

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About
at the County Hub

AN ARDENT WORSHIPER

**One Went to Jail—1,980
Went to Church—Autos
Collide—Road Signs and
Street Signs.**

Norris Frazier of Cannonsville, a brother of B. H. Frazier of Walton, killed a large black bear near that village one day last week. Bruin tipped the scales at over 400 pounds.

Prof. Wells reports that the sale of season tickets for the community lecture course is going well. The date for reserving these tickets will be Saturday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m. at the Walton hall. There will be no extra charge for reserved seats.

The total attendance last Sunday in the churches of Walton, counting one service only in each church, was 1,980. It is suggested that those who did not get in on Go-to-Church Sunday, Nov. 19, try it along with the hundreds of repeaters next Sunday, Nov. 26.

The Company F basketball five will open the season on the armory court Saturday evening in a game with the Five Spots of Oneonta. The company F regular players are Archer, Bartlett, Courtney and the Flynn brothers, Sylvester and Henry. A number of substitutes are in training.

The appellate division of the supreme court has handed down four decisions in motions in the case of the Walton Foundry company against the A. D. Granger company of New York, an action on account. These decisions reverse four orders granted by Justice Kellogg which held up a judgment of \$2,300 secured by the Walton company.

The Chamber of Commerce has erected road signs at the entrances to the village giving the mileage to various villages and cities. The Civic club has taken up the matter of having proper street signs erected as many of the old signs have been destroyed. At a meeting Monday evening the club voted to erect new signs bearing the street names.

Jack Doyle was arrested by Officers Wakeman and Stidd on Saturday on a charge of public intoxication. He was arraigned before Justice J. M. Peake, who imposed a sentence of ten days in the Delhi jail and Doyle was taken to the county seat Saturday. Arthur Gray, who was arrested the same day on a similar charge, escaped with a fine of three dollars.

Arthur Schriber, who lives on the Beerston road, just outside the village limits, was riding to school Thursday noon on his bicycle when his wheel collided with a Buick car at the turn in front of Huyck's store, Prospect avenue. The boy was thrown upon the hood of the automobile but escaped with painful cuts and bruises. His bicycle was badly wrecked.

The annual union Thanksgiving service of the protestant churches in Walton will be held Thanksgiving morning in the Congregational church at 10:30. Rev. F. C. Davidson of the United Presbyterian church will preach on the subject, "Jehovah Reigneth." The organ numbers will be, "Grand Choeur" and "Allegro," both by Guilman. The special numbers, solo, "The Earth is the Lord's," Lynes, rendered by Evalyn Payne Burrhus; anthem, "Oh, Lord, How Manifold," Barnby. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

The automobiles of Ward Townsend and Henry Davis collided at the corner of Delaware and Howell streets Sunday morning when Mr. Townsend, who was proceeding east toward the business section, failed on account of his side curtains to note the approach of the Davis car which was turning from Delaware into Howell streets. The impact of the collision threw Mr. Townsend's son, Howard, who was riding with him, against the dashboard in such a way that it required six stitches to close the scalp gash cut on the boy's forehead. Dr. W. R. Gladstone was the attending physician.

The Walton chapter of the "SheWanis Club," consisting of a number of Walton's business women, was organized on Thursday, Nov. 23, and lunched at Mrs. Boyd's tea room. The following ladies were present: Miss Eugenia Burrhus, Miss Grace Nutt, Miss Florence Beers, Miss Nellie Burgin, Mrs. Ruth Stern, Miss Sarah E. Pond, Miss Myrtle Wright, Miss Katherine Wright, Miss Mary Wakeman, Mrs. Edna Squires, Miss Jennie Hamilton, Mrs. Letha Palmater, Miss Hattie Wakeman, Miss Ruth McClelland. The society plans to hold weekly luncheons and discuss affairs of importance to the community.

On "Go-to-church" Sunday one Walton man decided to make up for some of his lack of attendance in the past and to attend a church service in the evening. Shortly after 1 o'clock he visited the Episcopal and Congregational churches and found that both had held their vesper service at five o'clock. Not discouraged he made up his mind to go to the Baptist church and directed his footsteps to what he thought was that church edifice. During the services he made up his mind that he had gotten in the wrong place and was at the United Presbyterian service. When he came out and looked at the church sign board he found he had been at the Methodist church. He is now familiarizing himself with the location of Walton's eleven churches.

CRASHED INTO WINDOW

**Grant Brothers' Ford Rams
Into Huyck Store Front**

LOST CONTROL ON TURN

**Driver Declared Steering Gear
Locked and He Was Unable to
Round Bend in Highway.**

The Ford car of Grant Brothers of Granton demolished half of the windows in the front of Frank L. Huyck's grocery store on Prospect avenue, Walton, Wednesday afternoon when the driver failed to make the turn down the river and the machine crashed into the building.

The Huyck store, formerly the Beagle grocery, faces Delaware street and in front of it there is a right angle turn down the river road. From the railroad tracks to the store there is a sharp pitch.

As the driver approached the pitch he put on speed but failed to make the turn and the car kept straight ahead. The iron post supporting the corner of the upstairs balcony was knocked out by one wheel of the machine and was catapulted through the glass windows. Almost at the same instant the machine struck the building and crashed through the glass and framework of the windows. A large iron post just back of the windows and near the doorway brought the machine to a stop with the opposite side of the car resting against the show case.

In the store were Alice Huyck, Virginia Carroll and her little nephew, William Schraft of Norwich. For a moment the air was filled with shattered glass and flying groceries but none of the three were injured although the

boy was badly frightened. He is three years of age.

In the car were Watson and John Grant. The driver stated that the accident was caused by the steering gear locking as he started to make the turn. The Grants at once ordered repairs made to the store front. This will cost about fifty dollars and in addition there is some damage to groceries. A case of codfish in the show window was smashed to bits and some ten pounds of coffee was spilled about the floor. Other grocery packages were damaged.

COAL SHORTAGE ACUTE AS WINTER BEGINS

**Less Than Forty Per Cent of
Needs Now Filled**

SEIZE CARS IN TRANSIT

**State Administration Orders
Removal of Koerbel for
Action in Directing Taking of
Coal.**

The state fuel administration is a failure so far as securing coal for this district is concerned. Walton dealers report that they have received less than 40 per cent of the anthracite needed to meet requirements of their customers and the outlook for December is even less promising. E. R. Howland received a letter from Dickson & Eddy this week stating that they would ship him three cars next month, one each of stove, nut and pea coal, if possible to do so. Twelve cars and upwards have been the normal receipts by Mr. Howland for this month in the past.

The state fuel administration is generally recognized as a dismal failure. The legislation establishing the fuel administration when dictated by Governor Miller at the special session of the legislature in August was hailed as the solution of the fuel problem this winter as far as New York state is concerned. The accomplishments of the administration have been nil.

Samuel J. Koerbel of Binghamton, fuel administrator of the sixth judicial district, which includes Delaware, Otsego, Broome and Chenango counties, has been removed from office by W. H. Woodin, state administrator, because Koerbel directed the county administrators in Chemung, Tompkins, Cortland, Tioga and Madison counties to seize carloads of coal in transit if needed to meet the acute situations caused by the shortage of coal in those counties, while hundreds of cars were passing through these counties daily on the way to Canada and the Great Lakes.

On being informed of Mr. Koerbel's action Mr. Woodin ordered his removal. Mr. Koerbel has defied the state administrator by denying that he has the power of removal and in a public statement has termed Mr. Woodin a figurehead representing "interests detrimental to the common people."

Every man on the advisory committee of the state fuel administration is a coal operator, the sixth district administrator charges.

Governor Miller, whom Koerbel contends alone has the power of removing him, is out of the state for two weeks. The case will probably be made a test action as to the right and power of district and county administrators to seize fuel in transit for the use of their own communities.

Mr. Woodin in removing Koerbel stated that the state will not receive in excess of 70 per cent of its normal supply of anthracite this winter. Locally hardly half of this percentage is being received.

WOUNDED DEER GIVES THREE MEN TUSSELE

**Some Seventy-five Bucks Are
Killed by Hunters in Ulster
and Greene**

(From Arkville correspondent.)

Last week saw the deer season end, and once more the shy, sly creatures can frequent favorite runways and can browse under the wild apple trees unafraid of real sportsmen.

Old timers predicted a good season. In the beginning it looked as if they'd be without honor in their own country, but as the days wore on reports came in thick and fast of a kill here and a kill there. Old grounds like Woodland valley, near Phoenicia, the hills either side of the Esopus eastward to Glenford, on the north shore of Ashokan reservoir, gave their usual quota. Big Indian and the Oliverea runways proved not barren. But sections hitherto not recognized as holding much promise turned out to be complete surprises and there was a sort of last minute rush to these parts in expectant hopes.

These sections were the Stony Clove valley from Chichester to Stony Clove; Silver hollow and Willow, in their upper reaches; Hunter and the Wild Cat hollow territory which lies handy as a refuge to deer sorely pressed from the country about Tannersville and Haines Falls and the parks.

The actual number of deer for the season is hard to ascertain, but from early reports around the ninth, twenty-five had been accounted for. From then on the number killed may reach forty easily as the returns from Greene and Ulster counties.

As is usual the toll of does was about the average. State troopers were on constant patrol in the vicinity of Phoenicia.

We read a while back of the Monticello man who chased a deer with a hammer, pounding on its ribs the while. The deer escaped, being the best sprinter.

Harry Smith of Lanesville got his deer. Driving a truck in road repair work below the village he spied a deer under an apple tree. Leaving the truck, with his rifle, he lay along a bank while a couple of "pards" endeavored to drive the game down towards him for a sure shot. The entrance of a lumber wagon on the scene spoiled the plan whereat Smith let drive hitting the deer in the ear, knocking him down. The bullet was afterwards found to have lodged in the skull. Out rushes one of the boys and grabs the horns. The deer soon begins to show life and was giving his captor a few mean shakes. About this time along comes another fellow and he takes a hand. The deer by this time getting livelier regained his feet. Smith reached the ring about now and in goes his hat but the deer starts down the lot with the three of them. Finally a happy idea arrives and prompts Smith to run for his rifle some distance back, which he does and so ends the struggle with all three pretty well used up and totally out of wind but not disappointed.

Gardner, the souvenir man, of Hunter, bagged a buck up in the head of Woodland valley. He was out alone and came to a very dense and heavy growth of young trees and brush close to an overhanging ledge. In stooping low to get out he spotted the animal close in to the foot of the ledge, shooting it. It was found the deer had been shot twice, once apparently with buckshot and another time with a rifle, the rifle bullet going into the body near one front leg and coming out close to the spine making an ugly wound, which was healing.

CAR LANDS IN WATER AFTER STEEP PLUNGE

**Corbett Men Hurled From
Machine Which Goes Over
Bank Into Binnekill**

(From Corbett and Downsville cors.)

Walter Roberts of Corbett had his knee dislocated and leg fractured Sunday when the Ford car of Fred Lewis went over the bank into a binnekill on the road near Colchester.

The party was on the way home from Downsville to Cor-

bett. At a narrow place in the road between J. C. Cable's and the railroad crossing the machine plunged over a ten-foot embankment. The engine and front of the machine landed in the water while the car remained standing on the end. Paul Roberts, who was in the rear seat, was thrown against a tree with such force that the impact threw him back into the road. His brother, Walter, who was in front, was thrown forward landing in the water and sustaining a broken leg and dislocated knee. Mr. Lewis, who was running the car, was thrown against the windshield badly cutting both wrists and otherwise bruising him. A limb in a tree caught the car and stopped its force. Had the car gone on over Mr. Lewis would have been pinched underneath in nearly six feet of water.

John Shields happened along and took the men to Dr. Brittain's office in Downsville where they were given medical attention.

FELL INTO COAL BIN

**Deposit Man Has
Shoulder Blade Fractured.**

Joe Pullis of Deposit broke his right shoulder blade Monday morning while employed at the R. E. Smith coal sheds. He was opening the trap in the bottom of a coal car, preparatory to dumping the coal from the car into the bins. The wrench he was using slipped, throwing him head first into the bin.

A Home Built Airplane.

(From Kelly Corners correspondent.)

Loren Shultis of Kelly Corners, who built an airplane, set the plane up on B. P. Hess' flat Tuesday for the purpose of going up as soon as the weather will permit.

COMPLAIN OF FRANKLIN LIGHTS

**Residents Declare Electric
Service is Unsatisfactory.**

At Binghamton on Saturday, Nov. 25, at 10 a. m., Assistant Counsel Ward of the Public Service commission will conduct a hearing on the complaint of residents of Franklin against the Delaware & Otsego Light & Power company of that village, alleging inadequate electric service. It is said that the service has for some time been unsatisfactory and that no relief has been secured by complaints to the company officials.

FANCHER LOSES AWARD

**Court Holds He Was
Independent Contractor While
Cutting Wood.**

The appellate division of the supreme court has handed down a decision reversing the award given Albert Fancher of Fishs Eddy under the provisions of the workmen's compensation law. The question involved was whether Fancher, who lost his eye while engaged in cutting wood for the Boston Excelsior company of Hancock, was an independent contractor, under the terms of the act.

Mr. Fancher lost the sight of one eye through an injury by a twig while engaged at work getting out wood for the excelsior company. His claim for compensation was disputed on the ground that he was an independent contractor when engaged in getting out the wood. The claim, however, was allowed by the referee and an appeal was then taken.

The appellate division now reverses the award. The amount involved is about \$2,000. It is probable that an appeal will be taken to the court of appeals by Mr. Fancher's attorney, A. L. O'Connor.

The question is one which vitally affects men chopping wood by the cord or job, as if the decision holds it bars them from the provisions of the compensation act.