

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

LEGION BANQUET MAY 8

**Kiwanis Entertains Ladies—
Want Pheasants Protected—
Starting Road Work—Milk
Price.**

The town board at a meeting Friday evening voted to post the bridges on the town highways at a maximum of ten tons capacity.

The Company F team won the basketball championship of Walton Saturday evening by defeating the Walton high school five by a score of 32 to 21.

George Edgecomb of Binghamton has arrived to take charge of the construction work on the East brook road. Work on the highway has been resumed.

The 10th Infantry, of which Company F of Walton is a unit, will have its regular annual summer training camp at Peekskill, August 26 to September 9. This is later than usual.

The Walton People's Telephone company has asked for another month's adjournment of the hearing at which it will present its evidence for the proposed increase in telephone rates.

On request of President A. J. Courtney the state tax commission has arranged for a chauffeur's examination in Walton on May 18th, the week of the automobile show. Application forms may be secured at Courtney's store or will be mailed on request.

The base pool price for March milk at the 201-210 mile freight zone will be \$2.13 per 100 pounds for milk testing three per cent, with the usual differentials for freight and butterfat, says a statement issued from the Utica office of the Dairymen's League Co-operative association. The statement does not give the amount of deduction for certificates of indebtedness.

Mary Weed Marvin chapter, D. A. R., will hold a public meeting at eight o'clock Friday evening, April 27, in the firemen's parlors at Walton hall. All patriotic organizations are especially invited. The speaker of the evening will be Rev. C. S. Wyckoff, former pastor of the First Congregational church. The Boy Scouts are to assist in making this a very enjoyable and memorable evening.

Some seventy members of the Woman's club enjoyed the first annual dinner held on Friday evening in the parish house. At the business session the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. George T. Johnston; first vice president, Mrs. C. P. Wells; second vice president, Mrs. J. C. Burrhus; recording secretary, Mrs. S. H. Pond; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. H. Fancher; treasurer, Miss Sarah E. Pond. The program included a solo by Mrs. Burrhus and a reading by Miss Gertrude Nichols and addresses by Mrs. Johnston, Miss Louise Thomas and Mrs. Frank McKinnon of Sidney.

Petitions were circulated in Walton this week asking the Conservation Commission to extend the protection given pheasants in Delaware county for a period of two years from January 1, 1923. Similar petitions, it is understood, have been circulated in other parts of the county and a hearing will doubtless be held upon the matter in Delhi or Walton in the near future. Many sportsmen and farmers feel that the protection afforded the birds

should be further extended until their numbers have multiplied. The past winter was a hard one for the pheasants on account of the deep snow but flocks of the birds are often seen.

Plans are nearly completed for the big American Legion banquet to be held in the Walton armory on the evening of May 8. A large delegation is expected to be present from the county and the sale of tickets in Walton will be limited to ex-service and Legion men until April 28, after which date the sale will be open to the public. As places are limited those desiring reservations should communicate with the Truman C. Tobey Post, No. 32, Walton. The speakers are well known and include State Commander Callan, Vice Commander Cannon, Rev. Judge, chaplain of the Oneonta post, and Don W. Hooks, sub-district manager of the veterans' bureau, Binghamton.

Edward H. Smith of Schenectady will be the entertainer at the Kiwanis ladies' night at the Kayser club this Friday evening. Dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock in the club rooms. A special program of stunts and music has been arranged for the occasion. Mr. Smith, the evening's entertainer, is under contract with the General Electric company to present one play a week from their broadcasting station, WGY, in Schenectady. A little time is available between plays and this time is consumed by platform engagements within easy traveling distance of Schenectady, because many people want to see in person this man whose spoken words they have enjoyed over the radio. Before entering the radio field Mr. Smith had made considerable of a reputation as a reader of ability but the larger field brought him at once into prominence and his broadcasting work in the Schenectady station has brought him hundreds of letters of commendation.

THREE HIGHWAYS ARE ADDED TO THE ROAD MAP IN COUNTY

A bill is now before the state legislature making changes and additions in the Hewitt map of a system of state and county highways which if passed will add three roads to the system in Delaware county. These highways are the Hancock-Rock Rift, Walton to Masonville highways, and parts 2 and 3 of the Hancock-Long Eddy road.

The highway map proposed in the present bill was drawn up by Commissioner Frederick Stuart Greene by request of the legislature.

The present order of construction in Delaware county provides for the building of the East Branch and Ouleout valley highways in such a way that the last sections of these roads will be contracted for in 1926. The highways now added to the map of roads selected for state aid in their construction would then be built. The Walton-Masonville road was at one time on the order of construction as a state road but the town of Walton finally built a piece of stone road up Third brook and the entire Masonville-Walton highway route was dropped from the order of construction. This route would furnish Walton with an outlet to the Susquehanna valley.

Some trouble is being experienced by the state highway department, it is stated, owing to the cancellation of contracts due to the rising costs of labor. Competent help is difficult to obtain at a price which will make a profit on contracts possible.

Motorists report the state road from Binghamton to Albany as being in bad shape, owing to a serious breaking up. There are also some bad breaks and upheavals in the new concrete road at Frasers.

AUTO SHOW MAY 15-19

**Grand Display of Machines
Held in Walton Armory**

SHOW THIRTY-FIVE CARS

**Special Program Arranged For
Each Evening With Speakers of
Note—One Day For Children.**

Plans are being perfected for the automobile show which will be held in the Walton armory the week of May 14th.

The exhibit of cars will be on display for five days beginning Tuesday evening and closing Saturday night. The main armory floor will be used as a display room for the cars while in the basement there will be exhibits of tires, and accessories, as well as merchants' display booths.

On the opening evening Hon. Peter Ten Eyck of Albany, president of the State Automobile association, and a former congressman, will open the show and Congressman John D. Clarke will give an address. It is expected that Hon. Frederick Stuart Greene, state highway commissioner, will be the speaker on one of the evenings later in the week. Special programs are being arranged for each evening. Music each evening will be furnished by a Walton orchestra.

The show is put on jointly by Company F and the Walton Chamber of Commerce. Lieut. J. C. Burrhus will have charge of the display of cars and A. W. Pine of the booths. As space is limited dealers should file applications for sections at an early date. It is expected that about thirty-five cars will be on the floor.

The show has been placed at a date when dealers still have their new models in stock but late enough so that it is expected that the highways will be in good shape for motor travel, thus giving people from a wide radius an opportunity to visit the exhibit and to inspect and compare the merits of the various machines.

An admission fee of thirty-five cents will be charged; children under twelve years of age will be admitted free. One afternoon will be set aside for children when an admission of ten cents will be charged as there will be a program arranged especially for the day.

OFFERED \$500 FOR PANTHER

**New Kingston Man's Pet
Much in Demand for Movies.**

(From New Kingston correspondent.)

Ted, the big cat from the Rockies, attained to some fame at Palm Beach last winter, and no doubt would be very vain if he could realize how many eyes had gazed at him in the Sunday supplements and on the screen. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Archibald returned the first of the week with their family, which still includes the panther, although offers as high as \$500 were made for his purchase from various sources. Mr. Archibald also refused to consider a handsome offer to have Ted appear in three pictures to be made in Orlando, Yellowstone Park, and the Garden of the Gods. The Archibalds have also now a six weeks' old kitten, an ocelot, which they acquired on this trip.

ANOTHER TOLL BRIDGE FREE

**Five of Delaware River
Structures Still Unacquired.**

On Thursday, April 12, the transfer of the Delaware River Bridge company and connecting Wayne county, Pa., at Milanville, with Sullivan county, N. Y., at Skinners Falls, was made to New York and Pennsylvania, the price paid being \$19,542.21. The bridge was freed to the public Friday.

There are five bridges still awaiting the purchase and freeing

by New York and Pennsylvania, at Pond Eddy, Lackawaxen, Narrowsburg, Kellams and Lordville. At Pond Eddy the bridge is owned by the town of Lumberland, Sullivan county, and cannot be purchased until the Pennsylvania law is amended.

MAN BADLY CUT WHEN BUZZ SAW RUNS WILD

**Past Week an Unlucky One
for Stamford and Men in that
Vicinity**

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Superintendent Ward Jones of the Stamford golf grounds was seriously injured and had a narrow escape from being killed while operating a buzz saw last Friday. While cutting wood in some manner the saw broke away from the fastenings of the frame and ran up the arm of Mr. Jones, the teeth of the saw cutting deep gashes in his arm and face. He was brought to the office of Dr. J. E. Safford who dressed his injuries, taking some fifteen stitches to close the wounds.

George Lamont, manager of Sheffield's creamery, Stamford, injured his hand one day recently in the machinery of the elevator. Three fingers were badly bruised and he will have a sore hand for a time.

One day recently, A. Halijas resid at the Benjamin farm, South Gilboa, was injured by the bursting of a grindstone. The grindstone had been attached to an engine which propelled too fast, causing the stone to burst in many pieces. Some the pieces struck Mr. Halijas breaking his jaw and otherwise injuring him.

A MUCH WEDDED WOMAN

**Secured Soldier Husband's
Allotment With Two Other
Husbands Living.**

Florence May Dibble of Binghamton, aged 26 years, who had made a written statement to government officials admitting she married six times without the formality of a divorce intervening, in federal court pleaded guilty to defrauding the government.

The girl took a soldier's wife allotment as wife of a Deposit man whom she met on a train in March, 1918, and whom she married three weeks later at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, N. C.

At the time she admits she had two living and undivorced husbands.

HARD WINTER FOR BEES

**Apiarists Found Many
Colonies Died from
Starvation.**

(From Cooks Falls correspondent.)

The bee keepers of this locality have lost most of their bees during the past winter, which has been so long without any weather to allow them to leave the hives. The fall of 1922 was very unfavorable for the usual production of honey from fall flowers and although some of the bee keepers fed large quantities of syrup made from granulated sugar and packed them carefully with dry chaff and other material the bees perished, in some cases, with honey in the hives.

Moving Van Goes Astray.

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Saturday night a large moving van containing household furniture and a family with a number of small children was in Stamford. They said they wanted to go to Stratford, Conn., and through some mistake had arrived at Stamford, N. Y. Quite often, especially in the summer season, people arrive here, who wanted to go to Stamford, Conn., but this is the first case of a van going astray.

SCHOOL COSTS TOO MUCH

**Bloomville Taxpayers Regret
Higher Appropriation.**

At the special school meeting held at Bloomville Thursday evening to vote on a proposition to appropriate \$45,000 for a new school building at that place, the vote was 82 against and 38 for. An appropriation of \$35,000 was voted last May, which still is in force. The general opinion seems to be that \$45,000 is too much for the district to raise. The matter of a new school has been a problem which has been under consideration by Bloomville residents for several years.

BUILD NINE NEW BRIDGES

**Kortright Voters to Decide
Method of Payment.**

(North Kortright correspondent.)

At a meeting of the Kortright town board Saturday at Bloomville it was decided to hold a special town meeting in the near future for the purpose of allowing voters to decide how and when payment shall be made for the construction of nine bridges between Bloomville and Hobart, on the state road. Three have already been built, or are nearing completion, by D. A. Worden, Kortright highway commissioner, and the town board will soon advertise for bids for the other six. The state engineer estimates that the entire cost for all the bridges will approximate \$12,000.

HIT BY PARENTI MOTOR FAILURE

**Stamford Residents Invested
Heavily in Company.**

(From Stamford correspondent.)

Many Stamford people and surrounding towns who bought stock of the Parenti Motor corporation, of Buffalo, in 1921, have lost their money. The assets of the company were sold at Buffalo last Thursday by the receivers for \$225,000 to the Hanover Motor Car company of Hanover, Pa. A committee of stockholders, which had announced that they would buy in the assets, failed to make a bid. Claims against the company filed in federal court amounted to \$500,000. Eleven thousand persons invested \$3,000,000 in the Parenti Motor corporation.

In March, 1921, salesmen of the company appointed a local man as agent in Stamford and gave moving picture exhibits in his store showing the plant of the company, the car and gave a glowing account of its wonderful possibilities. One feature of the car was it had no axles and was said to be able to run over obstructions without jarring the occupants. They had one car in Stamford for demonstration purposes and gave rides to all interested, selling a large amount of the stock in this vicinity. The stockholders now receive a "bad jolt" by losing their cash.

DIDN'T TREAT HORSES RIGHT

**Masonville Man Sentenced for
Violating Parole.**

Russell Alger of Masonville, who drives the Masonville-Sidney and Sidney Center-Masonville stage route, was sentenced to the Albany county penitentiary by William E. Barker, justice of the peace at Sidney, for a violation of probation. On April 13, 1922, on complaint of Humane Officer Charles H. Phelps of Sidney Alger was arrested, charged with driving or causing to be driven, on the Masonville-Sidney stage route, horses that were utterly unfit for service and Alger was convicted of the charge and fined \$20 and sentenced to serve six months in the Albany county penitentiary.