

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About  
at the County Hub

## FINISH EAST BROOK ROAD

Hunter's Calendar—  
Republican Nomination—  
Tennis Tournament—Two  
Houses Sold.

The P. J. Hafele property on upper Stockton avenue has been purchased by H. M. Robinson.

David A. Butler of Andes has purchased the residence of Mrs. Clinton Kelley on Prospect avenue. Possession will be given Oct. 15. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson.

The corn in many sections was badly touched during the successive frosty nights of the past week. The crop where not affected is a good average yield and farmers are now busy filling their silos in preparation for winter. The weather bureau promises warmer weather.

Earl Carman has purchased the stock of goods in Mrs. Clara Baxter's store, corner of Mead and St. John streets, and on November first will take over Mrs. Baxter's lease of the building, which was formerly occupied by A. J. Courtney as a store. William Cable will continue to conduct a market in part of the building.

The East brook highway improvement from the village line on the lower road to the bridge at T. P. Howland's farm has been completed. Work in grading is now progressing on the Kerr's creek road. The East brook improvement, a distance of three miles, cost approximately \$45,000 or \$15,000 a mile. Of the \$100,000 bond issue about \$23,000 remains unexpended.

At the Republican caucus Tuesday George M. Carpenter was nominated for supervisor. Nominations for other offices were as follows: Town clerk, Earl S. St. John; justices of the peace, Seeley Wood and P. B. Williams; collector, Mrs. Hazel W. Schlafer; overseer of the poor, Albert Smith; assessor, four years, Fred B. Lyon; assessor, two years, John D. Smith; constables, William McDonald, V. Adam Wolf, Lewis Stidd, Harold Miller and Charles R. Wakeman.

The weather permitting, the finals of the Walton tennis tournament for men and women will be played on the Congregational church court Saturday afternoon, Sept. 22, beginning at 1:30. The matches will consist of men's singles, women's singles and mixed doubles. An admission fee of ten cents will be charged, the proceeds to be used towards purchasing suitable tokens for the winners. Thirty-two men and twenty-four women have been participating in this tournament. Anyone interested in tennis is urged to be present at the finals as an exhibition of skillful playing is assured.

A woodshed near the farm home of George Budine, Pines brook, was destroyed by fire last Thursday evening, September 13. Some ashes from the kitchen range had been dumped in a box two days before and left outdoors. The box was moved into the woodshed Thursday and as it had rained upon the ashes the night before any fire it them was thought to be out.

It is believed, however, that the fire was started from these ashes. When the woodshed was discovered on fire it was feared that the house nearby might also be ignited. An alarm was sent to Walton and some of the fire apparatus started for the scene but the services of the firemen were not needed. In the

burned buildings were a number of tools, which were destroyed. There was no insurance.

The open season for the taking of cottontail rabbits opens on October first. Cottontails may be killed until January 31. The partridge season in eleven counties, including Delaware, Sullivan, Greene and Ulster is from October 15 to November 30; in the other counties October 1 to November 15. The bag limit for rabbits is six a day and for birds three in one day and fifteen in a season. Varying hares may not be taken until October 15, the season on them closing on March first. The open season for squirrels is October 15 to November 15; for duck and goose, September 16 to December 31; for pheasants, the last two Thursdays in October and the first two Saturdays in November. Only male pheasants may be killed and no person shall take more than three in a season.

William P. Courtney and Miss Josephine Harby motored to Binghamton Friday to do some shopping and remained until evening to attend a show at the Stone theatre. During the entertainment Mr. Courtney took his pocketbook out of his hip pocket to buy a phonograph record. After leaving the theatre he stopped at a nearby fruit store to make a purchase and then discovered that his pocketbook containing \$48 was missing. Manager Addison of the theatre and city police headquarters were notified but the pocketbook could not be found. Thursday morning Mr. Courtney's father, Village President A. J. Courtney, received a telephone message from the Binghamton police that a young girl from Towanda, Pa., who had been buying an unusual amount of finery, had been questioned and finally admitted picking up the pocketbook in the theatre lobby. She returned the pocketbook and promised to make good the money, practically all of which she had spent. If this is not done criminal proceedings may be instituted against her.

## AEROPLANE AT WALTON FAIR BURNS AFTER FALL TO EARTH

The Lincoln Standard aeroplane used at the Walton fair by George S. Stead, the Norwich aviator, was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon after the machine had fallen to the ground from a low elevation. Lieutenant Stead and his brother, Kenneth, suffered burns but neither was seriously injured.

George Stead, accompanied by his brother, Kenneth, was flying to Guilford and dropped so low over a meadow on his father's farm near Guilford in order to throw out a message without stopping that the tip of the aeroplane's right wing caught in some shrubbery and the plane crashed to the ground.

The gas pipe feeding the engine was severed by the fall and the gas caught fire. The two occupants of the machine barely had time to unbuckle their safety belts and leap to safety. Both young men were burned about the hands and faces and received treatment in the Norwich hospital. George Stead later went to his home on East Main street, Norwich, but his brother remained at the hospital. During the war Lieut. Stead was an instructor in flying at Barron field, Texas, and later at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The Lincoln aeroplane was purchased about July 1 at a cost said to be \$2,500. Stead had carried passengers and given exhibition flights at the Norwich, Afton and Walton fairs and planned to fly to Oneonta Wednesday for the fair there.

## OWL WAS CHICKEN THIEF

Downsville Man Catches  
Depredator After Visit.

(From Downsville correspondent.)

One night last week George Fuller of Downsville heard his

chickens making a great noise.

On going out to the chicken house he found the head and neck of one chicken was eaten off. He tied the chicken on a string and tied the string across the chicken yard and then set traps. The next morning he went out and found an owl which measured one yard from tip to tip.

## HEAVY WEEK'S GRIST OF AUTO ACCIDENTS

Yardmaster Titus Has Arm  
Broken in Car Plunge

## FORDS ARE HEADLINERS

Henry's Jitneys Figure in  
Series of Minor Smashes—  
New Jordan Badly Damaged.

(From Hancock correspondent.)

Charles Titus, O. & W. yardmaster at Cadonia and a former Walton man, had his right forearm fractured and C. H. Bell, proprietor of the Hancock House in Hancock, suffered a sprained ankle when the new Jordan car owned and driven by Mr. Titus left the state highway near the Roods creek bridge, plunged over the bank and landed bottom side up after striking a pole.

Mr. Titus had invited Mr. Bell for a ride and the men were returning from Deposit shortly before midnight. Near the Roods creek bridge there is a sharp curve and owing to the dense fog Mr. Titus became confused and steered the machine straight ahead. The car left the highway and the right front wheel hooked a telephone pole, causing the car to plunge down a ten-foot bank, turn turtle, stopping about thirty feet from the road with both men pinned to the ground. Mr. Bell, who was caught by his foot, managed to extricate himself and hailed an approaching car in which were two sons of Mr. Titus. The car was lifted off Mr. Titus who had been held a prisoner for about half an hour.

Later the two men were brought to the Hancock House and Dr. D. R. Davidson called. Mr. Titus had his right forearm fractured and suffered numerous cuts and bruises. Mr. Bell was more fortunate and only sustained a badly sprained ankle and slight bruises.

The new Jordan car is almost a wreck. The top, windshield, steering wheel and mudguards are smashed and the fenders twisted and bent. The machine had been driven about two weeks.

Other automobile accidents of the week in this section include the following:

Friday morning two New York state cars, one from Sidney, collided head-on at the approach to the Delaware bridge at East Branch. Quite a bit of damage was done to the Sidney car, but it was repaired at Mr. Owen's garage and proceeded on its way. The other car, driven by two Italians, who displayed their temper in no uncertain terms, also moved on. There was plenty of room for both cars to pass.

Mr. Bedford, who lives on the Sinclair farm, near West Meredith, collided with the Ford coupe of Dr. J. H. Arbuckle of Delhi Sunday afternoon near Fitch's bridge, Delhi. Dr. Arbuckle's car turned over and was badly damaged. The doctor escaped with no worse injury than a badly sprained ankle, and Mrs. Arbuckle, who was thrown clear of the car, had only minor cuts and bruises.

There were two automobile accidents in Stamford Sunday. One Ford car from Delhi, driven by a young lady enroute to Harpersfield, failed to make the turn at the intersection of the Hobart and Oneonta state roads and collided with a tree, badly wrecking the car. Another car was wrecked east of the village.

A party from Livingston Manor, driving a Ford touring car, went over the bank in front of the Mountain Lake Hotel, Cooks

Falls, at 11:30 Monday evening. The occupants escaped without injury but this being the second accident at that place would prove that a guard rail should be placed at that particular point.

A rather serious automobile accident occurred Tuesday evening on upper Main street, Sidney Center, between John Conklin's and John Whitney's farm, when a Ford truck, driven by Alvin Rock, and Rupert Smith's Ford touring car, driven by his son, Donald, came together in a collision which resulted in injuries to at least two of the parties and considerable damage to both cars. Alvin Rock sustained four broken ribs and severe bruises and Everett Brewer, who was with him, had his arm badly cut by the broken glass.

As John H. King of Hobart was driving his team attached to a milk wagon with a load of milk from Roses brook to the creamery at South Kortright early Tuesday morning his rig and two motor cars were in collision as he turned onto the macadam road at the junction with Roses brook road. Arthur Rich was driving a Ford truck with a load of milk and the second car was driven by an Italian. The wagon of Mr. King was demolished and his milk spilled. Arthur Rich's Ford truck was somewhat damaged, including a broken windshield. Donald Hillis, who was riding with Mr. Rich, had a splinter of glass cut one eyeball severely, but it is not thought the eye is injured seriously. Mr. King was not injured.

Luther Vandemark of Schenectady was killed when a Cadillac touring car owned and driven by Philip Nolan of Schenectady was wrecked near Saugerties early Monday. The car left the road at a turn where there was a small embankment, struck a telegraph pole which it cut off and pushed six feet and then struck a tree.

Frank Arnold and two men friends from Johnson City came to Hancock on a fishing trip Saturday and that evening drove down Lovers' Lane to get some lamprey eels and bullheads for bait. In turning around, the rear wheels went over the bank, and all that kept the car and occupants from rolling down the 50-foot embankment to the Delaware river was a rock. The machine was drawn into the road again by Fred Arnold with his car.

## ONE EXPERIENCE ENOUGH

Hancock Man Sells Car to  
Son After Collision.

(From Long Eddy Correspondent.)

Vern Kern of Long Eddy accompanied his father, George Kern, to Hancock last week to help him buy a car. On the way home he ran into the new Overland car of A. J. Wood. No one was hurt but both cars were damaged. George Kern promptly sold out to his son, and Vern paid the damages and took the car.

## MARE 36 YEARS OLD

Shavertown Horse Still Used  
in Farm Work.

James H. Butler, who lives on the Mary Smith farm near Shavertown, in the town of Andes, owns a mare which is 36 years of age. He works the animal in team for doing all farm work and she has the appearance of a horse of 16 years except for being hollow backed. The old mare is more scarey on the road than many younger horses and still prances when the automobiles pass. She was raised by Arthur Shaver of Pepacton and about ten years ago she was owned by Col. Finkle of Shavertown. Finkle thought she was too old for use any longer and gave the mare to Mr. Butler, telling him to take her on the hill and shoot her. Instead Mr. Butler turned the animal out to pasture and after a

rest got her into a condition for use in farm work ever since.

## Dynamite Cap Injures Boy.

A son of J. W. Tompkins, living near Downsville, had his face and hands painfully lacerated Tuesday while exploding some dynamite caps on a shotgun.

## BOY'S FOOT NEARLY SEVERED

Ran After Cat Into Millet in  
Front of Mowing Machine.

(From Delhi correspondent.)

Orlando Shaw, Jr., aged four years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Shaw of the town of Meredith, had one foot nearly severed at the ankle a few days ago when caught in the cut bar of a mowing machine with which his father was cutting millet. The boy's pet kitten had run into the millet, which was tall and heavy, and the little fellow ran after it, unseen by his father, who stopped the machine just in time to prevent harm to the boy's other foot. Drs. Goodrich and Schumann of Delhi were summoned and dressed the wound. They hope to be able to save the foot.

## CHILD FELL FROM BRIDGE

Davenport Boy Nearly  
Drowns in Brook.

Paul, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McArthur, who live about two miles west of Davenport, fell from the bridge over the Charlotte, near his home, Monday afternoon, and was pulled from the water by his mother just as he was about to go down for the last time. Paul was taken to the bank unconscious, but after strenuous labor he was resuscitated.

Paul, with his brother, John, who is only about six years old, were playing on the bridge, which is only about 30 rods from the house, when he fell in. John rushed and summoned his mother and she hastened to the scene and waded into the river and pulled the youngster from about 2 1-2 feet of water. He was very blue and it is thought that he was going down for the last time.

## Large Cauliflower Crop.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

The cauliflower industry in this section is assuming great proportions. Last year was considered a big year, in fact the shipments were the largest that this section had ever known, but this year the shipments are nearly double that of last year, so that this year will set a new record.

## FELL FROM STANCHIONS

Rockroyal Boy Has Arm  
Broken by Fall.

(From Rockroyal correspondent.)

Last Thursday Ford Walley, the young son of Frank Walley of Rockroyal, fell off the stanchions in the barn. The boy's elbow was dislocated and his arm broken just above the elbow. He was taken to Deposit, where Dr. R. Palmerton reduced the fracture.

## STEAM ROLLER BREAKS WINDOW

Crashes Into Downsville Store  
and Shatters Glass

(From Downsville correspondent.)

The steam roller got beyond control near Hulbert's store and backed up into one of the large windows breaking the glass.

Trouble had been experienced with the machine and Dr. Brittain took the helm. The machine got under headway and in spite of efforts to turn it from its course the traction engine smashed into the corner of the store.