

# LOOKING BACK

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## THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

## HEARS IOWA ON RADIO

**Star Club Banquet—  
Breaks Arm Second Time—  
Operation for Appendicitis—  
Cut Arm.**

The spring meeting of the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware association of Congregational churches will be held Apr. 24 and 25 in Walton.

Harold Miller of West street was operated upon Friday by Dr. E. Ray Gladstone, assisted by Dr. C. S. Gould and Dr. W. R. Gladstone, for the relief of acute appendicitis. He is making a favorable recovery.

Alvin Rhinehart was crossing the river bridge Friday morning on his way over town, when he slipped on the icy walk and fell, fracturing his right arm at the wrist. Dr. W. B. Morrow reduced the fracture.

While Clayton Northrup was throwing a load of wood chunks into Dr. E. A. Hand's cellar one day this week one of the chunks bounded and struck the physician, who was supervising operations, in the left knee. The doctor had a lame leg for several days.

Wednesday afternoon and evening brought the heaviest falls of snow this winter during the time the storm lasted. Starting about four o'clock in the afternoon by six o'clock over six inches had fallen, mostly in the last hour. A short time later the snow turned to rain.

Herbert Gransbury of Baxter brook while splitting wood last Friday struck his left arm with the axe, cutting a bad gash in the wrist and severing several of the veins. The artery was just missed. Mr. Gransbury suffered from the loss of blood. Dr. W. G. Smith dressed the injury.

A called meeting of Delaware Presbytery will be held in the United Presbyterian church today, Friday, at one o'clock to act upon the resignation of Rev. H. J. McClure, as pastor of the Delancey church. Mr. McClure goes to the church Charlton, N. Y., in the Albany Presbytery.

Frank Oles, who entered some of his prize winning S. C. White Leghorns at the Susquehanna, Pa., poultry show last week, was awarded first premium for the best display in Leghorns. He also won the following individual prizes: First and second on cock; first on hen, first on cockerel, third on pullet and first on pen.

One evening this week Ralph W. Smith, the electrician, listened in on a radio concert given at station WOC at Davenport, Iowa, a distance of about 2,500 miles from Walton. The concert could be heard so distinctly that Mr. Smith at once sent a telegram to the station. A short time later while still at his radio Mr. Smith received through the air from the Davenport station an acknowledgment of his telegram with the information that the message had reached the Davenport operator thirteen minutes after being filed in Walton.

Miss Gertrude Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jones of Walton, fell one day last week while at Monroe, South Carolina, and fractured her left arm near the wrist. Miss Jones fell last fall at Asheville, S. C., where she had gone to take a position as booking agent for the Piedmont Lyceum bureau, and at that time

broke the same arm. Last week's accident occurred when she was leaving a meeting of Monroe citizens where she had explained the lyceum course. In going down a flight of stairs she caught her foot on a broken step and fell down the flight of steps.

Rev. J. C. Coddington, for the past four years pastor of the M. E. church at Stamford, was appointed last week by Bishop Wilson to the pastorate of the Wesleyan Methodist church, Saugerties. Rev. Coddington will assume his new work February 1st. Rev. B. M. Denniston, pastor of the Saugerties church, resigned to accept a unanimous call to the St. Paul's M. E. church, Middletown. The Middletown church has the largest membership of any Methodist church in the New York conference outside of New York city. The membership numbers 1,010 and the salary paid is \$2,500 and the parsonage. Rev. Denniston was formerly pastor of the Walton M. E. church and was succeeded by Mr. Coddington.

The annual banquet of the Star club of the United Presbyterian Sabbath school will be held at the church parlors this Friday evening. There are about two hundred eligible to attend the banquet. This club is made up of those attending the Sabbath school who have a perfect record of attendance for the current year, or who have had a perfect record of attendance for two consecutive years heretofore. There were one hundred and four members who made a perfect record of attendance in 1922. Three members have had a perfect record of attendance for sixteen consecutive years, and a considerable number have a record of perfect attendance for four to fifteen years. The oldest member of the school making a perfect record for the past year was Frank C. Armstrong, who is in his eighty-sixth year, and the youngest member making a perfect record is Powell Loker, who lives in Frear Hollow, about five miles from Walton, his age being four years.

## FIRE RUINS STOCK IN THOMPSON STORE

**Delhi Clothier Suffers Loss  
From Flames and Water**

## STARTED IN BASEMENT

**Shackelton's Poolroom  
Wrecked and Mason's Electric  
Shop Damaged by Fire in  
Pitcher Block.**

(From Delhi cor.)

The stock in the clothing store of Ward B. Thompson in Delhi was practically ruined in a fire which broke out about six o'clock Wednesday morning. Mr. Thompson is a former Walton man. His loss is estimated at \$7,000 to \$8,000 with an insurance of about \$3,000.

The firm alarm was sounded at six o'clock in the morning. While the alarm was yet sounding flames were bursting out from the rear of the Mrs. Herbert Pitcher building, located near the center of Delhi's retail district. The building is a substantial three-story and basement brick structure. The basement floor was occupied by William Shackelton as a billiard parlor and card room, with the exception that H. E. Mason & Sons had a store room in one section. The first floor was occupied, on one side by Ward B. Thompson & Co., with clothing and gents' furnishing, and on the other side by H. E. Mason & Sons, with electrical supplies. The two upper floors were given up to offices and living apartments. The stores are about 100 feet deep from front to rear and each merchant carried a large stock of goods.

The stock of clothing in the Thompson store was practically ruined—the electrical supplies in the next store, from their nature,

were not so badly injured by the fire and water and yet suffered much damage. The billiard parlor and contents are a general wreck. The rear of the building was badly damaged and to the extent of several thousand dollars.

It is understood that all the tenants who suffered loss have some insurance. No families were living on the upper floors—the rooms for the most part being occupied by men roomers who did not suffer much loss on their belongings. The front rooms on the second floor of the Pitcher block are occupied by Arthur F. Curtis, the attorney, but his furniture and extensive library escaped any serious injury. The fire proved quite a stubborn one to subdue and the department was busy for two or three hours before they felt sure it was under control. Opinions differ as to the cause of the fire, but it is thought beyond doubt that it originated from stoves or lighting plant which were in the basement.

Delhi can again be proud of its volunteer fire department as it cared for the fire with intelligence and worked with a lot of horse sense, allowing no more damage with water and axes than absolutely necessary.

## POTATOES HAVE SHOW ALL TO THEMSELVES

**Empire State Residents to  
Match Spuds at Cornell  
Farmers' Week**

Potatoes of all kinds and from backyard gardeners and hundred-acre growers will strive for honors in a unique potato show which will be held in connection with Farmers' Week at Cornell, the dates for which are Feb. 12-17.

No matter whether a man is a commercial grower or uses a six by eight patch to get a few spuds for his own use, he can send in specimens of his best ones for the Farmers' Week show. A twelve-tuber sample of each variety submitted is asked.

All entries will be judged and premiums awarded to the four best variety samples in each class. A bronze medal will go to the sweepstakes winner. The potatoes will be attractively arranged to show the similarity of varieties within each of the principal groups, or types, of commercial importance in New York state. It is being urged that samples be mailed at the earliest possible moment.

In selecting the exhibit those of average shape and size and those free from any evidence of blemish or disease should be chosen. The tubers should be carefully wrapped in paper, each one separately, packed tightly in a box with paper so as to avoid bruising in transit as well as frosting, and be plainly addressed to the department of vegetable gardening, college of agriculture, Ithaca, N. Y.

The name and address should be plainly marked on the package, and it will also be well, say those in charge, to mark the package as "perishable and intended for the potato show." The name and address of the sender, as well as the variety name, should of course be placed inside the package.

## FRANKLIN GROCER FAILS

**Olin Beers Files Petition in  
Bankruptcy in Utica.**

Olin Beers, a grocer and market man at Franklin, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in federal court in Utica with liabilities of \$4,777 and assets of \$3,500, including real estate, \$800; accounts, \$380, and other items. The petition was filed through Attorney E. A. Mackey.

John Taggart is secured for \$800 and Clark J. Beers of Beerston for \$610, both holding chattel mortgage; Leroy Evans, secured by land contract for \$700, and National Cash register, \$260.

Among fifty unsecured creditors are W. H. Yager & Co., \$11; R. B. Cuse, \$7; Jameson-Boyce

Co., \$35; M. W. Goodell, \$6; Joseph P. Maxwell, \$9, all of Binghamton; Rosenfeld & Sons of Walton, \$3; Frank Lamonica of Oneonta, \$53; O. Shaw, \$61; Ira L. Bradley, \$69; Roy Colburn, \$42; Johnson Bros., \$75, and Mrs. Eliza Rutherford, \$115, all of Franklin.

## CUPID'S HARVEST POOR IN YEAR JUST PASSED

**Death Rate in County Shows  
Increase and Birth Rate Was  
Stationary**

The birth rate in the towns and villages of Delaware county was practically the same in 1922 as in the previous year. In the county exclusive of the towns of Colchester and Harpersfield and the village of Stamford, from which reports have not been received, there were 833 births, 626 deaths and 319 marriages in 1922. In 1921 in the same towns and villages there were 836 births, 561 deaths and 360 marriages. This shows a noticeable decrease in the number of marriages and an increase in the death rate. The vital statistics for 1922 follow:

Towns.	Births	Marriages	Deaths
Andes	26	11	22
Bovina	22	5	9
Colchester			
Davenport	24	11	14
Delhi	32	21	37
Deposit	16	24	8
Franklin	41	16	27
Hamden	29	7	17
Hancock	72	36	37
Harpersfield			2
Kortright*	40	8	18
Masonville*	20	4	3
Meredith*	42	4	20
Middletown	35	32	43
Roxbury	54	19	57
Sidney	25	45	19
Stamford	37	22	19
Tompkins	25	14	10
Walton	48	40	56
	590	319	416

Villages.	Births	Deaths
Andes	6	12
Downsville	6	7
Delhi	21	38
Deposit	40	36
Franklin	10	10
Hancock	24	29
Margaretville	14	6
Fleischmanns	7	6
Sidney	35	34
Hobart	11	12
Walton	69	20
	243	210

## WOULD LIGHT MARGARETVILLE

**Three Parties Seek Franchise  
to Serve Village With Light.**

(From Margaretville cor.)

With three different parties desirous of supplying Margaretville with electric lights it now looks as though we were going to have some real lights in town. The present system of lighting with gas could be improved upon with little, if any, additional cost. Taxpayers, vote for electric lights when the time comes!

## Drove Ice Pick Into Foot.

(From Delancey cor.)

Roger Terry of Delancey had a bad accident while working on the ice. The ice pick he was using slipped and the point striking his foot made a deep cut nearly through the foot.

## OBITUARY

**Mrs. Prudence Francisco.**

(From Cooks Falls cor.)

Mrs. Prudence Francisco, who was born and lived most of her life at Cooks Falls, died on Monday morning, Jan. 22nd, at the home of her son, Herbert Francisco, in Norwich. She was nearly ninety years of age and leaves besides her own family of two sons and two daughters and numerous grandchildren, many other relatives and friends in her old home, to mourn her loss and remember

her kind words and friendly greetings. The remains will be placed in a vault until spring and finally buried beside her husband, Ransom Francisco, who was a volunteer in the war of the Rebellion, at the Cooks Falls cemetery.

## NECK STILL DISLOCATED

**Bloomville Boy's Vertebrae  
Still Out of Place.**

Edward Nichols of Bloomville, who dislocated one of the cervical vertebrae in his neck about two weeks ago and since which time has been in the Fox Memorial hospital, has been brought back to his home. The physicians were not able to replace the dislocation.

## Got Stuck in Snow Drifts.

The Hobart basketball team was unable to reach Walton on Friday evening to play the high school five. They reached Bloomville but were unable to go farther. The recent thaw has made the roads passable.

## DO STATUES DISAPPROVE?

**Or Does Writer Make Them  
Express His Own Views.**

(From Delhi correspondent.)

Most people of Delaware county have no doubt at one time or another noticed and admired the monument in courthouse square at Delhi, many years since erected in honor of the veterans of the Civil war. They will remember the four sculptured figures standing on the base of the monument and representing the navy, artillery, infantry and cavalry. Each statue standing one at each corner of the monument is of a young man, the marine, the artilleryman, the cavalryman and infantryman. For many years they have stood rigid and at attention.

But recently some people assert that they have seen them move their heads. The county seat like other towns, larger and smaller, has some flappers and some young ladies who frequently appear on the streets in knickers. It is said that sometimes when the flappers are passing with their four or five buckle arctics unbuckled and flapping around their ankles, near the monument, the statues look at each other and shake their heads.

## HIP BONE MISPLACED

**Former Cannonsville Man  
Seeks Warmer Climate.**

(From Cannonsville  
correspondent.)

Arthur Kelsey, who with his family went to Fillmore, California, for his health, has sufficiently recovered to be able to go to work in a garage. A few weeks ago Dr. L. B. Smith of Long Beach, Cal., went to call on Mr. Kelsey, former townsman. Dr. Smith examined Mr. Kelsey and found one hip bone misplaced. This was righted by the physician which added to his speedy recovery. Mr. Kelsey was almost helpless and limped greatly with rheumatism before going to the land of sunshine and flowers.

## HYMENEAL

**Loushay-Whipple.**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whipple of 366 Main street, Oneonta, announce the marriage of their daughter, Betty C., to David E. Loushay, of 19 Elm street, Oneonta. Mr. Loushay was formerly of Walton but since his return from the World War has been employed in the accounting department of the Delaware & Hudson railroad, but at present is on special duty in the yard office at Whitehall, N.Y.

Their wedding trip was through the northern resorts. After this month they expect to reside in Oneonta.