

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About
at the County Hub

WALTON HOUSE CLOSED

Engagement Announced—
Died Suddenly in
California—Utilities
Change Offices—Forming
Training Class.

The board of education of the Walton high school organized for the ensuing year Tuesday by reelecting Samuel H. Fancher as president of the board.

E. L. Guild has bought Cetta Bros' store building on Delaware street through the agency of H. M. Robinson. Mr. Guild has a long term lease on his present store quarters further down the street and has leased his new purchase to Cetta Brothers.

Major James I. Webb will celebrate his 86th birthday on Saturday, August 18th. Mr. Webb still retains his robust health and for some time has been working in the Boston store. Friends will unite in extending best wishes to him on his birthday.

Conductor P. E. Spring moved his household goods to Norwich this week, where the family will reside. Robert P. Littlejohn, who bought the Spring house on Griswold street, will move there from the house near Crawford's mill which he now occupies.

E. M. Stern has leased rooms on the second floor of Frank Fiumera's building, Delaware street, in the rear of Dr. H. F. Mace's office and is moving from the Harby block to his new location. Mr. Stern has occupied his present quarters in the Harby building for the past twenty-two years.

The town board at a special meeting Tuesday evening granted the New York state gas and electric company, the parent company of the Southern New York power company, a franchise to erect its poles and wires within the highway limits of the town under the supervision of the town superintendent of highways.

The Southern New York Power company and the Delaware Telephone company have arranged to exchange offices and the change will be made this month. The power company is now located in the building adjoining the Majestic theatre owned by Fred Haverly and the telephone company has offices on the first floor of the Jenks-Patterson block.

Students who are intending to enter the training class of Walton high school this fall should enroll as soon as possible. Application blanks may be obtained from Principal H. B. Townsend. Miss Emma Dann, who has made an enviable record in training class work, will continue to conduct this department of the school. The Walton schools open Monday, September 10th.

Mrs. Charles E. Beers, of Johnson City, formerly of Walton, while on a sight-seeing trip at Watkins Glen last Friday, suffered a badly sprained ankle and torn ligaments of the leg as the result of a fall in the Glen. She was visiting her son, the Rev. Herman C. Beers, at Jackson Summit, Pa., and had motored with them to the Glen for the day. She is receiving medical attention at Jackson Summit.

L. M. Burkhart, who rented the Walton house for a year, has not renewed the lease and the hotel is now closed. Mr. Burkhart has moved his family to the Harrington house, Benton avenue, until his future plans are decided

upon. He has proved a popular host and the hotel has enjoyed a good patronage under his management. The Walton house is owned by Mrs. Eva Loomis, proprietor of the Central house.

Clark Hitt, a former Walton man, died suddenly recently while waiting his turn at a gasoline filling station in Yucaipa, California. He expired in the seat of his automobile. Death was due to angina pectoris. Mr. Hitt, who was 58 years of age, was a member of J. Q. Barlow's family from his early childhood after the death of his mother until he was 21 years of age. He was also a student in the Walton high school for three years. His wife and twin daughters survive as well as a brother and three sisters.

The engagement of Miss Florence D. Beers to Harold L. Combs was announced at a lawn party held Saturday afternoon, August 11, at the home of Miss Beers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Beers, Townsend street. After a social hour the guests gathered for refreshments about a table decorated with hollyhocks. The favors were bouquets of old-fashioned flowers in which were concealed the cards bearing the announcement of the engagement. Guests from out of town were the Misses Alice and Gertrude Bussy of Margaretville.

The indictment of all officials of the defunct Middletown Rubber company, Inc., will be sought by the United States post office department, when the grand jury meets in Goshen, Orange county, evidence having been collected by government operatives which shows, it is charged, that the mails were used with the purpose of defrauding the people. So far as the government is concerned the mails end of the rubber company venture is all it will handle. That the officials of the defunct rubber firm cannot be located at present was intimated, but it was further said that it will be an easy matter to get in touch with them at the proper time.

FIND MEN LIFELESS UNDER WRECKED CAR

Two Killed Monday Night
on South Kortright Road

RAN INTO PILE OF DIRT

Driver Lost Control
of Machine Which
Overturned in Ditch and
Killed Occupants.

The lifeless bodies of Reed Yerry and John Yerry, brothers, of Hobart were found under an overturned car on the South Kortright-Bloomville road Tuesday morning at 6:30 o'clock by a construction gang in charge of James Shackelton.

The men had been pinned under the car when it overturned into a ditch three feet deep by the side of the road late Monday night. Reed Yerry had apparently been instantly killed as his neck was broken and there was a deep depression in his body just over the heart. The shoulders of John were against Reed's shoulders and his head was jammed down to the dirt. He was either smothered or choked to death. The only appreciable damage to the car was a broken windshield.

Monday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock Reed, who was 23 years old, drove up to the C. W. Ives livery stable in Hobart, where John, 40 years old and married, was employed. He asked his brother to go for a ride with him. John didn't care to go, but went, as he said, "To look after the boy." It was stated by some that Reed had been drinking, but there is no proof of it. A little later in the afternoon the two were seen driving about town, and it was said by some that Reed was very noisy at this time.

From the tracks found in the road the following morning it was determined that the car was com-

ing from South Kortright and had reached the top of the hill east of the intersection with the Bettas brook road. The Ford, which was being driven close to the shoulder of the road, struck a pile of dirt, which had been excavated from a culvert hole. Although the car passed through this pile, it is thought that it caused Reed to lose control of the machine so that, when it struck another dirt pile just beyond, it toppled over into the ditch. The shock of the fall caused the watch of one of the men to stop at 11 o'clock, thus determining the exact time of the accident.

Shackelton, in charge of the gang of state road workers, who discovered the accident, immediately after righting the overturned car notified Coroner G. Silliman of Delhi, who arrived at the scene of the accident at 7:30 a. m. He did not consider an inquest necessary and the bodies were turned over to Undertaker Lewis White of Hobart, who took them to the home of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Yerry, in the same town.

John had been married twice, his first wife having died, and divorce proceedings were pending with the second. He is survived by two boys, 11 and 14, and a girl, 8, all children of the first wife, and by his parents and two brothers. Reed had no very regular employment and was single. As the two surviving sons of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Yerry were driving the Ford, in which their brothers were killed Tuesday, they lost control of it while attempting to enter the Hobart public shed. The machine rushed the entire length of the building and crashed through the wall. Neither of the men were hurt but the car was completely smashed, thus reversing the happenings of the night before.

SUPERVISORS AUDIT BILLS

Third Quarterly Session of
Board Held Monday.

(From Delhi corr.)

The board of supervisors of Delaware county met for their third regular meeting for the year 1923 at the court house in Delhi, at the supervisors' rooms on Monday at 4:30 p. m. The meeting was called to order by the chairman and all towns were represented except Colchester, no representative from this town being present on account of the death of Archie Campbell, former supervisor.

Bills to the amount of \$5,502.69 were audited and the county treasurer was authorized to borrow that amount on certificates of indebtedness.

Mr. Chamberlin presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, that inasmuch as one of the oldest and most respected members of this board has since the last meeting of the board of supervisors passed on and in the death of Archie Campbell the county and town which he represented has lost a valued and trusted official, be it resolved that the chairman appoint a committee of three members of the board of supervisors to draw appropriate resolutions upon the death of Mr. Campbell and that the same be made a part thereof of the minutes of this meeting, a copy thereof printed in two newspapers published in the county and a copy forwarded to the family of the deceased by the clerk of this board. Motion carried.

The chair appointed such committee, Mr. Chamberlin, Mr. McGranaghan and Mr. Bruce.

Mr. McGranaghan moved that a member of the board be appointed in Mr. Campbell's place on the committee on right of way for the Hancock-Long Eddy road, 3a. Motion carried. The chair appointed as such member Mr. Wheeler of Sidney. S. H. Fancher, county attorney, explained the change made in the workmen's compensation law as amended in 1923. On motion of Mr. Stephens the board adjourned.

WALTON BALL TEAM DISBANDS

Management Unable to Make
Ends Meet and Releases Players.

The Walton baseball team disbanded Saturday after the game with Schenectady in which the visitors were defeated by a score of 7 to 1.

The team has played a good game of ball this season but experienced the usual financial troubles and it was deemed better to disband than to close the season with a large deficit. Oneonta, Stamford and Tannersville are the only other places in this vicinity that have attempted to support summer ball teams this season.

Most of the players remained in Walton for a few days and then left for their homes or to engage with other semi-pro nines.

Caught Boys in Their Garden.

Five young men were invited to appear before Police Justice J. M. Peake after one of them had been caught red-handed committing depredations in the garden of George T. Johnston, Gardiner Place. They settled the matter and the case dropped. The Johnston flower garden is one of the beauty spots of the village and its appearance adds greatly to the attractiveness of Walton hall. Trouble has been experienced by the Johnstons and others in the past with a class of young rowdies who have no respect for property rights and it is probable that in the next case of the kind criminal proceedings will be pushed.

For Postmaster at Hamden.

An examination for postmaster at Hamden will be held at the Walton postoffice September 8. The Hamden office is third class and the term of Postmaster H. G. Howland expired July 1. The salary is \$1,000 per annum.

Panther Seen Near Shandaken.

(From Arkville corr.)

A man driving his car up the road in Broadstreet hollow one day last week saw a panther cross in front of him.

Broadstreet hollow lies east of Shandaken, Ulster county, about half a mile on the north and at right angles to the state road. It is several miles in extent and its head along the Greene county line borders on the Spruceton and Deep Notch ranges, a veritable wilderness.

It is thought the animal may have been the same one that has killed several young stock at Woodstock about fifteen miles further east in Ulster county and is making the wild mountain ranges between the two points his hunting grounds.

Otsego Boys Win Contest.

The Delaware county team of junior project workers was the third in the district contest held in Sidney Friday when teams from three other counties, Otsego, Chenango and Tioga, competed. The Otsego team won. Clifton Hunt of Walton, Wilmont Mason of Union Grove and Charles Hager of Bainbridge comprised the Delaware team.

Didn't Hurt the Furniture.

(From Cooks Falls corr.)

Mrs. Mary Hunter's Chandler touring car driven by a Mr. Keller of New York went off the private road in front of her house and turned turtle into the state road about noon on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Keller were overflow guests of the Mountain Lake Hotel at Mrs. Hunter's. Mr. Keller was bringing some new furniture from the station when the accident happened. Fortunately Mr. Keller was able to crawl from under the car with only a few slight scratches. The

top, windshield and steering wheel on the car were broken. The furniture was unharmed.

HURLED INTO TELEPHONE POLE

Gilboa Dam Worker is Killed
When Car is Sidewiped.

John Hustian was instantly killed at Hunter, Greene County, Sunday night, when the Chevrolet car in which he was riding, was sidewiped by a much larger car that was running at a fast clip.

Hustian, 34 years of age, was employed at the New York water works, and was riding in the rear seat of the auto when the speeding car met up with the car in which he was riding, hooking the rear wheel and throwing him head first into a telephone pole, killing him instantly. Troopers at the state barracks were sent word immediately but no trace of the car could be had.

AUTO JUMPED WALL AND UPSET IN LOT

Campbell Family of Walton
in Automobile Accident in
Syracuse

Mrs. Henry Campbell of Walton had her leg and side injured and Mrs. James Burnett of Syracuse sustained a fractured arm Sunday when the Chevrolet car in which they were riding was run into by another machine, causing the Chevrolet to go over a retaining wall into a lot, where it overturned.

The accident occurred on West Genesee street, Syracuse. The other occupants of the Chevrolet car, owned by Mr. and Mrs. James Burnett, were Mr. Burnett, Mr. Campbell and Miss Agnes Campbell.

The Chevrolet was struck on the side by a machine which came up from behind to pass. This caused the Chevrolet to jump over a retaining wall about three feet high and into the lot below.

Mr. Burnett and Miss Campbell remained in the car while the other three occupants were thrown out. Mrs. Burnett had her right arm broken at the wrist. Both she and Mrs. Campbell were removed to a hospital for treatment. The latter was badly bruised about the leg and side and may have broken some ribs. Mr. Campbell has a bad bump on his forehead as a reminder of the experience. The Chevrolet car was badly damaged.

FOG CAUSED COLLISION

Stamford Car in Accident on
Ellenville Detour.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Demarest, of Stamford, figured in a slight accident when their auto collided with another car on the detour road to Ellenville. Mrs. Demarest received a bad cut on the face. They were on their way to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Vail, 17 Washington street, Middletown. When a short distance from Ellenville they ran into a thick fog. It was while in the fog that they collided with the other car.

WOMAN'S HIP FRACTURED

Two Injured When Truck
Collides With Automobile.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

While en route for their home in Brooklyn after a visit at the home of her brother, Rev. Eli Quick, and wife of Cannonsville, Mrs. Sherman and daughter, Miss Harriet, with their car driven by a chauffeur were run into by a truck. Mrs. Sherman had one hip fractured and sustained numerous bruises. The daughter escaped with slight injuries. The driver was injured internally and is considered in a serious condition. All were taken to the hospital at Tuxedo. The car was badly wrecked.