

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, April 26, 1924

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

TWO BANQUETS MAY 15

Autos in Crash—Boys Injure Their Arms—Setting Forest Trees—Freight Cars Jump Track.

The members of the Boy Scout troop of which E. D. Baker is scoutmaster enjoyed a supper at their shack Monday evening.

Master John Stokes fell from the retaining wall on the north side of the state road above the novelty works late Wednesday afternoon and dislocated his left elbow. Dr. W. B. Morrow attended him.

Rex Beers has sold his small farm on the Third brook road, formerly owned by C. B. Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. George Barrows. The sale was made through the agency of H. M. Robinson. Mr. Beers will work for C. D. Ostrom at Beerston.

Miss Mabel F. Drury of Gouverneur has been engaged as teacher of physics and mathematics in the Walton high school and Miss Neva B. Every of Brewerton as teacher of chemistry and mathematics. They will fill the positions made vacant by the resignations of Miss Lucia Nutt and Miss Ruth Haulenbeck.

The Dairymen's League Co-operative Association's March gross pool price for three per cent milk at the 201-210 mile freight zone is \$1.88 per 100 pounds, with eight cents deduction for expenses and five cents for certificates of indebtedness. The net pool price, therefore, is \$1.80, and the cash payment is \$1.75.

Carlton, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Peake of Rock Rift, had his left arm fractured at the elbow Wednesday when thrown from a cart in which he was coasting down a hill. The accident was caused by a wheel hitting a stump root. The fracture was a bad one and Dr. J. A. Holley was assisted by Dr. W. R. Gladstone in reducing the same.

The fire department was called out Friday by the burning out of a chimney at the home of Mrs. Thomas LaFrano, Burton street. This was the second time within a week that the department was called out by a chimney fire. It would seem that some arrangement should be made by which in such cases a still alarm could be sent, in as the services of only a few men are needed.

A banquet to the American Legion men of Delaware county will be held on May 15 at the Walton armory. The Walton Chamber of Commerce plans to hold its annual banquet on the same date and probably in connection with the Legion. State Commander Edward E. Spafford and National Vice Commander William Healey of the American Legion and Senator William T. Bryne of Albany will be among the speakers.

Six cars of south bound O. & W. freight train 34, in charge of Conductor Judson Billings of Middletown were derailed shortly before midnight. Friday night at Keery's switch, between Cadosia and Apex. Traffic north and south was blocked for several hours but was cleared before the Mountain Express and the Washington excursion train were due. The cars, loaded with merchandise, left the rails and five went down a bank, two of them landing in Cadosia creek. One of the cars which went into the brook was loaded with oranges. In one end were several barrels of vinegar and salt and when the car turned a somersault "orange crush" was the outcome.

The piece of broken wheel was found three miles north of where the wreck occurred.

The Chevrolet touring car of Larry Ryan and the Dodge roadster of Clayton Wood collided Saturday morning at the corner of Mead and Townsend streets. Mr. Ryan was driving north up Townsend street and Mr. Wood was proceeding westerly along Mead street. The Chevrolet struck the rear fender of the Dodge and shoved the latter machine about fifteen feet until it struck the electric light pole on Dr. D. W. Nutt's property. The car stopped but Wood kept on going and landed in the gutter but sustained no serious injury. The impact loosened the transformer on the pole but it was held by the wires until the electric light men arrived and repaired the damage. The fender and gasoline tank of Wood's car were jammed. The Chevrolet suffered the most damage, the front being considerably jammed and the axle bent.

Charged with having robbed Charles Forest of Tennenah Lake, of 4280, on Saturday, April 12th, Philip Saint Louis and Henry Herbert, were arrested on Wednesday, April 16th at Beerston, where they had applied for work in the acid factory. Before Justice Stickles at Roscoe, Saint Louis was held for the grand jury on a charge of grand larceny and lodged in the Monticello jail by Sergeant Lockhart and Trooper O'Hanley, who made the arrests. Herbert was released, as he convinced the officials that he was not implicated in the robbery. Forest, who is employed in a lumber camp at Tennenah Lake, had received his check for the winter's work and cashed the same, and after celebrating the occasion went to his camp where he kept bachelor's hall, sat down on the porch and fell asleep. He was awakened when Saint Louis took the money from his pocket and recognized the man as he ran from the scene.

AWARD TROPHY TO CO. F

Army Officer Will Be Here For Occasion

NATION'S BEST SHOOTERS

Walton Guardsmen First to Win War Department Trophy in Ten Years.

Saturday will be a gala day in Walton. That evening the war department ment trophy awarded to the best shooting national guard company in the United States will be presented to Company F as well as the National Defense trophy from the state to the national guard company which qualified as marksmen or better the largest number of men not qualifying in previous years.

So exacting are the military requirements for the war department trophy, at least seventy per cent of the entire strength of the company must qualify as marksmen, sharpshooters, or expert marksmen, under which this trophy is offered, that for ten years it has not been awarded to any company.

The presentation is to be made at the armory at 7:30 o'clock in the evening by Col. Charles E. Walsh of the Tenth Infantry, Albany, who will be accompanied by the entire regimental staff and the regimental band, while Brigadier General William Wiegel of the regular army, representing the war department at Washington, and officials representing the office of the governor of New York, will be present. In the afternoon at 3:30 there will be a parade headed by the regimental band, in which Company F and various patriotic organizations will participate. A banquet will be served at the armory at 5:30 to the guardsmen and their guests. The presentation is public and all are urged to attend. Dancing will follow.

MAN KILLED SUNDAY NIGHT IN AUTO WRECK AT OTEGO

Frederick H. Martin of Binghamton was instantly killed Sunday about midnight in an automobile accident at the sharp curve on the D. W. Reeves farm just east of the village of Otego.

Martin and two young ladies, Miss Stella Bryant, whose parents reside at Unadilla and Miss Elsie Francis, both working in Binghamton, were returning from a visit to Delhi. Miss Bryant was driving and as the car, an Oakland roadster owned by Martin, was rounding the sharp curve near the tenement house of D. W. Reeves, the machine got beyond her control and crashed into the guard rail, breaking off three of the posts and then plunged down the embankment and overturned down

the embankment, landing bottom side up, pinning the body of Martin under the wreckage, but the ladies managed to get free. They hastened to the Beeves home for help and soon the victim was released but his life had ended.

The girls were taken to the Fox hospital at Oneonta, where it was found they had sustained no serious injuries.

Examination showed Martin to have sustained injuries about the face as if hit by the guard rail which was driven through the windshield, his legs and body also showing marks. There appeared to be no evidence of a broken neck. Martin's body was sent to Binghamton where the funeral was held.

The range on which this New York company shot was at Peekskill during the encampment beginning August 25, 1923. The Walton company reported with a full personnel of officers and ninety-two enlisted men. At the range it scored seventy-five per cent, or five per cent more than the requisite required by the war department for qualification. Practically all of these wonderful marksmen are natives of Walton, many of them veterans from the overseas service in the great war, where the Walton company, a portion of the Twenty-seventh which was hurled against the Hindenburg line, was nearly decimated in the closing days of September, 1918.

In pioneer times the settlers were wont to assemble at Walton for annual Training Day, the tactics being imparted to them by veteran officers of the Revolutionary army. One of the most noted was Major Pine, a valorous officer of the Famous Westchester Guards. He was ably assisted by Capt. John Eells of Putman's Connecticut Brigade and Matthew Marvin, who under Lafayette had stormed one of the redoubts at Yorktown. Such was the fame of these early Walton soldiers that Governor Morgan Lewis and his staff came the then long journey from Albany to Walton to review the soldiers. About this time there were famous deer hunting parties organized about Walton, the most of the hunting being done on horseback and with hounds. Modern development of the training company was found in the organization of the Walton separate company thirty years ago, the present Company F.

The Chamber of Commerce at a meeting Monday appropriated \$200 to help Company F defray the expenses incident to the occasion.

\$12,000 FOR RAILROAD INJURY

Fireman John Brown of Sidney Wins Big Verdict.

A \$12,000 verdict was awarded Friday to John H. Brown, former fireman for the New York, Ontario & Western railway as balm for two fractured legs, sustained in a train wreck at Maywood, March 24, 1923.

The verdict was returned by a jury in Judge Cooper's Federal court in Syracuse. Brown, a resident of Sidney, sued for \$100,000 and the fight hinged on whether he can recover from the injury and again be able to work.

Two medical experts who examined the man's injury and took X-rays of the fractured legs, strongly asserted Brown never will recover. The railway physician was as strongly positive that he will.

Frequent clashes between, opposing counsel marked the closing sessions of the trial. The jury was out four hours.

Brown took the stand and related how the ankles of both legs were fractured when caught between the locomotive cab and the tender at the time of the wreck.

Miller, Matterson & Quinn ap-

peared for the plaintiff and W. H. Sullivan for the defendant. Drs. T. F. Manley, E. F. Gibson and W. E. Hartigan gave evidence.

USED PITCHFORK ON MOTORIST

Bainbridge Farmer Objected to Cars Going on Grass.

Edward Constable of Bainbridge was held Monday for the grand jury under \$500 bail, following a hearing before Justice Duane L. Atkyns of Sherburne, designated by County Judge Hubert C. Stratton, who was disqualified to hear the matter, on a charge of second degree assault preferred by Frank Walker.

The complaint alleged that Walker and his father-in-law, Samuel Wilmoth, were driving by the Constable farm in Bainbridge on Saturday morning. To avoid a large mudhole in the highway motorists and others had driven upon the grass by the side of the road until Constable laid a row of fence posts on the grass to prevent driving over it. Walker was removing the fence posts, it is said, when Constable appeared and after some argument, it is alleged, struck the plaintiff with a pitchfork, cutting his scalp and injuring him otherwise.

State troopers arrested Constable and took him before a Bainbridge justice of the peace who referred the case to County Judge Stratton. Mr. Constable is a man about 80 years of age.

FLEE BURNING HOME IN NIGHT CLOTHES

Paul Nichols' House on Sands Creek Burned Down

LOST THEIR ALL IN FIRE

Parents Barely Have Time to Rescue Children Before Flames Envelop Entire House.

(From Hancock correspondent.) Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nichols and two children escaped in their nightclothes from their burning home when fire destroyed their residence on Sands creek, about six miles from Hancock, at an early hour Saturday morning, April 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were awakened about 3 o'clock in the morning by the smell of smoke and a crack caused by the falling timbers of the rear portion of the house. The flames by that time had gained such headway that the couple had no time to dress and escaped in their nightclothes, having first dropped their two children to the ground.

Neighbors were soon on the scene but the building was a mass of flames and it was impossible to save any of the furniture or clothing in the house.

A few years ago Mr. and Mrs. Nichols purchased the farm on Sands creek of C. D. Hoagland and were getting along nicely. The fire is a severe blow to them as their loss is estimated at \$6,000 with insurance of only about \$1,000. They

are at present staying at the home, of Charles Bingham and have not decided on their future plans. Paul R. Nichols is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nichols of Pines brook.

DANDELION WINE BARRED

Rules Issued Governing Brewing of Fruit Juices.

Uncle Sam's annual spring warning that dandelions and rhubarb cannot be used in the manufacture of "nonintoxicating cider and fruit juices" is given in regulations received by Jess W. Clarke, collector of internal revenue for this district.

Ever since horticultural experts in the internal revenue bureau determined that the lowly dandelion neither was fruit nor flower, its use has been prohibited in making wines. The same is true of rhubarb and dried fruits.

SOME GOOD MILK RECORDS.

(North Kortright correspondent.) Several fine Holstein dairies are owned in this vicinity and some of the cows have made big records. Gould Van Dusen has one that has yielded as high as fifty pounds. Since his return from the south J. A. Rowland has bought about a dozen Holstein cows making a dairy of 15.

CAUGHT IN CAVE-IN.

(From Stamford correspondent.) Michael Fritz of Oneonta, employed by Contractor Gurney in digging ditch for the sewer line on Beaver street, Stamford, received injuries to his back and side Friday when the earth caved in on him. His injuries were attended to by Dr. J. E. Safford.

MAYHAM FARM BRINGS \$31,000

Property Includes Lake, Store and Residence.

(From Stamford correspondent.) The F. B. Mayham farm located near the Ulster & Delaware railroad station at South Gilboa, Schoharie county, comprising 280 acres, a grist mill, feed and grocery store, residence and other farm buildings and a large sheet of water was sold Saturday, April 19, at partition sale by Attorney Ives of Roxbury. The farm was purchased by Samuel Kasloff of Stamford, for \$31,000. The feed store on the premises is leased and conducted by E. B. Decker of Stamford. Mr. Kasloff conducts a market at Stamford and is engaged in the cattle business.

SMOKED UP THE KITCHEN

Boys' Discovery of Fire Prevents a Greater Loss.

The farm house of Mrs. George Flint, about a mile west of Deposit, caught fire last Thursday morning while the family were at the barn milking.

The fire was discovered by the little son of Mrs. Mabel Kelsey, who went back to the house on an errand. He notified the folks at the barn and they rushed to the house and succeeded in putting out the flames, but not until the walls and ceiling in the kitchen had been ruined. Other rooms adjoining were also damaged by smoke and heat. The fire caught in the wall back of the kitchen stove.

CAUGHT 23- INCH TROUT

Margaretville Boy Lands Prize Fish of Season.

(From Margaretville correspondent.)

A trout measuring 23 inches and weighing four pounds and two ounces, was recently caught down by the old fair grounds by young Chauncey Squires.