

# LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, December 8, 1923

## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

**AN \$8,000 MOTOR BUS**

**Business Building Sold —Walton-Delhi**

**Golf Course—Team Ran Away — Death of Child.**

Checks in payment of the premiums awarded at the Walton fair were issued this week.

Charles LeFrano has opened a grocery store in the house on Stockton avenue known as the Kingsbury place, owned by Mrs. A. F. Reynolds.

A son of Grant Layman of Finch hollow sustained a Colle's fracture of his right wrist Thursday morning when the engine of an automobile he was cranking backfired and caused the crank to fly back. Dr. Smith reduced the fracture.

Donald Rotzler of Beerston had a bone in his wrist fractured Monday while helping to load stone for W. P. Schneider of East Branch on the dock at Colchester Station. His arm was caught between two stones. Dr. W. B. Morrow reduced the fracture.

Thomas FitzPatrick, who has been employed in the Hoos bakery the past two years, has purchased a bakery business on Court street, Binghamton, and opened for business there the latter part of the week. Walton friends of Mr. FitzPatrick will unite in wishing him success in the undertaking.

At a meeting of the village board Monday evening George M. Carpenter, supervisor-elect, resigned as village treasurer and the board appointed J. C. McClelland to fill the vacancy. Mr. McClelland was elected treasurer last spring, but failed to qualify and Mr. Carpenter was appointed in his place.

Clinton E. Wood received notice from the New York state board of embalming examiners on Friday, November 30th, that he had been licensed both as an embalmer and undertaker in this state. He took both examinations on Nov. 2nd and 3rd and received 92 in embalming and 99+ in undertaking. This is his sixth year in the work.

Glen Green of Delhi has received his new White motor bus which he recently purchased through Dreyfus & Morgan of that village. The machine is said to have cost \$8,000 and will carry about thirty passengers. Mr. Green plans to put the bus in service between Delhi and Walton, making three regular round trips daily. Franchises must first be secured from the two villages which has not yet been done. The bus, however, starting making trips Thursday.

Martin Knowles, who lives on the hill near Frank Gould's farm, West brook, was injured in a runaway accident Tuesday. Mr. Knowles and his brother, William Knowles, were driving home and near the Gould farm house the horses jumped and then started to run. Martin Knowles was thrown out and had one wrist and an ankle sprained. William Knowles was thrown into the wagon box. The horses ran up the hill road and near the railroad track one of the animals fell. William Knowles then jumped out and stopped the team. Dr. Gould was called to attend Martin Knowles.

Peter Pappas has purchased of Henry W. Retz the building on Delaware street occupied by the Walton Candy Kitchen and Myron DuBois' jewelry store. The sale was consummated Friday. The purchase price is stated as \$16,000. Mr. Pappas has built up a large candy business and is doing an extensive wholesale trade.

He has been making a ton and a half of candy daily and during the Christmas season will greatly increase this amount. He expects to create a big demand for the Walton brand of candy and will largely increase the output during the ensuing year.

A golf course conveniently located for residents of both Walton and Delhi; may become an actuality if plans now under discussion materialize. The Cottage hotel property at Hamden was recently purchased by H. L. Eckert, cashier of the Hamden bank. If the proposal secures sufficient backing Mr. Eckert will turn the property over to a stock company which will improve the hotel to make it suitable for a club house and also lay out a golf course on the land attached to the hotel. The property embraces some forty-five acres and is said to be well suited for a golf course. Further action on the matter will probably be taken early in 1924.

A recent letter to W. T. MacLaury of North Kortright from his niece, Mrs. H. B. Gardner of Gardiner, Washington, formerly of Walton, contains information concerning their crop of logan berries that will interest many Delaware county friends. Some years ago her husband purchased a large timber tract in western Washington, a portion of which has been logged off and cropped. Their one and one-half acre tract of logan berries when two years old produced 13,416 pounds of berries without irrigation or fertilization. Gardiner, situated on Discovery bay in the Puget sound country, where soil, climate and transportation facilities are unsurpassed, is also an ideal place for the production of apples, pears and other fruit.—North Kortright correspondent.

## WOMAN FATALLY HURT BY OVERTURNED CAR

**Corbett Auto Plunges Over Bank Into Binnekill**

## DRIVER BLAMES STONE

**Broke Steering Gear and Caused Machine to Leave Road—Internal Injuries Caused Death.**

(From Corbett correspondent.) Mrs. Andrew Thompson of Corbett was fatally injured in an automobile accident last Thursday evening when the car driven by her husband left the highway, went over a twenty-foot embankment and overturned into a binnekill four or five feet deep.

In the car were Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and two daughters, Myrtle and Eunice. The accident occurred near the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Eaton. Mr. Thompson states that he saw a stone and tried to avoid it, but the tie rod of his steering apparatus struck the rock and was broken. This caused loss of control of the machine. The car nearly stopped before going over the bank, but then took the plunge down the twenty-foot embankment into the pond or binnekill below. The accident occurred on a curve.

The machine turned bottom side up in the binnekill which was four or five feet deep, carrying the occupants under water. The two girls managed to crawl out and called for help. Mr. Thompson held his wife's head above water until Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Eaton, who had heard the crash, came rushing to the scene with a flashlight. Mr. Eaton carried the two girls to safety and then turned the light under the car where Thompson and his wife were imprisoned.

Thompson shoved his wife to Mr. Eaton and then followed through under water. The two men then carried Mrs. Thompson to the Eaton home where she died soon after from internal injuries.

Mrs. Thompson was in her 49th year. Funeral services were held in Corbett community hall

## FIND ARENA MAN DEAD UNDER CAR IN BROOK

**Machine Had Left Highway and Landed in Stream Upon Driver**

(From Arena correspondent.)

James Glendenning, a prosperous farmer living on Dingle hill, near Arena, on Saturday evening was found dead beneath his automobile in the Bushkill stream near the home of Nicholas Shaver, two miles below Arena. He left Arena about five o'clock, driving a Ford car. Searchers found the body about eleven o'clock underneath the car, in three feet of water.

Dr. Wakeman of Andes was called and gave the opinion that he died at the wheel as there were no bruises on the body and no water in the lungs.

Mr. Glendenning was fifty-two years of age and is survived by one brother, William Glendenning, and two sisters, Mrs. C. M. Spiers and Mrs. John Hamilton of Andes. He was a kind hearted neighbor, always willing to do a good turn and many friends extend sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Hamilton. Interment was in the Andes cemetery.

Sunday at 1 o'clock, the hall being crowded with loving friends, who had gathered to pay their last tribute, of respect to their departed friend. Interment was made in the Harvard cemetery, Rev. W. H. Austin of Downsville officiating. The writer has known Mrs. Thompson since their coming to Corbett a few years ago and has always looked to Mrs. Thompson as a kind hearted wife, mother, friend and neighbor. She was an active member in the ladies' church working society and did her part faithfully and well to advance the cause. She is survived by her husband, Andrew Thompson, three daughters, Mrs. Floyd Ellett, Myrtle and Eunice of Corbett; two brothers, Hiram and Ed Beadle of Harvard, and three sisters, Mrs. William Mosier and Mrs. Fred Williams of Harvard, and Mrs. Ernest Sheable of East Branch.

## BULLET THROUGH WINDOW

**Lockwood Home Bombarded by Unknown Rifleman.**

Tuesday morning while Mrs. R. E. Lockwood was working in the kitchen of the Lockwood home on Townsend street Walton, she heard the noise of breaking glass in the dining room. Going to that room she found fragments of glass on the floor and thinking some boy had thrown a stone through the window went out to investigate. Seeing no one Mrs. Lockwood called to Mrs. George Rutherford, a neighbor. While she was talking to Mrs. Rutherford there were two other sounds as of pebbles being thrown against the side of the house near her. Returning inside Mrs. Lockwood went to the broken window and then found a small calibre bullet hanging in the curtain nearby. About the same time several more bullets hit the outside of the house but none of them struck a window. Officer Stidd and President Courtney investigated the case shortly afterwards but could not find where the bullets came from although they were apparently fired at some distance. The village ordinance prohibits the use of firearms in the village and a \$10 penalty is provided. The use of sling shots is also prohibited.

## SONS OF VETERANS ORGANIZE

**Camp Established in Walton to Foster Aims and Ideals of the G. A. R.**

George Crowley Camp No. 22, Sons of Veterans, Division of New York, was instituted in the meeting room of the state armory in Walton on Wednesday evening, Dec. 5, under the auspices of Ben Marvin post, G. A. R. The work of organizing the camp and installing officers was ably carried out by the state commander, Neil D. Cranmer, of Elmira.

Preliminary to the meeting an excellent chicken pie supper, enjoyed by some fifty or sixty men, was served by Walton Ladies of the G. A. R., one of two efficient auxiliaries to Ben Marvin post. The application list for a camp charter bore the names of exactly

fifty sons and grandsons of civil war veterans, and twenty-nine of the applicants were present at this meeting and qualified as charter members. The name selected, George Crowley Camp, is that borne by a similar organization of sons of veterans which flourished in Walton more than twenty years ago.

Commander Cranmer gave a spirited patriotic address in which he emphasized with sadness the ravages worked by time in the now all but disappearing ranks of the G. A. R. He stated the objects of the Sons of Veterans as being to keep alive the memories of the service which these men gave their country; to promote their ideals; to cherish the few remaining veterans and their widows; and especially to aid in the observance of Memorial day.

The following elective and appointive officers were duly installed, to serve until Dec. 31, 1924: Commander, Philip B. St. John; senior vice commander, George Palmatier; junior vice commander, Charles W. Murray; camp council, Howard Archer, Silas J. Beagle, Robert C. Tweedie; secretary (pro tem.), W. D. Osgood; treasurer, C. A. Bartow; patriotic instructor, U. S. Hawley; chaplain, J. J. Elwood; color bearer, Robert W. Morton; inner guard, Ivan R. Sutliff; outer guard, Frank Bartow; press correspondent, Joseph C. Knox; guide, John H. McCall.

A resolution was adopted thanking the members of Ben Marvin post, and particularly Comrade Albert S. Smith, for interest and help in getting the camp under way, and the Ladies of the G. A. R. for their loyal support. The next meeting of the camp is called for Saturday evening, Dec. 15.

## HAMDEN LIGHTING RATES

**Electric Company Files Schedule With Commission.**

The Hamden Electric company, a newly constructed plant for supplying electricity service in the town of Hamden, has filed with the public service commission a schedule to become effective Dec. 23, and which provides a rate of \$1.75 for the first 6 k. w. hours used per month and 20 cents per k. w. hour for excess consumption per month; the minimum charge to be \$1.75 per month. Rates are applicable to use of service for lighting and household appliances that may be attached to lighting circuit without detriment to the lighting service.

## BURNED FEET ON SOAPSTONE

**Cannonsville Woman Burned Limbs When Taken Ill in Bed.**

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

Mrs. J. B. Randall met with a peculiar mishap recently. She had retired for the night and as usual took her soap stone to keep her feet warm. Later her husband went to the room and found her unconscious. She was resuscitated with difficulty. During the night she complained of her feet hurt-

ing her. Investigation showed that they were badly burned although the wrappings of the stone were not even scorched. While the unfortunate lady is improving, which is most gratifying to her many friends, she is unable to step on the injured members and is under a physician's care.

## GIRL FELL DOWN HAY CHUTE

**Roses Brook Child Escapes Serious Injury.**

Edith, the 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Scull, who are employed on the John H. King farm on Roses brook, near South Kortright, fell down a 20-foot hay chute Thursday afternoon. Dr. Woodworth of Hobart was called and found that aside from the shock no serious effects followed the fall.

## STATE ROADS HARD ON HORSES

**Correspondent Believes Gravel Track Should Be Provided.**

(North Kortright correspondent.)

Just a word about making highways safe. Much has been said and wisely, too, about ruling from the roads the intoxicated driver, but this is not enough. The glassy surface of state and county roads as now constructed is a menace to horses, that in rural districts especially, are used more or less on these roads and many serious accidents are reported. In the opinion of many roads should be widened enough to allow for a dirt and gravel track on at least one side for the use of horses. This necessity cannot be too strongly stressed and it is but just that farmers, who pay their full share of the road tax, should be given due consideration in this matter.

## DEPOSIT TELEPHONE CHANGE

**Local Company Take Over Plant From Bell System.**

The Bell telephone system in Deposit, has been sold by the New York Telephone company to a new corporation, known as the Deposit Telephone Co., Inc. There are seven stockholders and directors named in the incorporation papers, among them S. S. Busfield, Attorney Vincent N. Elwood and others of Hancock, M. B. Smith and C. H. Mosher of Deposit. Claude Terbush of Middletown, another director, who has been in charge of the O. & W. railroad signal system between Middletown and Oswego for a number of years past, will remove to Deposit and assume management for the new company.

The New York Telephone company retain all rights to their long distance wires and service as in the past, but the Deposit Telephone Co., Inc., will be in charge of all local service. The company is capitalized at \$30,000.

## CADOSIA ACID FACTORY REOPENS.

(From Hancock correspondent.) The Cadosia acid factory, which has been idle since July, started up Thursday. During the shut down extensive repairs have been made and new equipment has been installed at considerable cost.

## A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

Merl Rhinehart had his hand injured by a blow from a stick while working in the novelty works one day recently.

Eugene Howard of Beerston, while working in the woods near Delhi one day recently, was painfully injured when struck by a falling tree. No bones were broken.

Howard Houck ran a nail into his wrist while working for R. W. Smith, the Walton electrician, this week.