

# LOOKING BACK

*100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter*

100 YEARS AGO,  
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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

## A NEW AUTO CONCERN

**Fractured Two Ribs—  
Fair Officers—Small Fire  
—Streets Oiled—Baby  
Took Hard Fall.**

Howard, the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mills, Prospect avenue, fell from a high chair Saturday and fractured his collar bone.

The season for black bass opens June 16 and lasts until November 30th. The legal limit for bass is 10 inches and one person may not take more than 15 in one day.

The dirt streets were oiled this week with the exception of a few streets for which the supply ran short. These will be oiled in a week or ten days. The tarvia for the macadam streets is expected at any time.

Crawford Brothers sent a check for \$100 to the Fire Department Saturday in appreciation of their services in putting out the fire in their mill on Wednesday morning of last week. They also gave Robert Littlejohn \$25 for his work in fighting the flames until the arrival of the department.

The crowds leaving the city Saturday, Sunday and Monday to spend Memorial Day in resorts along the Ontario & Western were unusually large and many of the trains were run in sections. Boarding house and hotel proprietors in Delaware and Sullivan counties are looking forward to a banner season.

The fire department was called out Friday afternoon to the home of Leslie M. Budine in the Babcock house, corner of Mead and Howell streets. Some fat which was being fried out on the kitchen stove caught fire and filled the house with smoke, but the actual damage done was small and the services of the firemen were not required.

The Meadowbrook Dairy company have rented one side of the building erected by Woodburn brothers on lower Delaware street and have opened an ice cream, confectionery, and cigar store. They will also carry a line of dairy products. Carroll & Turner's restaurant has been moved from the Gaul building to the other side of the Woodburn store.

At the meeting of the Walton branch of the Dairymen's League Co-operative association Saturday Lewis C. More was elected delegate to the convention in Utica on June 15. The ballots for director have been forwarded to the Utica headquarters to be canvassed. John D. Smith of Walton had no opposition for re-election to the office.

The Walton Fire Department netted about \$210 from the minstrel show at the hall Friday and Saturday nights. Those who attended the show pronounce it one of the best home talent productions ever given in Walton. The play, "Husbands on Approval," given in the hall Tuesday evening under the direction of Miss Gertrude Fagan, was also enjoyed by many.

In a pamphlet issued by the State Department of Education a copy of which has been received by the local Board of Education there is the news that beginning with the examinations of June, 1923, the minimum

passing marks in all academic examinations will be 65 per cent instead of 60 per cent. The rating of preliminary subjects will remain unchanged, 75 per cent for all except spelling, which is 80 per cent.

James M. Knapp has resigned as secretary of the Walton fair association. The present officers of the association are as follows: President, William H. Austin, appointed to fill vacancy caused by failure of H. M. Barnhart to qualify; vice president, Frank T. Ives; treasurer, Harry McCabe; directors, Everett Dicks, George Ward, L. D. McClenon, Grant Begeal, Richard Armstrong and George Wakeman.

H. M. Barnhart and E. J. Vail have incorporated under the name of the Walton Auto Sales Co., Inc., of which Mr. Barnhart is president and Mr. Vail vice president. The company has rented the garage of Melvin Smith on North street and opened Thursday with a full line of Ford parts and accessories. They have also secured the Ford agency and will deal in Fords and Fordson tractors and parts exclusively. The repair shop will be under the direction of Melvin Smith, one of the ablest automobile mechanics in this section. Mr. Vail will have the active management of the business.

Miss Pauline Grey, who makes her home at E. M. Stern's, had two ribs fractured and sustained an internal injury Sunday afternoon when she fell while mounting a horse. Miss Grey and her cousin, Hilda Stern, had been out horseback riding and had stopped in the maple grove above Earl Robinson's, river road, to rest. In remounting Miss Grey lost her footing and fell into the ditch. Help was called and Dr. W. R. Gladstone summoned. The physician found Miss Grey suffering severely from the shock of the accident and an examination disclosed the injuries mentioned. The injury is a serious one but on Thursday the patient's condition was improving.

## GYPSY ASKS FOR A COPPER BUT TAKES \$20.00 IN BILLS

A band of gypsies traveling in seven automobiles arrived in Walton Saturday about one o'clock. The village authorities had been warned of their coming and gave them fifteen minutes to pack up and leave town. During this time, however, they went around to the stores and made several attempts at shoplifting.

After their departure George Pierce, who lives on the Beerston road, arrived in the village and claimed that they had taken \$20 from him. It seems they stopped at the Pierce farm and after some parley one of the women asked George to give her a copper. He reached for his pocketbook and immediately the woman grabbed it and stripped it of all the money. Pierce seized the woman and made her return the pocketbook and money but after the gypsies had gone found that he was \$20 short. Officer Stidd telephoned ahead to Delhi and asked that the gypsies be held there but they made themselves so obnoxious that the Delhi officials only let them stop a few minutes. The band was overtaken at South Kortright by officer Stidd and Sheriff Arbuckle and made to disgorge Mr. Pierce's money.

The party traveled in seven cars including two Cadillacs and Hudson super-sixes, all apparently in good condition. Reports arriving from the places they visited indicate that they left a trail of petty thieving. The band came by way of East Branch and Cadosia.

## BENNETT FACES BIGAMY CHARGE

**Extradited from  
Pennsylvania to Answer  
Delaware County Indictment.**

(From Delhi correspondent.) Deputy Sheriff Stewart returned from Doylestown, Pa., recently with Clarence Bennett, a civil engineer, who was indicted by a Delaware county grand jury for bigamy two years since. Bennett has a wife and several children living in Pennsylvania and another wife who is a resident of Walton. He is now in the county jail awaiting the disposition of his case.

## STRICKEN ON MILK WAGON

**Homer E. Slade Dies at  
Breakstone Creamery from  
Dilation of Heart.**

Homer E. Slade, aged 34 years, who has been employed for a short time by Charles Cain of McGibbon hollow, Walton, as driver of his milk team, was stricken with acute dilatation of the heart at the Breakstone creamery Tuesday a few minutes after 12 o'clock and died before medical aid could reach him.

On arriving at the plant he told another driver he was not feeling well and would need help in unloading. He was seated on the driver's seat eating dinner when overcome and fell to the ground, dying within a few minutes.

The body was taken to Arena Thursday where the funeral was held. Three brothers and a sister survive: Herman and Clair Slade of Union Grove, John Slade of Arena, and Mrs. Seymour Race of Arena.

## Will Face Bigamy Charge.

Mrs. Mable M. Parker, against whom a sealed indictment was returned by the Broome county grand jury in Binghamton last October, was arrested in Monticello a few days ago and returned to Binghamton Monday to answer to a charge of bigamy.

## ELOPERS ARRESTED, FORD IS RECOVERED

**Couple Left Fleischmanns in  
Stolen Car and Were Arrested  
in Binghamton**

(From Fleischmanns correspondent.)

A young man who gave his name as Russell Bailey was brought to Fleischmanns last Friday, May 26th, by State Trooper J. P. Martin for arraignment on a charge of stealing the Ford sedan of Benjamin Gulnick of Allaben from in front of the opera house in Fleischmanns. Bailey and the young girl who accompanied him and passed as his wife were held to await the action of the grand jury which meets in Delhi next week.

Saturday evening, May 20th, the Gulnick family drove to Fleischmanns and the Ford sedan was left parked in front of the casino while the Gulnicks attended the movies at the opera house. When they returned the machine was gone. Suspicion fastened upon Bailey who came to Fleischmanns a short time before accompanied by a fifteen year old girl and registered at the Cole boarding house as man and wife. He was working for Ellsworth Reynolds and on the night the Ford was stolen Bailey and the girl disappeared leaving an unpaid board bill. Later it was found that the young man had induced the girl to elope from her home at Endicott and come with him to Fleischmanns. The matter of the car theft was placed in the hands of the state police and the arrest in Binghamton followed.

Bailey had already made a confession when he was arraigned before Justice S. Mayes at Fleischmanns who bound him over to the grand jury on a charge of grand larceny. The girl was also brought back to Fleischmanns by

the officers as a witness. She was detained as a witness and both taken to the Delhi jail.

Bailey had sold the Ford to a Binghamton dealer, but had not received anything for it and the owner had recovered the car before the arrests were made.

## DRIVES TRUCK HOURS AFTER BREAKING ARM

**Norman Smith Keeps on the  
Job With Fractured Wrist  
and Sprained Ankle**

With his left wrist broken and his right wrist and both ankles sprained when the Mack truck he was driving backed off a bridge on the Bobs brook road Wednesday morning, Norman Smith directed the work of getting the truck back into the road and then drove the machine to Walton where he visited Dr. W. G. Smith's office and had his injuries attended to some five hours after the accident occurred.

Smith is employed on the town road force and was driving the truck to gather up the loose stones in the highway. A load had been picked up and Smith was backing the truck around near the bridge a short distance up the Bobs brook road in order to dump the stone over the bank. He backed the machine too far and the wheels went off the edge of the bridge, causing the truck to upset. In the mix-up Smith sustained the injuries mentioned.

The accident occurred about 11 o'clock in the morning and Smith did not visit the doctor's office until nearly 5 o'clock in the afternoon. He is the man who was critically injured while in the employ of the Keery company at Cadosia a year or two ago. While riding on the running board of one of the Keery trucks he was caught between the body of the machine and a telephone pole near Hancock village, sustaining a fracture of the pelvis and also broke the same wrist he fractured Wednesday.

## FORM BLOOMVILLE 'PHONE CO.

**New Corporation Takes  
Over Part of Bovina Center  
Co.'s Lines.**

(From Bloomville correspondent.)

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Bovina Center Telephone company residing in this territory it was decided to organize the Bloomville Telephone company and take over the line in this locality and extend the same. The following directors were elected for the year: S. O. Smith, D. I. Cameron, Leonard Smith, E. W. Simmons, Charles Mauer, G. T. Every, Charles Coan, Lee Buell and F. E. Martin. The officers are:

S. O. Smith, president; D. I. Cameron, vice president; Charles Coan, secretary and treasurer; Leonard Smith, business manager.

## BURNED HOLE IN RAFTERS

**Bloomville House Endangered  
by Burning Out of Chimney.**

(From Bloomville correspondent.)

Last week Wednesday at about eleven o'clock in the forenoon word was received in Bloomville that W. F. Lepley's tenement house was on fire. A number from here departed in automobiles to the scene but found on arrival their services were not needed as the fire had been checked. A chimney burning out had become overheated and fire had caught in the rafters and sheeting burning a hole about six feet square.

## NEW RULES ISSUED TO TRAIN TEACHERS

**Regents Eliminate Academic  
Certificate of Eligibility After  
Sept. 1, 1923**

Many changes in the rules governing the certificates of eligibility of teachers in the public schools to continue their profession are made in regulations promulgated by the board of regents.

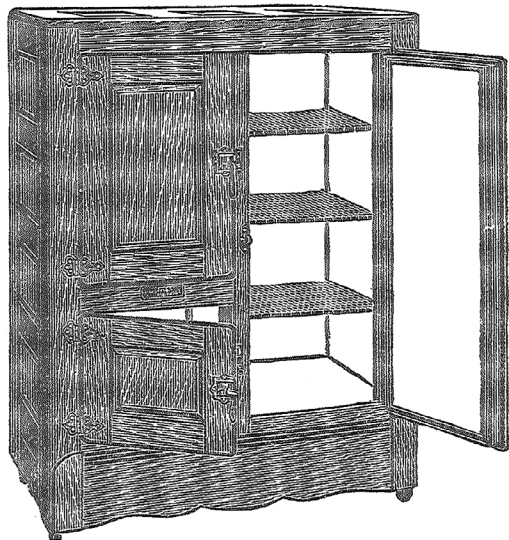
The new program provides that no academic certificates are to be issued and no renewals of academic certificates are to be made after September 1, 1923. The academic certificates to be issued at the close of the summer session in 1923 are to be limited to one year. This will result in doing away entirely with the academic teaching certificate after July 31, 1924.

Examinations for the state life certificate and the issuance of state limited or state life certificates will be discontinued after September 1, 1926.

Examinations for the rural school renewable certificate and the issuance of renewable rural school certificates will be discontinued after September 1, 1924.

The entrance requirement for admission to training classes are raised from three years to four years of high school work, effective September, 1923. Training class certificates issued on the completion of the one year training class courses will be limited for a period not exceeding three years and will not be renewable. These certificates will be valid in rural schools. Teachers holding three-year training class certificates may continue their professional work in the state normal schools where one year of credit will be allowed, provided the applicant has not had less than one year of successful experience.

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