

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking  
About at the County Hub

## CIVIC CLUB ENTERTAINS

### Firemen Going to Norwich— Smashed into Car and Ran Away—Cut Leg with Axe.

Walton coal dealers have received no fresh mined coal since the latter part of August.

The Walton fire department has accepted an invitation to the firemen's tournament in Norwich on Thursday, October 11th. It has been a number of years since a tournament was held in this section and a large representation of the local department is expected.

Neill Brandt, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Neill Brandt, fell Wednesday morning while at play at the Stockton avenue school and fractured his right forearm. The boy broke the arm in the same place last June while playing. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture.

On Gardiner Place Friday evening, the night "Bringing Up Father" was shown in Walton hall, there were 118 cars parked. The total number of cars parked in the vicinity of Delaware street by those in town to attend the show or to shop exceeded the two hundred mark. On an average between 75 and 100 cars may be seen parked in front of Walton churches Sunday morning.

The finals of the Walton tennis tournament were played Wednesday afternoon between Ernest Caswell and Robert Laidlaw. Caswell won in straight sets. In the semi-finals Robert Laidlaw easily disposed of Rev. S. U. North in straight sets and Caswell defeated Howard Laidlaw in a three set match. In the girl's tournament Miss Marguerite Biedekapp defeated Miss Doris Holmes.

Walton people will be glad of the opportunity of seeing "The Climax," which comes to Walton hall on Oct. 12th. This play comes to Walton under the direction of William J. Keighley, the New York producer. Reserved seats will be priced at 75 cents and \$1. For \$2 a reserved seat can be obtained for this number and four additional numbers to follow, one each in November, December, January and February.

A reception was given by the Civic club in the parlors of the United Presbyterian church Friday evening for the teachers, board of education and the Woman's club and their husbands. There was a large attendance. A. N. Curtis, professor of mathematics in the Oneonta normal, gave an interesting address. Music was furnished by the music store orchestra. Refreshments were served by the committee in charge. The church parlors were prettily decorated with flowers presented by Mrs. W. T. Neal.

Telford Sanderson of West brook cut his left leg badly last Friday afternoon while working in the woods. He was drawing out some wood when his wagon caught on a stump. While cutting the stump out of the way the axe sprung and the blade struck Mr. Sanderson in the leg just above the ankle, cutting a bad gash. He suffered severely from loss of blood but managed to bind the

wound and then by his calls attracted the attention of Earl Northrup, a neighbor, who helped him home. Dr. Gould dressed the injury.

High school students have canvassed the community the past week with the season tickets for the 1923 concert course. Reports of fine response on the part of the people of Walton have come to the management. Undoubtedly the fine value offered this year in the fine quality numbers at an average admission fee of 40 cents to season ticket holders is appreciated by the village people. Late ticket buyers still have an equal opportunity to obtain reservations of best seats. The date for reserving seats will be Saturday morning, October 6th. The exact time will appear in these columns next week.

The Wall Street Journal of Tuesday contained the following item relative to the Julius Kayser company which will be of interest to Walton people: "Recent strength of Julius Kayser is due to the forthcoming annual report which is expected to show net earnings in excess of \$1,700,000. This would indicate earnings of over \$10 a share on the common. The company is in a strong position from the standpoint of inventories, having sufficient silk on hand to keep plants in operation all winter. In view of sharp rise in price of raw silk and large inventories accumulated at much lower prices than now prevail, the outlook for the current fiscal year is encouraging."

Joseph Ramassini of upper Bagley brook was arrested Monday on a warrant sworn out by John P. Bastian of Walton charging him with leaving the scene of a motor accident without stopping and leaving his name and license number. On Aug. 26 it was charged that while the Bastian car was passing the automobile of Martin Smith on the river road, near the Brainard farm, the Elcar driven by Ramassini came up from behind without warning and crashed into the rear of Bastian's car, smashing the gasoline tank. It is alleged that Ramassini then speeded away without stopping to ascertain what damage had been done. Under a new law the offense comes before the grand jury and when arraigned before Justice E. S. White bail was fixed at \$300 for Ramassini's appearance before that body next month. In default of the bail he was taken to the county jail Tuesday morning.

## GIVE WIDOWS COMPENSATION FOR DEATHS IN ACCIDENTS

Referee Whipple of the State Industrial Commission was in Walton Wednesday afternoon to give hearings on the death calendar.

The claim of the widow of William Burghardt of Walton for compensation for her husband's death was contested by the Travelers' Insurance company, the carrier. The testimony showed that on December 14, 1922, while Burghardt was in the employ of the Archibald company he suffered a concussion of the brain and other injuries when a truck went over the bank near Loomis. He was confined to bed for three weeks, and then got up and was around town. About February 20, 1923, he was taken ill with pneumonia which resulted in his death. The court held that the accident was a contributory cause of death and made an award accordingly. There are five children. Mrs. Burghardt will receive \$37.50 a month until

her death or remarriage and \$45.83 per month for the children until they reach the age of 18 years. The award carries about \$700 back compensation.

Evidence was also taken on the claim of Mrs. Jay Townsend of Walton for the death of her husband. This claim was previously heard by Referee Blackford who disallowed it on the ground that proper notice of accident had not been given the insurance carrier. The hearing Wednesday was adjourned to submit the evidence of one of the physicians who performed the autopsy on Mr. Townsend. Mr. Townsend died on May 29, 1922. The previous July, while moving machinery for the Kayser company, Mr. Townsend strained himself and it was claimed that this caused a dilation of the heart, resulting in death. This was contested by the company. Dr. W. B. Morrow, the attending physician, testified that in his opinion Mr. Townsend's condition was brought about by the accident. Should she be successful Mrs. Townsend will receive about \$35 per month. Referee Whipple held that giving notice of the accident to the company was not necessary. Attorney A. E. Conner represented the claimants in both the Burghardt and Townsend cases.

The claim of Mrs. Clinton Blackman of Walton for compensation for the death of her husband was uncontested and an award was made of \$37.50 per month to the widow and of \$12.50 per month for each of the two children until they became 18 years of age. S. H. Fancher represented Mrs. Blackman. Mr. Blackman, operator of the town shovel, was killed by a live wire while the shovel was being moved from East brook to Kerr's creek.

Two other cases on the calendar were adjourned.

## SLAPPED MOTORIST'S FACE

Woman Angered by  
Collision of Cars Near  
Stamford.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

A rather amusing incident happened recently in connection with an auto accident on the state road near Stamford. A Ford car driven by a woman was in collision with another car driven by a man in which the Ford was badly damaged. The woman, angry on seeing the damage done her car upbraided the man and slapped his face. The man gallantly took the assault and remarking to the effect, "If you were not a woman I'd knock your block off," proceeded to the village and obtaining a new wheel and garage mechanic returned and repaired the damaged car; but for a few minutes there was a lively time.

## FALL FROM LADDER KILLS ROXBURY MAN

Henry Keator, Aged Sexton  
of Reformed Church Dies  
From Fracture of Skull

(From Roxbury correspondent.)

Henry Keator of Roxbury died on Wednesday evening, Sept. 19, from a fractured skull sustained when he fell from a stepladder.

Mr. Keator, who would have been 80 years of age on Sept. 20, had been in excellent health the past summer and had been busy every day as janitor of the Reformed church, a position which he had held faithfully for the past twenty-seven years. In the afternoon he was occupied in burning the paint from the windows at the south entrance

of the church preparatory to painting them. It is thought that he fell from a stepladder on which he had been seen a short time before, and struck the stone steps, sustaining a fractured skull and other injuries.

He was seen by people passing about 2:30 o'clock. At 3 o'clock a lady wishing to go through the church found him lying near the ladder with his head in a pool of blood. Dr. Grant was immediately summoned, as was also his son, Dr. Ward Keator. Everything was done for him that skillful hands could do but to no avail. The end came shortly before nine o'clock.

By occupation Mr. Keator was a carpenter. Many homes in this and in other communities attest his skill as a master workman. He was an expert in carpentry. He loved his home and church. His services have been given devotedly to the church of which he has been a member for many years. It was his pride. With what joy did he conduct visitors through the church kept immaculate by his own hands. His passing is a severe loss to the church.

He is survived by one son, Dr. Ward Keator, of Fleischmanns. The funeral service was held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the church which he loved so well. The pallbearers were members of the consistory of which he was at one time a member. Interment was made in the Reformed church cemetery.

## Football Team Ready.

The Walton high school football team is working out daily under the watchful eye of Dr. H. F. Mace, the grid mentor. The team is being built around the two old veterans, Henry Flynn and Douglas Clark. Lewis, another veteran, and Dutcher are considered good backfield material. In the line, Hawley, Jones, Owens, Teetsel, Garrick, and three or four more of last year's subs are fast learning the rudiments of the game. The ends will probably be well taken care of by Smith and Terry although there are other candidates showing up well. For the past week Coach Mace has had his men passing and kicking the ball and working out the stiff joints and learning the fundamentals of the game. Games have been booked with Hancock, Sidney and Oxford and games with Norwich, Johnson City and Susquehanna will be obtained if possible. The games will probably be played on the Kayser field and the boys are working hard to show the local people some good football this fall and expect the fans' co-operation. Mace is a good coach and has good material to work with and a good season is looked forward to.

## Seek Help for Stamford Hospital.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Solicitors for the Stamford convalescent hospital raised over \$400 at Oneonta last week. The money is to be used to maintain the buildings and grounds. Several men have been sent to the hospital to convalesce. E. J. Finnerty of Far Rockaway, one of the service men sent here, has gained 14 1-2 pounds in less than four weeks. Mr. Finnerty was a member of the 165th Infantry, 42nd Division, was wounded in the stomach Oct. 18, 1918, and since then has had five ribs resected in order to cleanse the wound. Ex-service men from anywhere in the United States will be accepted at the hospital and given free convalescent care.

## Pastor of Bovina Center Church.

(From Bovina Center correspondent.)

Rev. A. M. Thompson, who since his wife's death a few years ago, has spent the greater part of his time in the far west, has accepted a call to the Covenant church of Bovina Center, and is already on the ground at work, having begun last Sabbath. His coming to them is the result of a three weeks' visit and service in this community in the early part of the summer.

## Stamford Has Building Boom.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Mrs. Morrow's new cottage, recently built by Contractor H. S. Hall on Lake street, is about ready for occupancy and the other cottages are rapidly approaching completion. The new buildings will all be occupied as soon as finished. There is a steady demand here for houses.

## Stamford's Sewer Problem.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Surveyors have been at work making plans for Stamford's new sewer disposal plant. The main sewer pipe will follow the raceway of the Tanner mill property from the village to the location of the new disposal plant. Part of the old Tanner mill, the sawmill shed, is being torn down.

## Cross Continent By Auto.

(From Meredith correspondent.)

Meredith Inn has closed for the season. Mrs. Hollenbeck will spend the winter in California. Accompanied by her brother of Washington, D. C., they will motor across the continent in a new Buick sedan, with Walter Holliday as chauffeur. Berkeley, Cal., will be their headquarters, where Mrs. Hollenbeck has a niece in college. They will tour the western coast and visit friends in the state of Washington. Meredith wishes for the whole party a happy, restful and healthful sojourn on the western coast.

## Their Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Hezekiah Smith of Deposit celebrated their golden wedding on Monday, Sept. 24. A reception in their honor was held at the Smith home that evening.

## Building Model Barns.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

George Taylor is constructing a barn 36 by 90 on the Simons farm on the Jefferson road. The barn is to house the large dairy of blooded stock. The building is constructed of tile.

Charles Haines is building the foundation for a new barn he will erect on his farm on the Mt. Utsayantha road. The new building will be 36 by 50 feet. H. S. Hall has the contract for the carpenter work.

## Crushed His Finger.

Ray Teleford, who works in the Walton foundry, had the middle finger of his hand painfully crushed Tuesday while he was lifting some heavy castings.