

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

**Hunters Busy—Sent to Jail
for Three Days High-Grade
Plays at Walton Hall.**

While Mrs. Brace of Mead street was visiting near Franklin this week Monday her hand was painfully lacerated when a trap door fell upon the member. Dr. Gould dressed the injury.

H. D. McClennon was struck by several shot while out pheasant hunting on the Argyle Neale farm, near the river dam, last Thursday. A hunter on the opposite side of the river fired at a bird and several of the shot hit Mr. McClennon, one in the head and several about the legs.

William Stanton of Houck mountain was arrested Wednesday by Troopers Vandecar and Hofer of the state police on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was arraigned before Justice E. S. White and committed to the county jail in Delhi for three days.

Dr. Henri F. Mace, director of athletics in the Walton high school, was in Stamford Friday to attend a conference of representatives of schools in the county basketball league Delhi, Walton, Stamford, Roxbury and Margaretville are in the league. Walton won the county championship last season.

The final accounting and the declaration of a dividend will be announced in December for creditors and bondholders for the defunct Middletown Rubber Company, Inc., according to Charles E. Taylor, appointed as trustee for the bankrupt. Only those who filed claims will come under this arrangement. Mr. Taylor declared stock holders, preferred and common, will receive nothing when payments are made.

At times the open door of the fire apparatus room at Walton hall has been a strong temptation for some people to enter and take gasoline and tools from the fire trucks. At a recent meeting of the fire department it was voted to purchase a lock for the inner door leading to the truck room. This lock has been placed on the door and a box, with a glass face, has also been put on the door. This box contains the key to the lock, so in case of fire the first person to arrive at the hall breaks the glass in the box, removes the key and unlocks the door. At presents the department officers, foremen and assistant foremen of each company have keys for this lock. Probably at a later date enough keys will be purchased to supply all members of the department.

The management of Walton hall has booked a number of high grade attractions for the next few weeks. This, Friday evening, "The Gumps," a musical comedy, will be shown. This troupe comes direct from Schenectady to Walton and plays in Binghamton Saturday evening. On Thursday evening, November 1st, "The Bat," the great mystery play which had such a great run in New York, will be presented in Walton hall by an all star cast. "The Old Homestead," an old time favorite, will be presented on November 10. On Monday evening October 29, the Com-

pany F. minstrels will present their performance which promises to be an excellent one. The new management of the hall propose to book the best in the theatrical line for the entertainment of the Walton public.

Some three hundred teachers in the rural and grade schools in this section of the county have been in attendance at the conference held in Walton hall Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week. The conference comprises the teachers in the first, second, third and fifth supervisory districts. Methods of instruction has been the initial theme of the conference. Among the speakers on the program are Prof. B. E. Bennett of the New Paltz normal, Prof. A. M. Curtis of Oneonta normal, Prof. E. L. Palmer of Cornell university, Prof. A. K. Getman and Daniel Chase of the state education department. Miss Edith Tollerton, supervisor of grades in Cortland and John A. Lennox, junior project leader. In former years most of the teachers have come to Walton by train. On Wednesday morning during the opening session of the conference some fifty automobiles were parked on Gardiner place near the hall.

The valley of the West branch of the Delaware river resounded all day Thursday, October 18th, with the sound of guns. The day was the first of the four fixed by law for the taking of pheasants and scores of hunters were out early in the morning in search of this game which has been protected for several years in Delaware county. The bag limit of three in the open season was reached by a few lucky hundreds. Still more got two of the birds and a larger number one each. Those who did not get any were by far the largest number. The hen pheasants are protected by law but complaints have been made of their illegal shooting. Thursday of this week. October 25, was the second open day and the others are the first two Saturdays in November. Flocks of pheasants have been frequent sights along the river roads during the past summer and the birds have been unusually tame. Deer may be taken in Delaware and the other Catskill mountain counties from November 1st to 15th. Only bucks may be killed.

CAR PLUNGES DOWN BANK NEAR WALTON

**Granton Woman Suffers
Compound Fracture in
Accident on River Road
Tuesday**

Mrs. Frank Gardepe of Granton had her right arm badly fractured Monday morning when Mr. Gardepe's Chevrolet touring car went over the steep bank between the Edmund More farm house and the truck garden property on the Beerston state road.

Mr. and Mrs. Gardepe and son, Joseph, and Robert Riggs of Deposit were on their way to Walton on business. The boy was driving at the time. Near the bar-way leading from the state road to the Island Park camp another car approached from the rear and sounded the horn to pass. Young Gardepe pulled out too far to the side of the road to let the other car pass and the mudguard struck the fender.

The machine scraped along the fender until it reached the post on the south side of the driveway leading down the hill. This post was knocked down and the car then shot across the junction of the

state highway and the drive and crashed into a post in the fender between the main highway to a tree on the farm road.

The post was ripped from the ground and the car took a drop of five or six feet off the edge of a big rock at this point. As it did so it overturned and the four occupants were thrown out.

The machine righted itself and continued its wild ride to the foot of the steep embankment over 150 feet below. Mrs. Gardepe, who was riding in front with her son, was the most seriously injured of the party. She sustained a double compound fracture of her right arm and her nose was also broken. The broken bones in the arm protruded through the flesh. Dr. Smith who was called directed that she be removed to the hospital of Mrs. Carrie Eells, Liberty street, where her injuries were dressed by Dr. Smith, assisted by Dr. Morrow.

Joseph Gardepe escaped with a few cuts and bruises about the hands and face. Frank Gardepe and Robert Riggs were riding in the rear seat. Mr. Riggs suffered a fractured rib. Mr. Gardepe was badly stunned and dazed, suffering a concussion of the brain. He was wearing a heavy coat which protected his body.

Considering its wild plunge the car was not as badly damaged as might be expected. The top, fenders and windshield were smashed, but apparently the engine was not damaged.

VAULT BEING BUILT IN WALTON CEMETERY

**Chapel and Receiving Space
for Fifty Bodies Is Provided
in Structure**

The Walton cemetery association has a receiving vault under construction at the Fancher avenue entrance to the cemetery.

The association recently let the contract for the building to F. L. Huyck, who has built vaults in Hancock and other villages. The cost will be about \$5,000.

The vault will meet a long felt need and in contracting for the structure the directors of the association have taken a progressive step. The matter has been under consideration for some time.

At the front of the vault will be a chapel 12 by 14 feet in dimensions in which burial services may be conducted. The chapel will be of granite construction. The vault proper will have room for about fifty bodies.

The cemetery was recently enlarged by the purchase of land from the former North farm. The cemetery grounds have the best of care under the management of the sexton, Ernest Middlemist.

SHERMAN LAKE PROPERTY SOLD

**John Celler of Jamaica
Buys Davenport Center
Resort.**

Dan Sherman, the comedian, has sold the Sherman lake property near Davenport Center to John Celler of Jamaica, Long Island.

The place has been conducted as a miniature Coney Island under the management of Mr. Sherman and the new owner will continue the place as a summer and winter amusement resort.

Mr. Celler plans to enlarge the theatre and dance hall, improve the grounds, and install a fleet of new rowboats and a new motor boat. Harry J. Styles, formerly with Mr. Sherman at Davenport Center, will have the management of the property for the new owner.

WOMEN COME INTO THEIR OWN

**Ladies in Majority on
Sidney Election Boards.**

In the town of Sidney there are eight election districts, each of which has four inspectors of election. As a result of the recommendations of recent party caucuses during the ensuing two years eighteen of the thirty-two inspectors will be women, ten Democrats and eight Republicans. In the second and fourth districts all the inspectors are ladies, while in only one, the sixth, are all the members of the board men. While in a number of towns women are serving on election boards they are usually in the minority and it is doubtful whether the Sidney situation is duplicated in the state.

REVIVE OLD CUSTOM OF WEARING ROBES

**Sixth District Justices Now
Appear Gowned at all Court
Sessions**

(From Delhi correspondent.)

No unusual incidents have taken place during the present term of court until Tuesday morning when Justice Kellogg took his place on the bench wrapped in his toga. So far as we know this is the first appearance of the toga in a Delaware county court. To some the wearing of the gown or toga may seem a matter of affectation on the part of our local judges, but not so—they were the garments of the noble Romans. The vestments of inmates of cloisters—of those who performed sacred rites—of scholars and instructors in our higher institutions of learning and so are indicative of solemnity, thoughtfulness and culture, all of which are the usual attributes of our judges.

May we suggest that Judge Kellogg acted wisely in selecting Delhi as his first place in donning the toga, the ancient Roman garment, for in plain sight from his judicial rostrum, in the court room, he can look out upon a highway modeled after the fashion of the Appian highway of ancient Rome, which was built with the sub-base followed by a layer of lime and stone, in our day known as cement. We do not know how the texture and material of the modern toga compares with that worn by Caesar, Demosthenes and Cicero but we do know that it will be some time before Delhi can complete its concrete roads, as was the Appian highway, with granite blocks for the last layer so nicely joined together by the skilled workmen of that day so that it seemed like one solid sheet.

All the justices in the sixth judicial district began wearing the robe this week.

TIME TO THINK IT OVER

**Sidney Man Back in Jail
Same Day as Released.**

Fifty-nine days in the Broome county jail was the sentence given a young man giving his name as E. M. Long of Sidney on the occasion of his second arrest in Binghamton Sunday on a charge of intoxication.

He was arrested in Binghamton on a charge of public intoxication on the night of Oct. 12 when he was found in a drunken stupor hanging over the wheel of his automobile parked on Main street. He pleaded guilty next morning in police court to a charge of public intoxication and was sentenced to 10 days in the Broome county jail.

He was released Sunday morning but imbibed too freely between the time of his release and early Sunday afternoon. He was arrested again on a charge of public intoxication after he

drove his automobile into a tree on Clinton street near Murray street.

He pleaded guilty to the charge of intoxication and was committed to jail for 59 days more.

Brother and Sister Marry.

Albert Ellis Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jones, and Miss Margaret Frances Harrington of Binghamton were married at the Baptist parsonage, Walton, Friday evening, Oct. 19, by Rev. Frank N. Taft.

Miss Aubrey Jones, a sister of Albert E. Jones, and Bruce Palmatier, also of Walton, were married Sunday, Oct. 21, at Christ church rectory by Rev. M. W. Riker. Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Palmatier left Walton early Monday morning for Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Play For Football Championship.

Walton high school football team slaughtered Downsville high school in a practice game in the "windy village" last Saturday by a score of 50-7. Captain Douglas Clark led his warriors in big league style. The first kick off of the game was received by Dutcher and he was stopped on the 30-yard line. On the first play Capt. Clark ran around left end for a gain of 70 yards and the first touchdown.

Williams, Downsville charging halfback, caught a long forward pass and ran nearly 60 yards for Downsville's only tally. The Walton team looked like veterans, especially "Woodchuck" McFarland, the Walton stellar tackle, who stopped many a play. Captain Clark played one of the best games of his career.

Hancock and Walton play Saturday afternoon on the Kayser field for the championship of Delaware county. The teams are evenly matched and a corking game is looked for. Nearly 200 tickets have been sold to students already and a good crowd is expected.

Franklin Farm Sold.

(Franklin Correspondent.)
The Archie McMorris farm, near North Franklin, has been sold by Leroy Evans to Clyde Alexander and his father-in-law, Edwin Every, who have immediate possession. Consideration \$10,200.

Kinch Sells Franklin Drug Store.

R. T. Kinch & Co. have sold their drug store and stock of goods to Leroy Evans. Possession given November first. Mr. Kinch, who is a former Walton boy, plans to move to Andes, where he will engage in the hardware business with his brother-in-law, H. T. Hulbert. Miss Blanche Evans will conduct the Franklin store for her father for a time.

Scaffold Gave Way.

(From Hamden correspondent.)
Delos Robinson of Hamden, a mason on Crawford's new feed mill in that village, had his ankle badly hurt Monday morning when the scaffold gave way on which he was standing, throwing him about twelve feet, striking on his heels.

Evans Grows Prison Flowers.

Newell Y. Evans, former Deposit man, convicted of the killing of Vera Rickard in Binghamton in August, 1919, is now in charge of the greenhouses at Auburn prison, where he was sentenced to 20 years after his conviction on a charge of murder in the second degree.