

# LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 YEARS AGO,  
SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1923

## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

**JUNE MILK PRICE  
\$1.915**

**Caused Death of Man in  
Pennsylvania —  
Crop Prospects Good—Sent  
Rev. Sims \$75 for Birthday.**

Archie Campbell of Downsville won the Star car offered at the automobile show by the baseball club.

The steam shovel used on the town highway work will be moved Monday to its new location on the Kerr's creek road. An operator has been engaged to take the place of Clinton Blackman, killed by a live wire last week.

Walton friends and former parishioners of Rev. G. W. Nims, who is now at Huntington, L. I., at the initiative of Mrs. Page Sinclair remembered his seventy-fifth birthday Tuesday by a substantial gift in money, exceeding in dollars the years of his life that have passed.

County Judge A. J. McNaught has rendered a decision allowing at \$150 the claim of Mrs. Jennie Roney against the estate of Mrs. Rachel Mudford, late of Sidney Center. A. E. Conner of Walton represented the claimant and H. B. Sewell of Sidney the executor.

Howard Eaton of Beerston escaped with severe bruises Friday when his Ford car overturned near George Cable's place at Beerston. The accident was caused by a tire blowing out. The machine went into the ditch and overturned. The front end of the car was badly damaged.

Paul M. Brown of Syracuse, has been engaged to teach Latin in the Walton high school for the coming year. Mr. Brown is a Syracuse university man who has had two years successful experience in teaching and comes very highly recommended. Also, he is interested in athletics and has had training in oratory and music.

The first real rainfall in several weeks came Sunday night, St. Swithin's day. According to ancient tradition, if rain falls on St. Swithin's day in any year, rain will fall every day for thirty-nine more days, making a forty-day period of rainfall. But no rain fell Tuesday and apparently none is in sight, although greatly needed. The long continued dry spell has brought the brooks to the lowest point in recent years and many springs are drying up.

Miss Margaret Thomson of Walton and Miss Margaret Schlafer of Delhi have returned from a trip to Boston, Mass. They motored with Mrs. Elizabeth White and Miss Eleanor Leighton as far as Fitchburg, Mass., and from there walked and were given rides to Boston. After seeing the sights of that city they started to walk home. They found that passing motorists were generous in the offer of rides and were given lifts most of the way home, reaching Delhi in two days after leaving Boston.

"Dogtown," that section of Delaware street between Liberty street and West brook, has been greatly built up during the past year. Recently an addition was built on the front of the former James Munn house by the owner. Tony Liguory, and Lindgren

& Brainard's poolroom has been moved from the Harby block to the new location. Henry J. Wilson on Tuesday opened the skating rink on the second floor of the Munn building and this amusement is attracting many visitors each evening. All in all dogtown is now on the map.

Crop prospects in New York state are better than they were a month ago and are now nearly up to the usual average. According to the estimates of the United States department of agriculture and the state department of farms and markets only the southwestern counties have been seriously hurt by the dry weather that has reduced the hay crop all the way from Virginia to Minnesota. Pastures are poor and wheat, rye, oats and perhaps hay are expected to give slightly lower yields than usual, but reports indicate good prospects for corn, beans and most fruits.

The Dairymen's League Co-operative Association, Inc., announces a net pool price to its members for June milk of \$1.915, says a statement issued by the association. This is the price paid for 100 pounds of 3 per cent milk at the base zone of 201-210 miles from New York city. The price which individual dairymen will receive will vary as usual according to butter fat and other established differentials. The amount deducted for certificates of indebtedness is not stated. The price is \$.57 above the net pool price of June, 1922, and \$.495 above the price paid in June, 1921.

Monroe Dow of Carbondale, Pa. a former resident of Walton, is held by the police of that city in connection with the killing of a man by Dow's car on July 11th. Dow had turned out on a detour to avoid a piece of road under construction. As he approached a railroad crossing Dow states that his attention was attracted by someone shouting and he turned to look. As he did so the machine swerved to one side and crashed into the iron crossing guard, pinning a man who had stepped in front of the guard against the metal post. The upper part of the crossing guard was snapped off and fell upon the unfortunate victim of the accident who died shortly after.

## RAILROAD SPEEDER STRUCK BY FORD CAR

**Four Injured in Accident at  
Colchester Crossing**

**NEITHER WAS  
WATCHING**

**Railroad Motor Car Was  
Bringing Delhi Gang to  
Attend Funeral of E. R.  
Kelley in Walton.**

Four men on the railroad motor speeder used by the O. & W. section gang at Delhi were injured during the noon hour Wednesday when the speeder was struck by the Ford car driven by William Kinch at the crossing near the Colchester station.

The accident occurred about 12:40 o'clock while the speeder was bringing foreman Eugene O'Neill and his gang of seven men to Walton, where they planned to attend the funeral of E. R. Kelley.

Kinch was on his way from the farm of his father, Sherman Kinch, on the Downsville road, to Walton. There is a steep grade from the covered bridge over the river to the state highway and the railroad crossing is located about half way between the two points. The speeder was going at a good clip at the time. Kinch was looking down the tracks to

see if there was a train coming from that direction and did not see the speeder coming from the other direction in time to stop. Neither did the men on the speeder see the Ford.

Had the railroad motor car struck the Ford it is probable that Kinch would have been killed. As it was the speeder had nearly cleared the crossing when the Ford struck its rear end and threw it crosswise of the tracks. The men on the speeder were thrown about like ten pins. The most seriously hurt were Peter LaFrano, bruised shoulder and severe abrasions about the head; Albert Thompson, left cheek badly scraped and bruised; and Joe DuBois, right leg bruised and small scalp wound. Kinch was uninjured but the radius rod of his Ford was bent. The motor speeder was put temporarily out of commission.

Dr. W. B. Morrow of Walton, the railroad physician, was hastily summoned and rendered first aid. The men, however, were so delayed by the accident that they did not attend the funeral service.

## CAPTAIN C. T. O'NEILL PROMOTED TO MAJOR

**Walton Guard Officer Will  
Command 2nd Battalion of  
Tenth Infantry**

Captain Charles T. O'Neill, commanding officer of Company F, Tenth Infantry, of Walton, on Wednesday received word from Colonel Walsh of Albany of his promotion to be major of the regiment in charge of the second battalion.

The promotion comes as a well merited recognition of long service in the state militia and of the high state of efficiency to which the local guard unit has been brought.



**MAJOR CHARLES T.  
O'NEILL**

Major O'Neill enlisted as a private in Company F, 1st N. Y. Infantry, in December, 1914, and held all the ranks of non-commissioned officers until commissioned as second lieutenant in July, 1917, when Company F was called out for service in the World war. At the time the old First regiment was amalgamated with the 7th at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., Lieutenant O'Neill was assigned to Company L, 106th Infantry and in April, 1918, was commissioned as first lieutenant. He was later picked as one of six officers of the 106th regiment to precede the regiment to France as an advanced school detachment. Upon the arrival of the 106th in France Lieut. O'Neill was placed in command of his company and was in command of the same until gassed and incapacitated at Dickebush, Belgium.

In November, 1919, he was placed in command of Company F, Tenth Regiment, New York National guard, with the rank of captain.

The second battalion com-

prises companies E and H of Binghamton, F of Walton, G of Oneonta, and the headquarters company located it Binghamton.

## FOREIGN WAR VETS PLAN OLD HOME WEEK

**Proceeds Will Be  
Used to Start Memorial  
Monument Fund**

Walton will have an old home week July 30 to Aug. 4, under the auspices of Frank Mead Eells post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and ladies' auxiliary of the post. These organizations are working hard to make this the biggest celebration that has ever come to Walton.

There is now a popularity contest under way and the winners will receive a diamond ring, wrist watch and silk umbrella. A Ford car is to be given away during the celebration and a list of attractions have been engaged for the week. These include a monstrous merry-go-round, an Eli Ferris wheel, aeroplane jazz swings, wonderfully decorated booths and amusing features.

Town and buildings will be decorated and a good time is here for all. A certain portion of the money derived from this will go to the memorial monument fund which the members of Frank Mead Eells post have set themselves the task of raising. Don't forget the dates, July 30 to Aug. 4.

## MEADOW FIRE CAUSED BY CARELESS SMOKER

**Four Acres of Standing  
Hay on Sidney Center Farm  
Burned on Friday**

(Sidney Center correspondent.)

About four o'clock last Friday afternoon a fire was discovered in J. H. Vandervort's meadows at Sidney Center and before it could be gotten under control four acres of his heaviest grass was burned.

The neighbors and men who were working on the new town road helped to fight the fire. The damage is estimated at over \$100.

The origin is unknown but it is thought that it was started from a lighted cigar which some one passing in a car threw into the grass along the road. At that time the travel was heavy over Vandervort hill on account of the detour for the new road.

## THREE CARS PILED UP

**Two Fords and a Chevrolet in  
Kortright Mixup,**

(From Delhi correspondent.)

Sunday night about dusk on the South Kortright-Hobart road near the residence of J. G. Thompson, two Fords and a Chevrolet car were in a bad mixup. Tony Marshall was driving toward Bloomville in his Ford and he collided with the Chevrolet Car driven by Ernest Ploutz, who was headed toward Hobart. Directly behind Marshall Steve Marschilock was driving his new Ford, purchased less than two weeks ago. Ploutz' car was thrown crossways of the road and Marschilock's Ford piled up into it before he could stop, wrecking the Ford and damaging the Chevrolet. It is a marvel that more persons were not injured, and seriously, for the three cars had a number of occupants. Mr. and Mrs. Marschilock and child were all hurt, but none of them seriously and Mr. Ploutz sustained an injury to his hand. Marshall's car had a broken wheel. The three disabled vehicles were not removed until Monday morning. Sheriff Arbuckle and deputy Stewart

were called to the scene of the wreck and road and Marschilock's Ford piled up into it before he could stop, wrecking the Ford and damaging the Chevrolet. It is a marvel that more persons were not injured, and seriously, for the three cars had a number of occupants. Mr. and Mrs. Marschilock and child were all hurt, but none of them seriously and Mr. Ploutz sustained an injury to his hand. Marshall's car had a broken wheel. The three disabled vehicles were not removed until Monday morning. Sheriff Arbuckle and deputy Stewart were called to the scene of the wreck and a hearing was held before Justice Henderson at Bloomville Monday afternoon, in an effort to fix the responsibility for the accident.

Another collision, in which fortunately no one was hurt, happened Monday morning near South Kortright, at foot of Bovina mountain road, where the milk truck of Tony Bono, an Italian, and the large truck loaded with milk for the League creamery at South Kortright, and driven by Floyd Gregory of Bloomville, met head on. The impact was such as to turn the lighter truck of Bono's completely over. A fender and one wheel on it were broken.

## ENOUGH TO FUSS ANYONE

**Car With Young Man and Six  
Girls Goes Over Bank.**

Surrounded by six pretty girls, Thomas W. Quinn of Worcester, Mass., driving a seven-passenger automobile, backed over a thirty foot embankment a mile and a half east of Deposit, near the Farrell farm Friday morning.

Two of the girls leaped to safety as the car started on its downward plunge. Quinn and four girls escaped when a frail sapling halted the heavy car momentarily. The sapling then broke and the car struck a group of trees further down.

None of the car's occupants were hurt and the car was only slightly damaged.

Quinn left Binghamton with friends for a drive. Shortly after he left Deposit, he sought a point where he could turn back to the city. Finding none, he attempted to turn on a narrow part of the road, with an embankment on one side and a steep grade on the other. As he neared the completion of his turn the earth at the top of the embankment gave way, letting the car crash through a heavy rail fence.—Deposit Courier.

## IN MEMORY OF MR. AYER.

A few weeks after the death of F. W. Ayer, the master of Meridale Farms, there was held in the home church, Camden, N. J., a memorial service at which representative men in various walks of life spoke of their close relations with him.

The last address, prepared and presented by Mr. Hayward, formerly dean of the Delaware Agriculture college, now at the head of the agricultural division of the N. W. Ayer and Son organization, a man thoroughly familiar with Mr. Ayer's farming proclivities and policies, gave to a host of friends gathered to do him honor, a side light on Mr. Ayer's career and personality with which many of them were unacquainted.

With the thought that Delaware county friends and neighbors who really knew Mr. Ayer as a farmer will be interested in this tribute, it has been arranged to have Dean Hayward repeat this address at the Sunday evening service of the Meredith church, July 22nd.