

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About
at the County Hub

DRUNK AND DROVE CAR

Newlyweds Showered— Changes at Walton Hall— Organize Sons of Veterans— Hunting Deer.

Isaac DeMott, blacksmith at the Beerston acetate plant, had a piece of steel fly and lodge so deeply in the flesh of his finger that Dr. Gould had to cut it out.

Northrup & Combs have moved the Exide battery station across Delaware street to the building vacated by R. C. Alsworth's 5 and 10 cent store, which they purchased from Ivan Signor.

Dr. W. B. Morrow, Dr. H. F. Mace, Dr. W. G. Smith, Dr. J. A. Holley, Dr. E. Ray Gladstone and Dr. W. R. Gladstone attended the annual banquet of the Delaware County Medical society held Wednesday evening at the Ivanhurst in Stamford.

James Gannon has been appointed city manager of Bristol, Virginia. Mr. Gannon, who is a brother of Joseph Gannon of Walton, has been engaged in business in Bristol since 1890. He is proprietor of the Gannon Electric company of that city.

The Dodge car of Arthur Eaton of Walton was completely wrecked about midnight Monday night by running into the concrete bridge near lower end of Main street. Wheels and other parts of a car a mass of wreckage, but windshield not broken. No one injured.—Delhi correspondent.

J. M. Knapp has bought of Edmund More that part of the Charles North farm, Beerston road, which Mr. More recently purchased from C. S. Wheat. Mr. Knapp buys as a speculation and will sell the land either as lots or as a whole. He also plans to build a bungalow near the farm house.

Among the successful deer hunters in the Catskills are James Mills of Benton avenue, who shot a buck in Ulster county, and Daniel Fuller, who got a deer near Lakewood Inn, Roscoe. In the party who were at Big Moose the successful hunters were Robert Wilber, Carleton Laidlaw and J. A. Robinson.

A camp of the Sons of Veterans will be organized in Walton as nearly fifty men have been pledged to membership. Albert Smith has been active in promoting the establishment of the camp. C. H. Weaver, himself a Civil war veteran, is the oldest member. Mr. Weaver, who is 84 years of age, is a son of Joshua Weaver, who served in the Union army during the Civil war. Only sons and descendants of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the war of the Rebellion, 1861-1865, are eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans.

Elmer Beardsley was held in \$300 bail to await the action of the grand jury when arraigned Tuesday before Police Justice J. M. Peake on a charge of driving a car while intoxicated. Bail was furnished by Larry Ryan. Beardsley loaded up too much with hootch Monday and about five o'clock that afternoon he drove his Ford into the Ford of

William Beecher near the O. & W. freight office. Beecher's car was badly smashed. After the accident Beardsley left his machine and went up on St. John street and lay down in the gutter. He was arrested by Officer Stidd and after being allowed to sober up over night was arraigned before Justice Peake.

On Wednesday evening over fifty neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Elwood of East brook for a surprise reception. After several informal games the bride and groom were blindfolded while packages showered around them from all sides which they were requested to open. These gift packages contained hand painted china, silver, pyrex, aluminum, mahogany candlesticks, cut glass, towels, blankets and other useful articles. A delicious luncheon was served, consisting of salads, pickles, sandwiches, cake, coffee and cocoa. Soon after the lunch the guests departed with many good wishes for long life, happiness and prosperity for the happy young couple.

Walton Hall will have its formal opening Thursday and Friday, Nov. 15 and 16, in affiliation with the Smalley circuit. The lighting system of the hall has been changed and a green tone introduced, giving a color which will be pleasing to the eye and will burn through the entire performance. A new gold fibre screen has also been installed which relieves all eye strain and gives added depth to photo play projection. The booth also has been enlarged and two machines installed. On the opening days there will be only one show at 8:15 o'clock, the regular three shows daily starting Saturday, Nov. 17. The Majestic theatre will only be opened when road attractions or local entertainments are held in the hall. It is planned to remodel and redecorate the Majestic later. Patrons of the new theatre in the hall will find many little improvements and the management plans to do everything possible for the comfort of its guests. The Smalley circuit now includes twelve theatres and the affiliation of the Walton theatres with the circuit will bring the best in both film and road shows to Walton.

SAVES DROWNING BOY FROM DEATH IN RIVER

Franklin Baker Plunges in River and Drags Sinking Lad to Safety

Ten year old Walter Holborrow, who boards with Mr. and Mrs. George C. Seeley, North street, was saved from drowning by Franklin Baker when young Holborrow fell into the river below. He had gone under twice when rescued by Baker.

The Holborrow boy is the son of Harry P. Holborrow of Astoria, Long Island, formerly a pitcher with the Walton baseball team. He was fishing from the river bridge and was standing on the railing near the south side of the bridge when his cap fell off. In trying to catch the cap as it fell the boy lost his balance and went over the railing into the river.

Franklin Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Baker who was near the armory, saw young Holborrow fall, as did Tony Lurenz, who was on the coal wagon. Both hurried towards the bridge but Baker reached the place first and climbing down the abutment on the lower side of the bridge he swam out to the drowning boy, who had been dazed by the fall and had been swept by the current from one side of the bridge to the other.

Linking the Holborrow lad's arm in his own Baker swam back to shore with the use of one arm. Then with the help of Lurenz took the lad to the armory. Young Holborrow was badly chilled and had it not been for Baker would have drowned. Franklin Baker is a member of the Boy Scout troop and the training received there helped him to meet the emergency when it came. The water was over the heads of both boys and Baker risked his own life to rescue the other lad.

DROVE TO DEATH IN PATH OF O. & W. TRAIN

Beerston Factory Foreman Fatally Injured

BUILDING HID HIS VIEW

M. R. Cook Lived Two Hours After No. 2 Struck His Car at Beerston Wednesday Afternoon.

M. R. Cook, outside foreman at the Beerston acetate plant, was fatally injured Wednesday afternoon about 12:45 o'clock when his Ford car was struck by O. & W. train 2, south bound. He died about two hours later at Mrs. Carrie Eells' hospital in Walton.

Mrs. Cook was absent on a visit in Gouverneur. About noon Mr. Cook drove his Ford, a roadster with truck body, to the company house on the state road which he occupied. After getting his dinner he started to drive back to the factory. This was about 12:35 o'clock.

The view of the track on the north is concealed by the creamery building as one approaches the railroad from the west. Mr. Cook drove upon the tracks directly in the path of the train which struck the Ford about the center of the machine and lifted it bodily into the air.

The unfortunate man was hurled a distance of 75 feet, striking on his head near the depot. The car landed about half that distance away and within two feet of where the machine of Ward Chase, the station agent, was parked. The Ford was a total wreck. Drs. Morrow and Smith were hurriedly called and at their direction the injured man was brought to Walton on the milk train, north bound, which arrived soon after, and was taken to the hospital of Mrs. Carrie Eells, Liberty street, where he died about 3:30 o'clock without regaining consciousness. The physicians found no evidence of a fracture of the skull and state that death was probably caused by an internal hemorrhage.

Mr. Cook was a man 63 years of age and came to Walton about three months ago to take the place of Frank T. Ives as outside foreman for the acetate company. In his short residence at Beerston he had gained the respect of the community. The wife, four daughters and one son survive.

By a strange coincidence Mr. Cook had made application with H. M. Robinson for a life insurance policy the evening before his death, but did not take the required physical examination, stating that he was tired and wanted to go home.

Ward Chase, the station agent, had stepped out from the station as train 2 approached and was horrified to see Mr. Cook about to drive upon the tracks. He was unable to warn the man on account of the noise made by the train and turned just before the crash came to avoid seeing the fatality.

TWO MEN HAVE LEGS BROKEN WHEN SPEEDER HITS TRUCK

Two members of a Walton section gang on the Ontario & Western were badly injured Sat-

urday afternoon when a railroad motor car collided with a truck at the Delancey crossing.

The injured men are Patsy Pangaro, who had his left leg broken and the end of his little finger cut off, and Patsy Amendolaro, whose right leg was crushed so badly that amputation may be necessary.

Frank Stasio's section gang was returning from Delhi to Walton on one of the railroad motor speeders. Three freight cars stood on the siding across the tracks from the Delancey depot and this obscured the view as the section men approached from the east. Just as the motor speeder reached the crossing the truck of A. G. Seaman, the Delancey feed dealer, driven by Ray Cleveland, came out from behind the freight cars and upon the crossing.

The speeder struck the truck broadside and turned it over. The section men were thrown in all directions by the force of the impact. Amendolaro's leg was probably caught between the truck and some part of the car as the bone was crushed for about four inches.

Patsy Cicle had his knee injured and Tony Thomas suffered an injury to the shoulder.

Dr. M. D. McNaught of Hamden and Dr. H. J. Goodrich of Delhi rendered first aid to the injured men and Amendolaro and Pangaro were taken to Delhi on the afternoon train and are receiving treatment in the hospital there. It may be necessary to amputate Amendolaro's leg.

The motor speeder was badly wrecked. The truck was righted after the accident and proceeded on its own power. Cleveland, the truck driver, escaped with severe bruises.

Party at County Hospital.

Many friends and former patients of the Delaware sanatorium, near Delhi, gathered on the hill for a reunion and good time over the week end, the most important affair being a hallowe'en party on Saturday evening. The assembly room in the basement where the party was held, was prettily decorated in hallowe'en colors of orange and black for the occasion. The program consisted of music and dancing, the clog dances of "Little Jeff" being a hit of the evening. Much credit must be given Sheldon Edgerton of Delhi, who had charge of the musical numbers, his orchestra being there in full force. Sweet cider and doughnuts, cake and candy with big red apples were served as refreshments. Patients and guests alike were united in praise of the evening's entertainment and were loathe to leave the scene of festivities.

NOT BOYS THIS TIME

Squirrels Satisfy Their Sweet Tooth by Robbing Candy Store.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

One day last week James Sperling, who conducts a candy and ice cream emporium in this village and who this summer has been constructing an ice cream factory on the state road just at the village limits and has stored quite a quantity of candy in this factory, was much surprised to see a large gray squirrel come from the vicinity of his building and climb a neighboring tree with a box of crackerjack in his mouth. An investigation proved that not only had this one squirrel been laying up a store out of the storehouse of Mr. Sperling, but also many others of the same family and that besides the crackerjack there was also missing a considerable amount of fine candy. So the boys who must surely have been blamed for the disappearance of the sweets proved to be of the four-footed variety rather than the slick fingered class.

MANY DEER HUNTERS IN SEARCH FOR GAME

Sportsmen Report Sight of Many Does But Bucks Seem to Be Scarce

(From Arkville correspondent.)

The deer season opened as usual, at day break, again this year and to add zest to the game the air was crisp, with promise of snow. Ice covered the swamp waters and fringed the spring holes.

The old trails of Delaware, Ulster and Greene saw their regular annual return of hunters. From observation and reports, perhaps in greater numbers than last year. By day the smoke curls from many an old regular's camping site in forest and along stream, and at night lights flicker from cabin and tent till the last tale is told.

But from our own section the tales told have been of a scarcity of bucks but not of does. From down the Shandaken valley to Phoenicia, from the Woodland valley, the Stony Clove and Hunter regions and down along the Ashokan reservoir the same report comes.

Some deer have been shot but not equal to number of last year at this date. At midweek three had been reported taken in this section, two up Dry brook and one in the stream below the village. Several at Big Indian and Olivera. Several at Phoenicia and country close lying. The biggest kill being an eleven pointer early in the week by a Chichester man. In Ox Clove, several miles west of Phoenicia, he shot the deer twice at short range with a shot gun. The deer escaped but by the blood was followed four or five miles over the range to near Lanesville, where he was found dead. It was discovered that half of one of his hind feet had been shot away. Probably by an early season hunter.

An extra number of state troopers are in the Shandaken and Ashokan sections this year and several arrests have been made for shooting does and trespassing.

Near Shandaken, a sportsman, seemingly true to name, accidentally shot a doe. Rather than leave it in the woods he carried it out and reported the incident. For his efforts the state, through one of its game wardens, fined him \$17.

And so it goes and will go till the night shadows of the 15th close the season and quiet reigns again along the runways.

Rain Tuesday night raised hopes in hunters' hearts by dampening the leaves and so perhaps by the fifteenth the record of kills may creep up to those of 1923.

This year it is said that more deer—bucks, does and fawn—then ever, are seeking refuge in the wilds around the Ashokan dam. The thousands of pine, cedar and spruce trees planted during the dam's construction have grown very fast, and added to this the original forest growth, it makes an ideal place for the harassed animals to find a haven of safety.

THOMAS RUSSELL KILLED

Struck By O. & W. Milk on Tracks Near Beerston.

Thomas Russell of Rock Rift was struck and killed by train 10, the milk, south bound, near the crossing on E. J. Keene's farm at Beerston late Thursday afternoon of this week.

Russell was walking the tracks from Beerston to Rock Rift. It is stated that he had been drinking freely lately. When the train approached him from the rear he did not get off the track and was almost instantly killed when struck by the locomotive.

He was a man about 40 years of age. He separated from his wife a few years ago and has been working about Beerston and Rock Rift much of the time since.

His mother, wife and three children survive.

The accident occurred between the farms of Thomas Alverson and E. J. Keene. The accident was the second fatality at Beerston within two days.