

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

BONUS BILL IS SIGNED

Two Coasting Accidents—Community Dinner—Married 50 Years—File Objections to Will

The Walton high school basketball team easily defeated the Oxford "hi" five in the auditorium of the high school building Friday evening by the one-sided score of 54 to 8.

Clarence Sprague, son of Arthur Sprague, who lives near Trout Creek, had both bones of his left forearm broken in a coasting accident Sunday. Dr. E. Ray Gladstone reduced the fracture.

The annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church for the town of Walton, which includes Walton, will open in Calvary church, New York city, on April 2nd. The Wyoming conference will be held in the Centenary church in Binghamton beginning the same day.

Objections to the probate of the will of Newell Cable, late of the town of Walton, were filed on Monday by Charles C. Flaesch and Arthur E. Conner. The objections demanded a trial by jury and this will undoubtedly come up for trial at the regular term of county court in April.

Mrs. Fred DuMond had her left ankle fractured Friday night while coasting on the Third brook turnpike. The bobs on which she and others were riding downhill collided with a pair of bobs being brought up the hill and in the spill Mrs. DuMond sustained the injury mentioned. Dr. C. S. Gould was called in attendance.

The name of the Sons of Veterans may be changed to that of Sons of the Grand Army of the Republic. Membership in the organization is limited to the descendants of Civil War veterans and for this reason it was found that the term of "Sons of Veterans" was misleading. A committee appointed at the last G. A. R. encampment has suggested the change.

Carl Beardslee of Harby street fell on the ice while going from the house to the barn Wednesday morning and fractured two ribs. The same day Mrs. A. A. Hoy of Townsend street caught her foot on a wire while returning crosslots from the home of Mrs. B. C. Sherwood, East street, sustaining a painful injury to her right knee. Dr. W. R. Gladstone is the attending physician.

Major J. I. Webb, who has been housed up by illness at the River-view hotel, was out on the street Wednesday for the first time in some two months. Major Webb, who predicted a mild winter last fall, looks for continued warm weather until the line storm about the 20th of this month. As a weather prophet Major Webb has eclipsed DeVoe of Hackensack, who predicted a heavy snow between the 4th and 6th of March.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Oles, Prospect avenue, celebrated their 50th anniversary on the evening of March 4th. About twenty guests enjoyed a three-course, old-fashioned chicken dinner. Rooms and tables were decorated in yellow cut flowers and candles. They were recipients of beautiful presents and a sum of money. Guests from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oles, Bainbridge; Mrs. Anna Hill and granddaughter, Dorothy, from Binghamton; and Mrs. Mabel Walley of Cannonsville.

Governor Smith signed the state bonus bill last Thursday. The section covering those entitled to a bonus reads: "Every person, male or female, who was enlisted, in-

ducted, warranted or commissioned and who served in active duty in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States at any time between the sixth day of April, 1917, and the eleventh day of November, 1918, and who was honorably separated or discharged from such service, or who is still in active service, or has been retired, or has been furloughed to a reserve." Another clause specifically includes every person who served in the army or navy nurse corps.

Melvin Smith and William Ogden have sold their garage building on lower North street to Everett Barnes. The building is occupied by the Delaware Motor company, of which Mr. Barnes is a member. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson. The sale is also announced of the building and lot on Delaware street, near More Brothers store, owned by H. M. Robinson and E. B. Guild, to Olan Misner. The building on the lot was recently moved from Mt. Pleasant and was formerly occupied by the Clark & Ives market. Mr. Misner will remodel the structure for a printing office.

The Farm and Home Bureaus will unite with various organizations including the Grange, Dairyman's League, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis club and the Shewanis club, in a Community meeting and dinner today, Friday, at grange hall. Committees have arranged for the dinner and entertainment to follow. There will be community singing and a general get-together. Among the speakers at the session following the dinner will be Mrs. Franc Hall Morse, vice president of the New York State Home Bureau federation, and Prof. John Barron of Cornell. Mrs. Morse will be remembered as a former domestic science teacher in the Walton high school. The community dinner will be served at noon.

POLICE SEIZE BOOZE FROM BOOTLEGGERS

Two Delaware County Men Held in Oneonta Under Volstead Law

Lewis Steinhardt of Fleischmanns and Fred Sliter of Andes are held under \$1,000 bail each to appear before Arthur Seybolt, United States Commissioner, in Oneonta on Mar. 10 on a charge of the illegal transportation of liquor.

Oneonta police found in the possession of the two men a quantity of liquor which included 24 quarts of wine, 23 quarts of whiskey, 22 bottles of gin and a five gallon can nearly full of "moonshine" whiskey.

The arrest of the two men and the capture of the supply of "bootleg" stuff came about in a peculiar manner. Thursday evening a message was received at police headquarters in Oneonta that a motor car moving toward that city had hit a young woman near Stamford village and to halt and question all motorists and examine all cars for indications that they might be the car sought.

While members of the police force were engaged at this task at the river bridge one of the cars had no sooner been halted than it was discovered that it had a quantity of contraband goods aboard. It proved to be a Willys-Knight service car from a Market street garage, driven by G. H. Sandell, an employee of the garage.

Further investigation disclosed that a call had reached the garage to send a car to bring to the city two motorists whose car had become disabled above Davenport. A touring car equipped with chains was not available at the time and Mr. Sandell was accordingly sent with the service car to bring the men to the city. Mr. Sandell declares that he had no knowledge of the contents of the packages which the two men removed from the disabled car and placed in his car. He was looking after the engine of the disabled car to ascertain if possible the cause of the trouble and not being suspicious of the two men paid little heed to the packages they had

FATHER OF MISSING GIRL RESCUES SECOND WANDERER

Search by Binghamton police and state troopers from the Sidney barracks, aided by the Boy Scouts and citizens, has failed to reveal the whereabouts of Eleanor Aylesworth, 16-year-old high school girl, who disappeared on Tuesday, February 25. The search is virtually at a standstill with all available clues run down.

The girl, a daughter of Winsor Aylesworth of Forksville, Pa., was a ward of Harry H. Harkness, secretary of the Binghamton automobile club.

Following up a clue furnished shortly after noon Monday by residents of the town of Conklin, east of Binghamton, to the effect that a girl answering the description of Eleanor Aylesworth, missing school girl, had been seen wandering along the river bank in a dazed condition, Winsor Aylesworth, father of the girl, and Trooper Young came upon the object of their search shortly before 2 o'clock. The girl fainted when the rescuers reached her.

in their possession. He declares the first intimation he had of the nature of the contents was when the officers stopping him directed that he drive to police headquarters as there was liquor aboard.

Sandell has been released in the custody of his attorney, George L. Bockes, to await the result of the hearing.

LIBRARY ASKS \$500 FROM WALTON VILLAGE

Proposition to Be Submitted to Taxpayers

FOR GENERAL EXPENSES

Institution Closed Year 1923 With Deficit in Maintenance Fund—Some Figures of Interest.

Taxpayers of the village of Walton will be asked to approve an annual appropriation of \$500 for the support and maintenance of the William B. Ogden Free library at the corporation election on Tuesday, Mar. 18.

During the past ten years the library has in the main depended for its maintenance expenses upon an annual appropriation of \$650 by the town of Walton. Other sources of income have been membership fees, fines, state aid varying from \$85 to \$100 and interest on investments amounting to about \$150. In the past few years the amount available for running expenses has not been adequate and the year 1923 closed with a deficit of about \$300 in the general fund. Part of this was made good from the Herbert Eells memorial fund, which yields an annual income of better than \$100, which may be used either for books or running expenses.

The Woman's club, Civic club, Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis club have gone on record as favoring the appropriation by the village. The following data relative to the library, its value and cost of upkeep is submitted by a special committee from the board of trustees of the library:

First: The library was erected in 1895 at an expense of approximately \$15,000 by the executors of the estate of William B. Ogden, deceased. \$30,000 is a conservative valuation at this time of the building and grounds.

Second: From the estates of Ogden and Herbert Eells there are income producing investments valued at \$5,000.

Third: Through various sources and particularly a \$25,000 endowment from the estate of C. C. Tiffany, deceased, there are now within the library over ten thousand well chosen books of a conservative valuation of \$30,000. The said \$25,000 endowment is securely invested, but its income can only be used for purchase of books and manuscripts, it cannot be drawn against for maintenance.

Fourth: It appears from the fore-

going that in the William B. Ogden Free library, Walton has a property valued at \$90,000 of which, however, over \$60,000 is non-income producing.

Fifth: The established cost of library maintenance as determined in Carnegie and like library foundations, is approximately ten per cent of the property value.

Sixth: The following indicates the library operation costs in some other localities in New York state: Canton, 2,700 population, \$.83 per resident or \$2,241; Granville, 3,940 population, \$1,200 per resident, or \$3,674; Greene, 1,275 population, \$1.70 per resident, or \$2,209; Madrid, 1,390 population, \$1.80 per resident, or \$2,447; Owego, 4,635 population, \$.54 per resident, or \$2,271; Oneonta, 11,000 population, \$.90 per resident, or \$10,416; Weedsport, 1,344 population, after voting \$200 and \$350 per annum has now voted \$500 for library upkeep. The \$500 now asked of Walton village would only be about 12 cents per resident.

Seventh: The William B. Ogden Free library aside from the Tiffany fund income which, under the terms of the bequest, cannot be utilized for maintenance purposes, has an annual income of less than \$1,500 of which the town appropriates \$650 or about 7 cents per resident.

Eighth: In view of the present population of Walton and the vast number of volumes in the library the income provided is insufficient for bare cost of librarian, heating, lighting and janitor service.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. OGDEN

FREE LIBRARY

By R. B. St. John,

GERRY'S IMPORT CATTLE FROM EUROPE.

(From Andes correspondent.)

A large truck passed through Andes Tuesday, enroute to the Gerry farms at Lake Delaware from New York, carrying seven cows that Mr. Billings, superintendent of the farm, purchased while in Europe on his recent trip there.

RE-ELECT ALL TEACHERS

Contracts Offered Members of Present Faculty

SALARY LIST IS \$53,075

Expected That Most of Teaching Force Will Return for Ensuing School Year.

The board of education of the Walton high school has tendered contracts for the ensuing year to the members of the present faculty. It is believed that most of the members of the faculty will sign the contracts. Miss Rae L. Braw, instructor of commercial subjects, has resigned, to take effect at the close of the present school year. The teachers have until March 21 to sign

the contracts.

The table shows the salaries paid during the present school year and those offered for 1924-25. The total salary list is \$53,075, compared with \$50,635 in 1923-34

The school will receive \$1,650 from the state toward the salary of Miss Dann. The salary of Miss Clara Lyons includes \$100 as principal of the Miller avenue school and \$100 as eighth grade teacher and that of Miss Antoinette Owens \$100 for library work.

	1923-24	1924-25
Margaret Barry	\$1,050	\$1,125
Julia Brandt	1,350	1,400
Rae L. Bray, resigned	1,475	1,550
S. E. Brink	2,200	2,300
Paul M. Brown	1,900	2,000
Grace Coburn	1,325	1,400
Emma Dann	1,600	1,700
Mildred Dolan	1,350	1,425
Kate G. Eells	1,550	1,550
Ruth E. Eells	1,250	1,325
Laura Eggleston	1,550	1,550
Marion Gladstone	1,150	1,225
Dorothy J. Green	1,300	1,375
Olive Hasbrouck	1,225	1,300
Ruth Haulenbeek	1,500	1,550
Nina Hodge	1,125	1,200
Martha C. Johnston	1,225	1,300
M. Janie Launt	1,450	1,550
Clara M. Lyon	1,350	1,600
Henri F. Mace	800	800
Bertha McCabe	1,325	1,400
Margaret McDougall	1,510	1,550
H. Francis Miles	900	900
Lucia W. Nutt	1,550	1,550
Antoinette K. Owens	1,600	1,650
Elinor S. Pedley	1,200	1,275
Claudine A. Proskine	1,550	1,550
Margaret Schlafer	1,400	1,475
Margaret A. Shaw	1,225	1,300
Irene St. John	1,400	1,475
Adella Strohmeier	1,400	1,475
H. B. Townsend	2,800	3,000
Blanche Whitman	1,300	1,375
Margaret D. Woodburn	1,175	1,250
Margaret E. Woodburn	1,225	1,300
Bessie Shackelton	1,150	1,325
	\$50,635	\$53,075

TRUCK BLOCKED BY SNOW

Moving Van From Scranton Unable to Reach Bovina.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

One night recently a large moving van from Scranton arrived in town with a load of household goods. They were enroute to Bovina and had been on the way two days and nights. Owing to the condition of the roads the goods were unloaded here and stored in the Rip Van Winkle theatre and the van returned to Scranton to await better road conditions.

Roads hereabout have been filled with snow and for several days were impassable but about all are now open. A volunteer army of men started shoveling snow and worked Monday to open the road to Grand Gorge which was badly drifted.

HORSE FELL ON DRIVER

(From Corbett correspondent.)

Andrew Thompson, who has charge of loading wood for the Corbett acid factory, met with a painful accident one day this week. While driving a horse to move the oven cars the animal stepped on a railroad rail, falling on Mr. Thompson and badly injuring his knee. Dr. Robert Brittain was called and found no bones broken but the ligaments were badly strained.