

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

## DEMOCRATS NOMINATE

**Changes at Central House—  
Two Houses Sold—Ford  
Went Over Bank.**

The chemical tank was called out Friday afternoon by a fire at the tarvia tank on the switch near Howland's coal elevator. The blaze was put out without any damage being done.

Dr. F. Schiessler has purchased of Mrs. J. Rothensies her house on lower Gardiner Place. Possession will be given at once and Dr. Schiessler will move his chiropractic office there from rooms over More's drug store.

Flessau and Zink, proprietors of the Riverview hotel, are making changes in the south wing of the hotel which will provide a private dining room when completed. Two rooms are being thrown together to make one large dining room.

The last chauffeur's examination to be held in Walton this year will be conducted here early in October. Application blanks may be secured from S. T. H. Knight, secretary of the Walton Chamber of Commerce, or from the president, A. J. Courtney.

William Jaycox of Carcass brook has bought the Rutherford farm in McGibbon hollow from the Rutherford estate. The sale was made by T. M. Galley and includes thirty head of cattle and farm implements. Nelson Brown has occupied the place, which contains some 200 acres.

John G. More has sold his house on Mead street to Mrs. Amy Morris of Delancey. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson. Possession will be given October 1st. Mr. and Mrs. More will move to the Morris house, Mead street, which Mrs. More recently purchased and which has been undergoing extensive repairs.

A Ford car driven by Charles Buckbee of Margaretville went over the bank Monday on the Beers brook road, about half a mile above E. F. Goodrich's place. The car turned over on its side against a tree, smashing the windshield and top. Mr. Buckbee was on his way to visit his mother, Mrs. Albert Dill, at the time. He was not injured.

Manager Fred Haverly of the Delaware Telephone company is changing the telephone cables from the old pole which has stood out in the highway at the corner of Delaware and Townsend streets, near Courtney's store, to the new pole erected further back from the street. The old pole stood so far out in the highway as to be a menace to motorists.

Walton may be selected as the site for a sub-station of the federal fish hatchery at Cape Vincent, N. Y. On Wednesday J. P. Snyder, superintendent of the Cape Vincent hatchery, accompanied by Frank Gadwood and F. F. Dickerson, president and secretary of the Delaware Valley Fish & Game club, visited five sites in this vicinity which are regarded as suitable for such a station where trout fry would be kept until they reached the fingerling size. Should Walton be selected and a sub-station built it is probable that in time a hatchery would be erected here.

William P. Bruce has rented from Mrs. Eva Loomis the dining room and kitchen of the

Central House and will open a restaurant about October first. Changes will be made by which the dining room and the waiting room in the front will be thrown together and then a partition built through the center of the enlarged room to provide a ladies' dining room on one side and a lunch counter on the other. A glass front will be built on the side of the hotel occupied by the restaurant. Mr. Bruce is an experienced restaurant man, having been employed in the Royal cafe for some years.

The fall time table of the Ontario & Western will be effective only three weeks, from September 9 to 29, inclusive, a new schedule going into effect on the latter date. With the present time table most of the summer trains to Sullivan county resorts were discontinued. The time of departure from Walton of the passenger trains follows: Northbound, No. 1, 3:03 p. m.; No. 3, 6:25 p. m.; No. 5, 1:06 a. m.; No. 55, the Utica Flyer, 7:20 a. m.; No. 11, 12:42 a. m. Southbound, No. 4, 7:58 a. m.; No. 2, 12:05 m.; No. 6, 2:07 p. m.; No. 56, 8:35 p. m.; No. 12, 11:45 a. m. Delhi branch: 8:40 p. m.; 3:05 p. m.; 7:55 a. m.

John G. More was nominated for supervisor at the Democratic caucus Tuesday evening. Mrs. Hazel Wilson Schlafer was named as collector, Augustus Graby for assessor for two year term and Earl G. Brougham as assessor for four years. The caucus endorsed the following Republicans: For town clerk, Earl S. St. John; for justices of the peace, Seeley Wood and P. Bert Williams. Constables nominated were Charles R. Wakeman, Lewis Stidd, Harold Miller and William P. Hall. Mr. More will make an active campaign for the office. The Democrats have endorsed Supervisor William G. Moore during his three terms of office. The Republican caucus will be held next Tuesday, when it will be seen whether this action will be reciprocated.

## SILK SHORTAGE FELT AT KAYSER PLANTS

**Walton and Sidney Mills Are  
Affected by Japan's Quake**

## RAW SILK IS DESTROYED

**Cable Advices to Effect That  
Two Months' Supply Was  
Lost in an Earthquake.**

The earthquake disaster in Japan will affect the Keyser silk mills in Walton and Sidney through damage to the silk crop. It is estimated that three months or longer may be required before the silk industry is again on a normal basis.

Cable advices from Japan are to the effect that between 40,000 and 50,000 bales of raw silk were destroyed in Yokohama, the center of the earthquake. This is about a two months supply for the silk manufacturing industry in the United States to which most of the Japanese silk crop is exported. The Japanese farmers were just beginning to bring their autumn silk crop to Yokohama, the center of the silk industry in Japan, when the disaster came, but it is not believed that much of the new crop had been brought in as yet. It will be several weeks before the real extent of the damage is known.

Meanwhile speculation in raw silk in the New York market has sent the price up some fifty per cent. It is doubtful whether the Kayser company and other large users of silk will pay high prices for the raw material when the prospect of increasing their own selling price is not of the best.

Some one hundred fifty persons are now employed in the Kayser silk mill in Walton, about thirty being girls in the winding department. Superintendent Verne Darling states that the lo-

cal plant has on hand a supply of silk sufficient to keep the weavers busy only a few weeks and that advices from company offices are that the shortage will probably be felt from sixty to ninety days. In the matter of lay-offs the married men will be given the preference in being kept at work.

The local Keyser mill has between sixty and seventy weaving machines and the weavers work in two shifts. The mill is the largest single factor in the industrial life of Walton and it is hoped that the disturbance in the silk market may prove of short duration.

The Kayser company has large quantities of manufactured cloth on hand and in the Sidney factory where there is a glove making department the situation will not be felt as much as in the Walton plant which is entirely devoted to weaving the cloth.

In addition to the Kayser mills in Walton and Sidney there are also silk mills in Hancock and Deposit which will also doubtless be affected.

## 849 PUPILS ENROLL IN WALTON SCHOOLS

**Many Changes Made in  
Faculty From Last Year**

## 210 ARE NON- RESIDENTS

**Eight of 1922 Graduates  
Will Enter College and  
Normal—Over Hundred in  
Higher Institutions.**

Walton public schools opened on Monday of this week with a total registration of 849 pupils. Of this number there are in the high school 308 and 541 in the grades. The non-resident registration numbers 210, a falling off of six from last year, while 639 are in the resident list, compared to 691 of 1922.

In the Miller avenue school 250 pupils are enrolled and in the Stockton avenue school 264, making a total of 514. The high school numbers 308 including the 12 members of the training class and there are 27 pre-academic students, i. e., who lack one subject for entering high school; these are counted in the figures for the grade registration.

Following is a comparative table of registration for the first week of September during the past four years:

	1920	1921	1922	1923
Total	791	860	910	849
High school	275	303	312	308
Grades	616	557	598	514
Non-resident	160	193	216	210
Resident	631	667	691	639

In the personnel of the faculty there are several changes from that of last year. Principal H. B. Townsend succeeds Principal C. P. Wells, who was elected superintendent of the Batavia school system last June. Paul M. Brown, A. B., Syracuse university, of Chittenango, has been elected vice principal and will have charge of Latin and commercial law; he has taught previously at Plymouth, Pa. Miss Blanche Whitman, A. B., Syracuse university, comes from the Groton high school to have charge of the biology department; her home is in Moravia. Miss Eleanor S. Pedley, A. B. Mt. Holyoke, or Auburndale, Mass., and Miss Adella E. Strohmeier, A. B., Syracuse university, of Coopersburg, Pa., are new teachers in English. Mrs. Irene Johnston St. John, who previously taught physical training in the Walton schools and later in Sidney, returns to the faculty as instructor in the same position. In homemaking and domestic science Miss Dorothy J. Green, B. S., Simmons, will be in charge, and also will direct a class in junior sewing in the seventh and eighth grades.

Miss Ruth Eells, Oneonta normal, of Unadilla comes to Walton from the Unadilla school to have charge of the seventh grade in Miller avenue, while Miss Margaret Barry, Oneonta normal, of Mechanicsville, N. Y.,

will have the sixth grade in the same building.

In Stockton avenue there is only one new member of the faculty, Miss Marion Gladstone of Delhi, who will have the second grade.

The Walton school still maintains its high rank as a preparatory school for higher institutions of learning. Hardly a class has graduated without one or more of its members winning a state or college scholarship. Over a hundred of its graduates will be registered in various colleges or professional schools this year.

Of the class of 1923, Alton Bartlett and Ralph Haynes will enter Cornell; Percy Courtney, Colgate; Lena Abbott, Monmouth; Thena Olmstead, state college for teachers, Albany; Bessie Shackleton, Oneonta normal; Florence Aldrich, Binghamton business college; Naomi Bodiot, business college at Albany.

## WALTON BANK PLANS EXTENSIVE CHANGES

**Interior Will be Remodeled  
to Provide Better  
Accommodation for Public**

The board of directors of the First National bank have authorized extensive changes to the interior of the bank building which will provide a more convenient arrangement than the present one.

The center lobby will be enlarged from 9 feet to 14 feet. On the left-hand side as one enters will be a private office and back of this a note window and three receiving and paying windows, all caged. Cashier William G. Moore will have charge of the note window and no other business except the handling of notes will be transacted here.

On the right-hand side as one enters the bank there will be a waiting room equipped with a desk. Back of this open space will be a ladies' waiting room with toilet. To the rear of the ladies' waiting room sufficient space will be available for three windows for the bookkeepers.

The banking fixtures will be of mahogany finish, an imitation marble floor will be laid in the lobby and battleship linoleum in the work space.

Within the enclosure two coupon booths will be provided for the use of the renters of safety deposit boxes. It is planned to make the changes at once.

## ENLARGE ROYAL CAFE

**Proprietor Evans  
Plans Extensive Changes  
to Building.**

The Royal cafe, Delaware street, will soon undergo extensive changes and improvements. Charles Evans, the proprietor, has let the contract for the work to Milo VanValkenburg. The roof will be raised over the entire building to provide a second floor which will be divided into a large banquet hall, kitchen and a small private room which will accommodate parties not exceeding fifteen persons. The banquet hall will seat one hundred persons. The roof will be raised enough to give a height of eleven feet on the second floor, which will permit better ventilation than the usual room. Mr. VanValkenburg plans to start the work within two weeks and will have the building enclosed by November 1st. A new brick front will be erected. Mr. Evans has been in the restaurant business in Walton the past sixteen years and the Royal cafe has become known as one of the cleanest and best eating places in this section of the state.

## MAY HAVE BEEN IN QUAKE

**Anxiety Felt for Safety of  
Cyrus Peake and Theron  
Reed.**

Theron Reed, son of Rev. R. C. Reed, a former pastor of the

Reformed Presbyterian church in Walton, is believed by Walton friends to have been in Japan at the time of the great earthquake. When Rev. R. C. Reed visited Walton about a year ago Theron was employed by the International Banking corporation in or near Tokio.

He may have been transferred since but friends of the family believe he may have still been in Japan when the earthquake occurred. Cyrus Peake, son of Dr. Frank Peake of Jamestown, North Dakota, was also in Japan at the time of the earthquake. He graduated from Northwestern university at Evanston, Ill., in the spring of 1922. He went to Japan to take a position as instructor of English in one of the Japanese government schools in Yokohama. He visited at the home of his uncle, A. D. Peake, in Walton in the summer of 1921.

Max D. Kirjasoff, United States consul at Yokohama, who was killed in the earthquake, was a classmate of Attorney Samuel H. Fancher of Walton in Yale university. The consul's wife was also a victim.

## TRIED TO STEAL AUTO

**Thief Found Car in Hancock  
Garage Was Locked.**

(From Hancock corr.)

Monday evening an attempt was made to steal a Mercer car from Harry Hubbell's garage. Entrance was gained by forcing an opening at the rear of the garage. Fortunately for Mr. Hubbell the car was locked and could not be started. From evidence left by the would be thieves it would appear that they were familiar with the building.

The same evening a quantity of feed was taken from W. A. Hall's feed store between 6 p. m. and 9 p. m. that had been placed outside for a customer.

## FINISH TWO NEW HIGHWAYS

**Last of Concrete Poured on  
Delhi-Frasers Road.**

The last of the concrete on the Delhi-Frasers highway was laid Wednesday and the road will be opened to traffic about Oct. 1, it is stated. Hogeboom & Campfield of Kingston, who are building the Hobart-Bloomville road, expect to finish the work in October. The company has been awarded the contract for the reconstruction of the Pine Hill-Shandaken road, putting on a new top and widening the roadbed.

With the opening of the new sections of highway there will be an improved road from the west branch valley from Stamford to Rock Rift. Two sections of the Rock Rift-Deposit highway have not yet been contracted for.

## Musical Comedy Company Disbands.

(From Stamford corr.)

A musical comedy company presented "In San Domingo" at Stamford opera house Saturday night and disbanded here. Members of the show were compelled to stay in town until Monday night before they could get a settlement with their manager and obtain funds to get home. Some of the proprietors of restaurants and rooming houses also had a time to get their pay but at last matters were adjusted and the "troopers," about thirty, made their departure by auto. Show companies are experiencing bad times on the road as the traveling expense is too heavy.

## Arena Car Over Bank.

(From Turnwood corr.)

Charles Becker of Arena went over the bank at Turnwood Wednesday night smashing the top and windshield on his new Durant car.