

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About  
at the County Hub

### SUES R. R. FOR \$50,000

**Cut Weeds and Brush—Saw  
Panther Truck Almost Down  
Bank—Lost His Money.**

A number of the leading Walton stores will close at noon Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 3, for the rest of the day.

The First National bank as trustee has drawn for retirement twenty-three of the bonds of the Walton Mills corporation, which built the Kayser mill.

Principal H. B. Townsend will be in his office at the high school each morning next week from 9 to 12 o'clock to assist pupils in planning their courses for the coming year.

Earl G. Brougham has bought the interest of his partner, J. A. Barlow, in the Barlow & Brougham auto supply store, Delaware street. Mr. Barlow has not decided upon his future plans.

H. M. Robinson and E. B. Guild have brought the Mauterstock store building, Howell street, from Camp Brothers, and will move it to a location on Townsend's flat between the West brook bridge and More Bros. store.

There will be a partial eclipse of the sun next Monday, Sept. 3. In Walton the eclipse begins at about 3:43 p. m., and will reach its maximum at 4:38 and will end at 5:28 p. m. The total obscuration will be about forty-six one-hundredths of the sun's actual disc.

A five ton Larrabee truck owned by W. I. Sanford, the Margaretville feed dealer, went through the fender on one of the curves in the state highway east of James Chambers' farm, near Hawleys Saturday. The accident occurred at the point where a retaining wall was built to keep the road from sliding. The rear wheels caught and kept the truck from going clear over.

The public service commission will give a hearing on Sept. 6 at 10 a. m., daylight saving time, upon the application of the Southern New York Power company to the transfer by the applicant to the New York State Gas and Electric Corporation of the franchise, works and system of an electric plant owned by the applicant which furnishes service in the towns of Walton, Hancock, Deposit and Tompkins, Delaware county, as well as to a number of places in Otsego county.

Section 54 of the highway law requires that the owner or occupants of lands abutting upon a highway, shall, before the first day of September of each year, cut and remove all noxious weeds, briars and brush growing without the bounds of the highway fronting such premises. In case the work is not done by the property owners by September first town superintendents of highways are required to do the work and have it charged against the property owners on their taxes next winter.

Four young men who had been employed at the Neal greenhouse left for New York Friday on train 6. One of the group, James Williamson of Irvington-on-the-Hudson, bought the tickets and on

receiving change from the ticket agent placed the money in his pocket. Train 6 was standing at the station at the time and Williamson ran out and got on the train. Before they reached Beerston the other three men were paying Williamson for their tickets and he then discovered that he had lost his money, consisting of four fifty-dollar bills and the four one-dollar bills he had received in change. A message was sent back from Apex but search about the station failed to locate the missing money.

Mrs. Earl R. Thompson of Walton has retained Hon. C. C. Flaesch of Unadilla to bring an action for \$50,000 damages against the Delaware & Hudson company for the death of Mr. Thompson, who was killed last spring while working in the railroad yards in Oneonta. Mr. Thompson was a brakeman and was riding on the side of a car which was being shunted into a storage track and was caught between the car upon which he was riding and a car on another track which stood so near the junction of the two tracks that there was not sufficient clearance for the body of the unfortunate man, who was almost instantly killed. Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of Milo VanValkenburg of Walton and has resided in Walton since her husband's death.

While Mrs. P. H. McLaughlin of Walton and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Inderlied, Miss Dorothy Inderlied, and Mrs. John Ford of Elizabeth, N. J., were returning to Walton last Thursday evening from a trip to Binghamton and Endicott an animal which they believe was a panther stepped out into the highway ahead of their car on the road between Granton and Rock Rift. The animal was going in the same direction as the car was headed. When the machine was close by it started to cross the road and then turned to disappear in the bushes on the same side of the road from which he had come. The occupants of the car describe the animal as large as an ordinary dog with black striped body, a white face and long tail. They are sure the animal was not a wildcat.

## LARGE CROWDS LOOKED FOR AT WALTON FAIR NEXT WEEK

All plans are completed for the big Walton fair next week, Sept. 4, 5, 6 and 7. Although Tuesday, the 4th, is designated as the opening day, this day as usual will be devoted to receiving and arranging the exhibits and the real opening will be held Wednesday.

An attractive race program has been arranged for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and on these days there also will be free platform attractions given by acrobatic and comedy men. The attractions also include a pony and dog show which will be given in front of the grandstand.

The Walton band will furnish music each day. The management states that arrangements have been made for aeroplane flights daily in addition to the other attractions.

A special train will be run from Livingston Manor Thursday morning which will stop at all stations and arrive in Walton about 10:30 o'clock. The train will leave Walton at 7 o'clock in the evening on the return trip.

The midway promises to be better than usual. The riding devices include a merry-go-round, ferris wheel, seaplane swings and the whip. The secretary's office in the Chronicle building, will be open until Saturday evening to receive entries of exhibits.

## FIVE CARS WRECKED AS ACCIDENT TOLL

Walton Ford Goes Over  
Bank Near Rock Rift Bridge

### MAN'S NECK BADLY CUT

Wagons Damaged When  
Cars Collide With Horse  
Drawn Vehicles—  
No Serious Injuries.

A chapter of automobile accidents, any one of which might easily have proved fatal, is recorded this week in Walton and other Delaware county towns. That the number of deaths in motor mishaps is not greater seems almost miraculous in view of the number of accidents of the kind occurring each week.

While Ichabod Sprague of Walton was taking Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Davie and their three children of Granton to the Davie reunion at C. T. Davie's, Bennett hollow, on Saturday morning his Ford touring car went over the steep bank at the eastern approach to the Rock Rift bridge. As Sprague made the turn from the bridge toward Rock Rift his steering gear locked. The iron railing which was formerly along the bank was knocked down some time ago when Burkett Brothers' truck went over the bank with a load of eggs. A couple of planks had been placed along the edge of the steep pitch to the river and Sprague's car came to a stop with the front wheels resting on these boards. The bank underneath the boards was hollowed out and the planks gave way under the weight of the car which then took the plunge down toward the river. The machine turned over three times and landed right side up. Sprague, who was in the front seat, was hurled through the windshield. His neck was badly cut on the glass and the jugular vein was missed by a narrow margin. Alta Davie, who was also in front, was also somewhat cut, but not seriously. Mr. and Mrs. Davie and the two boys, who were in the back seat, were thrown out but were not seriously injured. The top, windshield and one rear wheel of the Ford were smashed and the body damaged. The accident occurred in the town of Tompkins, the town line passing through the center of the bridge. Dr. Morrow dressed Sprague's injuries.

The Ford car formerly owned by Barlow & Brougham which Sylvester Houck was driving up the state road about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning left the highway at the farm of L. C. More above Colchester station and went down the bank ten feet or more. A front tire of the car blew out and a second later the machine crashed through the fence and ended over down the bank. Houck and his companion, Oliver Gregory, escaped with a severe shaking up but the car was badly wrecked. Houck states that a dog ran out in front of the car as it passed the More house and that hitting this dog caused the accident. Dr. Smith attended to Houck's injuries.

On Sunday evening about 7:30 o'clock as Mr. and Mrs. Borden of Peakville, accompanied by their daughter, Adelaide, and son-in-law, Raymond Lindsay, were driving toward Peakville and when close to Blackman's service station at Horton a Ford runabout driven by William Miner of Deposit going toward Middletown crashed into Borden's car throwing Mrs. Borden completely out of the car. Mr. Miner sustained several bad cuts especially on his face which were dressed by Dr. Miller of Roscoe, who promptly arrived on the scene. Mrs. Borden was taken to her home suffering from severe bruises and two

broken ribs. The only solution of the accident seems to be that the wishbone of Miner's car dropped down when near the other car and he was unable to control the direction of his car. Miner, who is employed on a steam shovel on the state road near Liberty, was also taken to his home in Deposit by Andrew Horton who happened along soon after the accident.

A Ford runabout driven by George Finch collided with a horse and buggy driven by Harvey Winnie near the Tremper skill bridge at Shavertown, Saturday morning. The horse was knocked down hurting Mr. Winnie considerably and breaking the buggy badly. Careless driving by Finch caused the accident.

H. S. Downer of Tylers switch narrowly escaped serious injury last Friday afternoon. He was coming to Hancock to do his week end shopping and to deliver some eggs and produce. When near the residence of Leroy Fink his horse became frightened by a box which came rolling down the steep bank hitting his horse on the side. The animal jumped sideways in front of a car which was about to pass. The auto struck the wagon, upsetting it and throwing Mr. Downer out with the wagon top of him. By this time the horse began to run, dragging Mr. Downer some distance. He was badly shaken up and bruised about his legs and body. The auto which hit him brought Mr. Downer to Hancock. His wagon was practically smashed but the horse was not hurt.

A Packard twin six touring car left the road on Wheeler hill between Fishs Eddy and Tylers Switch Tuesday afternoon, landing on the north bound track of the O. & W. None of the occupants of the were injured and the car was not damaged to any great extent. Wreckers from the Fox garage of Hancock pulled the car back on the road and they proceeded to Hancock for repairs.

Sunday afternoon a Ford car wandered aimlessly up the back street at Fishs Eddy, writes the Reporter's correspondent at that place, under the guidance of John Barleycorn. Turning the corner near the schoolhouse it narrowly missed taking S. S. Fish's bungalow with it. At the crosswalk in front of the schoolhouse "Lizzie" expired and at the same time the driver lapsed into a state of coma in which condition he remained for the remainder of the afternoon. Another victim of misplaced confidence. Gas and "licker" won't mix and it would be wise for some motorists to bear this fact in mind.

## WAR ROMANCE ENDS IN DOUBLE WEDDING

Peter Pappas and Howard  
Ralles Marry Sisters They  
Met in Germany

A war romance which began in Hamburg, Germany, in 1919 culminated in the marriage in Endicott Sunday, Aug. 26, of Peter Pappas, proprietor of the Walton candy kitchen in Walton, to Miss Louise Luders, and of Howard Ralles, a clerk in the candy kitchen, to Miss Ally Luders. The brides arrived in New York from Hamburg last week.

During the war Pappas served in an ammunition train and Ralles with the Third Engineers. Ralles' unit returned to America soon after the armistice but after his discharge from the army he went to Germany to see the country. While in Hamburg he met his bride-to-be and also became acquainted with Pappas, who was courting Miss Louise. Before the men returned to America the girls had promised to come to the United States later to marry them.

When Ralles returned to America a brother of the girls, Charles Luders, came with him as a stowaway on the ship. He is now living in Brooklyn. Tony Nonis, who clerks from time to time in the Pappas store in Walton, is engaged to another sister, Helen Luders, who is still in Germany.

The ceremonies which united the two couples took place in the Greek Orthodox church in Endicott Sunday afternoon, Aug. 26. Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Dickermon and James M. Peake of Walton, John Pappas of Deposit, George Pagonos of Delhi, Charles Luders of Brooklyn and Thomas Theodoropoulos of Greene were among those who witnessed the marriage services.

## NEW GREENHOUSES ERECTED BY W. T. NEAL

Walton Florist Has the  
Finest Plant in This Section

### TO BEGIN ROSE CULTURE

Will Have 8,000 Roses  
and 17,000 Carnations  
Under Glass—In  
Wholesale Business.

W. T. Neal, of the Neal Floral company, will complete work this week on two new greenhouses which will give him the finest greenhouse plant in this section.

Mr. Neal razed the old greenhouse building on his East street property and has erected two new greenhouses, each 225 feet in length and 60 feet wide. A connecting house 33 by 25 feet in dimensions joins the two larger units. A new boiler room and office building were constructed last year.

The changes double the capacity of the former plant and Mr. Neal plans to utilize the additional space for the culture of roses for both the wholesale and retail trade. One greenhouse will be devoted to roses and 8,000 plants have already been set out there. The second of the main buildings will be used for carnations and will furnish shelter for some 17,000 of these plants. The connecting house will be used for miscellaneous plants, palms and ferns.

Some idea of the extent of the new structures may be realized from the fact that in each of the main buildings there are 8,000 panes of glass. The buildings will be heated from two new 250 horse power boilers. Three to six tons of soft coal will be required daily to keep the fires going in cold weather.

Only in the cities of Kingston, Utica, Syracuse and Binghamton will greenhouses be found in this part of the state which will equal in size and convenience the Neal plant when completed. Mr. Neal expects to enter more extensively into the wholesale trade in roses and carnations. In recent weeks in addition to the men engaged on the construction work he has employed some twenty persons in the greenhouse work. Normally a force of from seven to twelve will be required.

The floral gardens on the hillside below the Neal residence add much to the beauty of that part of the village. Mr. Neal's enterprise in enlarging his business is to be commended.

## Oneonta Ball Team Disbands.

The Oneonta baseball team disbanded Wednesday. This action was taken following a meeting of the athletic association directors Tuesday evening. The receipts at the games have not equalled the expenses and difficulty was encountered in booking games since the Walton and Stamford nines disbanded.