

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About
at the County Hub

SERVICES FOR HARDING

Relaying Bridge Walk—
Health Nurse Resigns—
Schenectady Team Here
Saturday—Ten Days in Jail.

William Hansen of West brook fell while unloading hay one day this week and fractured a rib.

Clinton D. Ostrom has bought the interest of his partner, Frank T. Ives, in the Beerston store.

A Polish employee on the town road construction work fell from a truck one day this week and sprained his back. Two ribs were also fractured. Dr. W. G. Smith was called in attendance.

Frank Mead Eells post, No. 270, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has elected new officers as follows: Commander, J. J. Connelly; senior vice commander, Robert Holmes; junior vice commander, Clayton Wood; adjutant, George A. Drake.

H. C. Nahrman of Brooklyn, who leased the store in Frank Fiumera's building, Delaware street, formerly occupied by Mrs. Boyd's tea room, will open a variety store there Monday. He will carry a line of crockery, glassware and notions.

Walton friends have received announcements of the marriage of Miss Edna Merle Smith to Leonard Ashton Williams on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Warrensburg, N. Y. Miss Smith was formerly instructor of physical education in the Walton schools.

Miss Louise Thomas fell Tuesday at the home of Fred R. Lyon, North street, and sustained a Colle's fracture of her right wrist. She was standing on a stool while fixing a picture frame, when she fell. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture.

One of the best ball games of the season is promised for Saturday when Walton will cross bats with the fast Schenectady team. The game will be called at 3 o'clock. The game with Oneonta scheduled for today, Friday, has been cancelled on account of President Harding's funeral.

Miss Mildred Mathewson has tendered her resignation as public health nurse in Walton. Miss Mathewson recently returned to her home in California for a visit and at that time expected to resume her duties this month. She is a skilled and competent nurse and an indefatigable worker, whose place will be hard to fill.

R. J. Curran of Syracuse was the lucky shareholder of the number drawing the Ford car given away old home week. The prize winners of the popularity contest were as follows: Alice Reville, receiving a diamond ring; Helen Titus, a wrist watch; Helen Connelly a silk umbrella; Gladys Eger, a clock.

An appropriation to furnish motor delivery service for parcel packages in Walton village has been recommended by J. A. Hartwell of Herkimer, United States post office inspector, after a thorough inspection of the Walton post office last week. It is believed that the money will be available in a month and will be sufficient to allow four hours delivery of parcels post by automobile daily.

Street Commissioner J. A. Robinson and men have been busy this week relaying the side-

walk on the river bridge, Bridge street, which had become badly rotted. The town board at its August meeting Friday voted to send for a state bridge inspector to inspect the main structure to see if repairs are necessary. The town maintains the bridge proper and the village the sidewalk part of the structure.

Leon Robinson, employed in the Miner-Edgar factory at Rock Rift, was arrested by Corporal J. J. Warner of the state police Tuesday evening on a charge of disorderly conduct and public intoxication. He was arraigned before Justice LeGrande Houck who gave him the alternative of a ten dollar fine or ten days in jail. He took the jail sentence. Robinson has been in trouble before on similar charges.

Village President A. J. Courtney has issued a proclamation asking all business places to close at 2 o'clock this Friday afternoon as a mark of respect to the late President Harding, whose funeral service will be held at Marion, Ohio, at 3 o'clock Friday. President Courtney has also appointed a committee to arrange for a public memorial service in Walton hall at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The committee consists of Rev. S. E. Carr, chairman, Rev. Joseph Heenan, A. W. North and John G. More. North will speak on "Harding—the Man, the Nation's Loss." H. F. Marvin will lead the singing, the selections chosen being America, The Star Spangled Banner, and Nearer My God to Thee, President Harding's favorite hymn. The entrance way of Walton hall will be draped with black and white streamers under the direction of C. A. Churchill and A. E. Oothoudt. Postmaster F. F. Dickerman has received orders from the post office department in Washington to close the local post office between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock today. The First National bank will be closed for the day. Notes due Aug. 10 will not be protested until Monday.

WILL HOLD WALTON FAIR

September 4, 5, 6 and 7
Fixed as Dates This Year

PREMIUM BOOKS SOON

Horse and Auto Races
and Platform Attractions
Daily Will Furnish
Amusement for Visitors.

Walton will have a fair this year. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 4, 5, 6 and 7, are the dates selected.

The decision to hold the fair this year was made by the fair management after some thirty persons had agreed to underwrite the fair. It had been planned to get forty to sign this agreement but owing to the shortness of time it was decided to go ahead with the plans and secure the additional backers later if possible.

Arrangements were made at the last fair for the return of the merry-go-round, ferris wheel and other riding devices that were here last season. Platform attractions will be booked at once with the Melville agency.

It is also planned to have horse races daily as well as motorcycle and automobile races. On Thursday, the big day, Secretary of State Hamilton has been secured to give an address.

The premium books will be out within a few days and may be then secured by application. Few changes in the premiums will be made.

For several years the fair has been a losing proposition financially and upon the results of this year's fair will largely depend the final disposition of the fair grounds. In the fall it is possible that the plan of selling stock to retire the outstanding indebtedness will be pushed and if this falls through the grounds

will doubtless be sold. Had no fair been held this year it would be impossible to draw state aid again for two years.

ARCHIE CAMPBELL CLAIMED BY DEATH

Colchester Supervisor
Passed Away Thursday
Morning After Brief Illness

Archie Campbell of Downsville, supervisor of the town of Colchester, died Thursday morning, Aug 9, at the home of his niece, Mrs. Paul Barrett, at Rockland. Mr. Campbell was 70 years of age.

Friends first noticed the change in Mr. Campbell's health somewhat over a month ago. About two weeks ago he came to the Barrett home for a short visit and while there was taken with his last illness. From the first little or no hope was entertained of his recovery.

Few men were better known or had a wider acquaintance in Delaware county than Archie Campbell. He was a native of the town of Colchester and his entire life had been spent there with the exception of a brief period when he taught school near Sioux City, Iowa. A staunch Democrat in politics, his townsmen had honored him with various offices of trust and he had several times represented Colchester on the board of supervisors. He had also served as postmaster at Downsville.

Mr. Campbell had been engaged in the lumber business some forty years and at one time and another had some seven farms in the vicinity of Downsville.

He was a member of Downsville lodge, No. 464, F. & A. M., of Delaware chapter, R. A. M. of Walton, Norwich Commandery, and Kalurah Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Binghamton.

The funeral service will be held Sunday at one o'clock in the Presbyterian church in Downsville. The Masons will have charge of the service at the grave. Three brothers, Charles B., living in Montana, Colin of Colchester, and Hugh, survive, as well as six nephews and nieces.

The outstanding characteristic of Archie Campbell was his loyalty—loyalty to his friends, to his party, and to the East Branch valley which he loved so well. Few men are privileged to enjoy the wide acquaintance and friendships which Archie Campbell knew. As a supervisor he ably represented his town on the board and his colleagues found in him a man whose sound judgment on various problems they came to look for.

FOR SOLDIER HOSPITAL

Sum of \$100,000
For Purchase of
Stamford Estates.

(From Stamford corr.)

F. M. Kirkner, who has taken over the Kirkner estate situated on the hill in the rear of the seminary building, Stamford, and opened the same for a permanent convalescent hospital, has commenced a campaign this week to raise a \$100,000 fund to complete the purchase of the Kirkner estate and the Alfred G. Reeves estate adjoining and convert the two summer homes thereon into a hospital for the care of sick and disabled veterans of the late conflict. The present capacity of the buildings without alterations or improvements is forty men. The average stay of each patient at the hospital will be approximately two months and at this rate it is estimated 240 patients can be cared for in the year. The Kirkner house is now open and entertaining some soldier patients. Volunteer workers will canvas for subscriptions in this vicinity this week and a campaign for funds will be conducted in Delaware and adjoining counties.

WOUNDED WITH OWN RIFLE

Granton Boy Wounded in
Side by Bullet From Gun.

Tracey Brundage, aged 16 years, of Granton, was driving with horse and buggy from Granton to Apex, Sunday morning, when a .28 calibre rifle which rested in the bottom of the wagon was accidentally discharged. The bullet entered the lad's side, followed a rib and went out six or seven inches from the point of entry. Young Brundage, who was accompanied by Miss Mildred Peck, had taken the rifle along as a protection against a bull that is ugly, which has attacked several persons on this highway, being allowed to roam at large. On the way Tracey took a shot at a hawk, reloaded the rifle, and placed it in the wagon. Without any apparent cause the weapon was discharged a short time later. Miss Peck returned to Granton with Tracey, who was given first aid treatment and later the wound was dressed by Dr. W. B. Morrow of Walton.

Blasters Find Petrified Fish.

(From Cannonsville corr.)

While blasting rocks for use on the macadam road near the Backus farm Fred Haynes found two petrified fish which had been embedded in the rocks and hurled out by the force of the blast. One was about two feet long, having scales, and resembled a pike or pickerel. The other looked like a part of a large eel. The fish were found quite a distance from Trout creek and up a steep bank.

Hamden House Struck.

(From Hamden corr.)

During the heavy thunder storm last Friday night lightning struck the residence of Elmer Clarke in Hamden. Slight damage was done to the building.

FELL DOWN BARN STAIRS

Delancey Man Has Arm
Broken Above Wrist.

Henry E. Little of Delancey fell and fractured his left arm above the wrist Monday. While coming down the steep flight of stairs in the barn at Spruce Lodge he caught his toe and fell. Dr. M. D. McNaught of Hamden reduced the fracture.

KORTRIGHT BARN BURNS

Building on Tait Farm
Struck by Lightning.

(North Kortright corr.)

During the severe thunder storm of Friday afternoon the barn on the farm known as the Andrew Tait place, Kortright, was struck and burned. Frank Smith of West Harpersfield with one or two others, a team of mules and a team of horses were in the barn but men and horses were unhurt. They were doing the haying there. The farm is now owned by Fred Van Dusen of Harpersfield. It is not known if the barn was insured.

Stamford Team Disbands.

The Stamford baseball team has disbanded, it is stated. The team have not been winning any games and as a result have failed to obtain the support of the fans in that vicinity. The cancelling of Sunday games also resulted in a heavy financial loss.

Bovina Girl Breaks Collar Bone.

(From Bovina corr.)

Miss Helen Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson, had the misfortune to break her collar bone while playing Wednesday.

THROWN AGAINST HORSE

Bovina Farmer Kicked by
Animal After Fall From Rake.

(From Bovina corr.)

J. J. Barnes of Bovina had a narrow escape from a serious accident Monday when the tongue on the horse rake broke. Mr. Barnes was thrown against one of the horses which kicked him. The rake also passed over him and one tooth caught his ankle and cut it quite badly. One arm and hand were also badly bruised.

THIEVES WERE FOND OF EGGS

Stole Fifteen Dozen
While Vandervort Family
Was Absent.

(Sidney Center corr.)

Thieves entered the poultry houses on the Vandervort farm on Saturday afternoon while the members of the family were in town attending Chautauqua and stole nearly all the day's eggs. Mr. Vandervort estimates over fifteen dozen taken.

CHANGES IN GAME LAWS ARE OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE

A supply of the 1923 syllabus of fish and game laws has been received by Town Clerk Earl S. St. John from the conservation commission and copies may be secured on application.

Changes in the game laws this season are few. One of the new laws enacted this year provides protection for bear. Heretofore bears could be killed at any time. Now an open season of one month only is provided, Oct. 15 to Nov. 15. Other provisions of the game laws of general interest are as follows:

Deer: Open season in Adirondack counties, Oct. 15 to Nov. 15; Ulster, Sullivan, Rensselaer, Delaware, Columbia, Greene and Orange counties, Nov. 1 to Nov. 15. The limit is one deer per person in a season and only bucks having horns not less than three inches in length may be taken.

Mink: May be taken in any manner day or night from Nov. 10 to Mar. 15.

Muskrat: Open season Dec. 1 to Mar. 31. The shooting of muskrats is prohibited. Muskrat houses shall not be injured or disturbed in any way.

Rabbits: Varying hares, open season Oct. 15 to Mar. 1; cottontail rabbits, open season Oct. 1 to Jan. 31. Hares and rabbits shall not be hunted with ferrets and a bag limit of six a day is fixed. The owner or occupant of enclosed or occupied farms and lands may at any time take rabbits damaging property except by the use of ferrets.

Raccoon and skunk: Open season Nov. 10 to Feb. 10. Skunks shall not be dug out of their holes or taken by smoking or the use of chemicals and they must not be hunted by dogs. Skunks which have become a nuisance or are damaging property may be killed at any time.

Squirrels: Open season Oct. 15 to Nov. 15. A bag limit of five in one day is fixed.

Frogs: Bull frogs, June 16 to Oct. 31.

Duck: Sept. 15 to Dec. 31.

Partridges: Counties of Sullivan, Orange, Greene, Delaware, Ulster, Rockland, Columbia, Putnam, Dutchess, Rensselaer and Westchester, Oct. 15 to Nov. 30. Bag limit three a day and fifteen in the open season.

Pheasants: Male birds may be shot the last two Thursdays in October and the first two Saturdays in November. Bag limit, three in a day.

Bass: Open season, June 16 to Nov. 30. Minimum length, 10 inches.

Trout: First Saturday in April to Aug. 31, inclusive. Minimum length, 6 inches; day limit, 10 pounds to a person.

Pickerel and pike: May 1 to Mar. 1.