  
Operators.**

The anthracite mine workers in convention at Scranton last Friday unanimously adopted demands to be presented after July 4 to the coal operators in the coming negotiations for a new wage contract. They follow generally those adopted at the convention in Shamokin, in January, 1922.

The principal demands call for an increase of 20 per cent in the contract wage, two dollars a day increase for men by the day: a two year contract with full recognition of the union: uniformity and equalization of all day rates; the eight hour day for all men employed in and about the mines; that where coal is paid for by the car the system be changed and it be paid for by weight.

### Will Have Time to Repent.

(South Worcester correspondent.)  
The state troopers came to South Worcester Wednesday and took John Strobeck to Cooperstown for sixty days for whipping his little children.

### Arkville's Artificial Lake.

(From Arkville correspondent.)  
Feller & Druckmann have the dam on their place completed and are filling it with water. This makes a great improvement as the dam is built for boating and bathing and this with the improvement of their boarding house is a great attraction for guests.

### Boy Campers at Hancock.

(From Hancock correspondent.)  
Sunday, July 1st, about 200 boys came on the Erie for the camps Wayne and Scodale. They are to remain most of the summer. Cook and McGranaghan had the contract to get them from this village to the several camps.

### FORD CATCHES FIRE

**Carelessly Dropped Cigarette  
Causes Damage to Machine.**

(From Fleischmanns correspondent.)  
One night last week about twelve o'clock the people of Fleischmanns were alarmed at hearing the fire bell ringing. In less than two minutes the fire engine was at the scene.

It was discovered that a Ford touring car owned by Phil Fisher of Fleischmanns caught fire. The cause of the fire was the dropping of a cigarette, by a careless individual. The back seat of the car was entirely ruined.

### Budine Case Up Again

A matter heard by Justice Kellogg in Oneonta Saturday was that of Irene E. Lent versus Lawrence Budine of Walton, an order to show cause why the order heretofore entered herein granting a new trial on the grounds of newly discovered evidence should not be modified with respect to the affidavits which should be read and filed with the order heretofore granted. The motion was granted and ordered settled between the parties, and if such an agreement be impossible, then by the court.