

# LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, May 10, 1924

## THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

## CLEAN UP NEXT WEEK

To Assist War Veterans—Every Fifth Person Owns an Auto—Medical Society Meets Here

Sunday, May 11, is Mother's Day. Special services appropriate to the occasion will be held in a number of the churches.

John T. Lyon of Walton graduated Tuesday from the Princeton theological seminary. He has not yet accepted a pastorate. His aunt, Miss Louise Thomas, attended the commencement exercises.

Bread must be sold by the pound or in multiples of the pound under provisions of the Witter bill approved by Governor Smith this week. A clause in this new law requires that the weight of the loaf shall be stamped plainly on it.

Roderick McDonald of Endicott was taken ill with appendicitis Tuesday and on Wednesday, underwent an operation in the Binghamton City hospital. Mr. McDonald is the son of Samuel McDonald of Walton, who went to Endicott Tuesday.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. June Boice, who live between Loomis and Trout Creek, while cutting wood Friday had the axe hit the woodpile and on the rebound the blade struck his left shoulder, inflicting a bad gash. Dr. C. S. Gould dressed the injury.

At the annual meeting of Townsend Hose company, No. 4, held Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected: Foreman, R. L. Gould; assistant foreman, L. E. Beers; secretary, Herbert Gabriel; treasurer, George Palmatier; steward, Ralph Baxter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry S. Campbell and daughter, Miss Agnes, were in Syracuse last week, where they were plaintiffs in the action against Jacob Shipiro of Syracuse, to recover damages resulting from an automobile accident on Aug. 12, 1923. The matter was settled out of court.

Matthew Marvin, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Marvin, while playing in an apple tree near his home Monday, slipped and fell so that his head caught in a crotch of the tree. He hung there until John Lang, who was painting in the house, saw the lad's predicament and freed him none the worse for the experience.

A special meeting of the Medical society of Delaware county will be held at Walton Saturday, May 10, at 7 p. m. Dinner will be served at Evans' Royal restaurant. There are about thirty-five physicians in Delaware county and it is hoped that all of them will become members of the association. Dr. W. B. Morrow of Walton is president.

George Pugh, examiner for the state tax commission, conducted chauffeur's tests in Walton Wednesday. Out of about forty applicants about half failed to pass. Mr. Pugh stated that under the new operators' law, while examinations may be required for the issuance of an operator's license, this will probably not be done at first and owners and experienced drivers will be issued licenses without tests.

President A. J. Courtney has designated May 12 to 15 as clean-up week in the village. The Civic club, Kiwanis club and Chamber of Commerce are co-operating in the movement. Residents are asked not to put anything out for the teams to collect until Monday morning. The work will start across the river

Monday and only one visit will be made to any street. All trash must be placed in containers of some kind.

Arrangements have been made by which there will be some one at the Walton armory three days each week to assist World war veterans in making out their applications for the state bonus. The days and hours are as follows: Monday afternoon and evening; Wednesday, all day and evening; Friday, afternoon only. No applications will be mailed out and every veteran must bring with him his discharge or a certified copy thereof, preferably the former.

The state tax commission has issued a detailed statement of the 1923 motor vehicle registrations in the counties of New York. According to the statement there were in Delaware county in that year 8,815 cars of all kinds and 52 motorcycles. The total fees paid on cars amounted in the county to \$114,289.77. The population of Delaware county was about 43,000 according to the 1920 census. In other words about one person in five in the county has a car. In Otsego county there were 9,367 motor vehicles registered and in Chenango county 7,311.

While George Truman of Dryden was going from his house to the barn Monday afternoon his attention was attracted to a large chicken hawk which was killing a full grown rooster in a nearby field. Rushing back to the house he got a gun and fired at the bird. Apparently only one shot struck the hawk and this hit the bird on the top of the head and stunned it, for as Mr. Truman picked the hawk up it fluttered and came to life. He brought the bird to Walton, where it has been on display at Courtney's store. The hawk measured 4 feet from tip to tip of its wings.

## FIRE DESTROYED BARN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Garage Structure On Margaretville Farm Burns

## BOLT KILLS FAMILY DOG

Enters Tenant House and Shocks Family But Fails to Set Place Afire.

(From Margaretville correspondent.) The big barn on Mrs. E. F. Keeney's farm just outside Margaretville village, known as Meadowbrook farm, burned after being struck by lightning during the thunder storm which passed over this section Saturday afternoon about five o'clock. The tenant house on the farm which was occupied by Ward Easley and family, was also struck by a bolt of lightning. A dog lying on the kitchen floor was killed and members of the family were badly shocked, but the building did not catch fire.

The barn was, almost entirely consumed as the fire company at Margaretville was forced to "pass the bucket" as in old times as there were no hydrants nearby. Later on the fire company from Fleischmanns arrived and partially subdued the flames which broke out during the night and at times again on Sunday.

Mr. Easley, with great difficulty, managed to get all the live stock out of the barn with the exception of a horse owned by Mrs. Keeney, which was burned to death. The barn was one of the largest in this section and was worth anywhere from \$8,000 to \$10,000. It was only partially insured and the fire will be a great loss to both tenant and owner.

The lightning entered the cellar of the house and made its way up, through the kitchen and killed the family dog which was lying on the floor. The entire family were stunned and so frightened that a doctor was called to care for some members of the family. The house

## PUBLIC HEALTH FUND CANVASS WILL BE MADE NEXT WEEK

Everything is set for the canvass for public health funds Monday and Tuesday, May 12-13. Almost one hundred canvassers, under direction of twelve captains, will visit every home in and about Walton on the above mentioned days. These captains and canvassers have been chosen for the work because of their outstanding interest in community welfare. Many others could have been selected because of this interest, but enough have been appointed to take care of the work without making the task a burden.

Chairman Davidson has called all captains and canvassers to meet with him in the parish house, Gardiner Place, this Friday, May 9, at 4 p. m., to receive instructions and information. Any persons who are interested enough in this campaign to volunteer their services in case some of the appointed canvassers are unable to accept their task, are invited to attend this meeting and find assignments. The large number of canvassers will make this particular drive a pleasant and easy task.

The plan of the campaign is simple. The village has been divided into ten districts and the surrounding territory into four. Each village district has a captain, while one captain will be responsible for the rural districts. Definite directions will be put into the hands of each captain and canvasser. The canvassers are to report to their captains and the captains will report to the captain in chief, who in this case is Cyrus B. Lincoln, treasurer of the Walton chapter of the Red Cross.

The campaign is for the raising

escaped burning.

Crowds of people were soon on the ground after the alarm by the fire bell had been given and many visited the scene of destruction on the day following. Mrs. Keeney, who opens the house at Meadowbrook Farm during the summer, was immediately wired at her winter home in Brooklyn regarding the fire. No doubt the barn will be rebuilt in the near future.

## FUMIGATE ALL MOTORISTS

Californian Tells of Fight Against Foot and Mouth Disease.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

In a recent letter received by Mrs. G. O. Winters of Cannonsville from her nephew, H. E. Winters, assistant superintendent of the Standard Oil company in their field at Taft, California, he writes about the serious trouble they are having with the foot and mouth disease with their cattle.

If one goes from one locality to another you have to be fumigated, run your car through a kind of trough built in the road and put the bottom of your shoes in. On a trip of 310 miles Mr. Winters went through five such stations. You cannot take any dogs, cats or any pets or flowers through. Every effort is being made to stamp out the disease by slaughtering affected animals.

## GERRY SUMMER HOME TO BE OPEN SOON

Estates of Other Millionaires In County Apparently Being Neglected

(From Delhi correspondent.)

Commodore Gerry, who is now eighty-seven years old, is closing his house on Fifth avenue and preparing to come up to Lake Delaware for a season.

For all his advanced age the commodore manages his vast blocks of metropolitan realty. Many of the balls and social affairs that have taken place at the Gerry Fifth avenue home, now about to be closed for the summer, have taken precedence in the matter of exclusiveness, over

of \$2,000, which, with what is already in the treasury, will take care of the public health work for one year. If the amount contributed is sufficient to secure a nurse full time as we have done in the past, a nurse will be secured at the earliest possible moment. If the funds collected are not sufficient, the local society will be compelled to enter into some such arrangements as we followed last winter—a nurse for emergency cases.

Walton needs a nurse full time—one trained in public and school work. We will easily be able to do this if each family or individual will sacrifice a little to maintain this work. There are approximately nine hundred families in and about Walton. More than two dollars per family will be required to put this campaign across. Some people will not be able to give much. Some will not give because of poor sportsmanship and lack of community interest. Others must give largely to make the average more than two dollars per family. Citizens of Walton, think in terms of five and ten and twenty dollar contributions! Receive the canvassers courteously. They are doing this work gratis, only because of their interest in your health and the health of your friends. Give them a liberal contribution and have it credited to your church or benevolent society, as will be explained to you.

The results will be published, if possible, in the next week's issue of the Reporter. May these results measure our interest in the public weal.

the Astor's terpsichorean revels.

Others of the Gerry family, who have homes at Lake Delaware and spend the summer there are Mable, Angelica, Peter, a United States senator from Rhode Island, and "Bob," sons and daughters of the commodore.

Among other estates owned by other wealthy and prominent families located, in the upper part of Delaware county might be mentioned the Sheldons at Delhi, the McLeans and Andrews at South Kortright and the Goulds on Dry brook, near Arkville.

It is to be regretted that with the exception of the Gerrys', the other mansions and acres are not being kept up. The McLean estate is no longer occupied by members of the family, the Andrews spend but little time at their beautiful country home and the famous Sheldon estate at Delhi is unoccupied and for sale. The Goulds come less often to their Delaware county lodge and don't seem to take the active interest in the countryside as in the years gone by.

## BUSINESS MEN UNITE IN LEGION BANQUET

Chamber of Commerce Joins Ex-Service Men in Affair Next Thursday

The Walton Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet in the armory next Thursday evening, May 15, in connection with the county banquet of the American Legion. It is expected that some four hundred persons will be seated at the tables.

The program committees of the two organizations have been extremely fortunate in their selection of speakers. State Senator William T. Byrne of Albany, said to be the best orator in the upper house of the legislature, has accepted the Chamber's invitation to visit Walton and give an address.

The Legion will be represented by State Commander Edward E. Spafford and National Vice Commander William Healey of Wilkesbarre, Pa. Their messages will be of interest to business men as well as all ex-service men.

The banquet will be served at

6:30 o'clock under the direction of the ladies. Hon. A. W. North will act as toastmaster. J. C. Burrhus, county commander of the American Legion, and Walter J. More, president of the Chamber of Commerce, are co-operating in working out details. R. E. Lockwood is chairman of the ticket committee and out of town parties wishing tickets should address him. The tickets sell at \$1.50. Ladies are especially invited.

## IT SNOWED ON MAY NINTH

But the Year was 1885 Instead of 1924.

Does the season seem late? Well, May 9, 1885, snow fell all day and did not all disappear for three or four days. That same spring your correspondent brought home a small kitten which his little daughter christened Dick. That cat and a daughter of that mother cat have been in his family all these years. The present cat is past 21 years of age and still goes out in the fields to hunt and has always been a great hunter and would still tackle a rat.

## SAME PAY FOR WOMEN AS FOR MEN TEACHERS

Governor Signs Bill to Do Away With Discrimination In Salaries

The Cole-Antin amendment to the education law, which seeks to remove discrimination between men and women in connection with salaries paid teachers in public schools of the state, was signed by Governor Smith Monday. The law becomes effective Sept. 1, 1924.

In virtually all the schools of the state which will be affected by the provisions of the new law, women teachers are now paid smaller salaries than their male colleagues. The effect of the measure will be, as was pointed out at a hearing held on the measure before Governor Smith last week, to eliminate these differences.

Opposition to the measure developed from the fear of municipalities and school boards that increase of women's salaries to the level paid the men would overtax the various communities, while lowering of the men's salaries would bring dissatisfaction and loss of their services, with the result of finally driving men from the teaching profession.

The bill provides that "there shall be no discrimination in the determination of the amount to be paid or the payments to be made to persons employed in the public schools in any city, union free, or common school district in the state, based on sex."

The bill is of interest to numerous Delaware county girls now holding teaching positions in city schools, as it is believed the measure will result in increased pay for them.

Of local interest is the fact that among those who appeared in favor of the bill was Miss Margaret Mann of the Walton training class, who appeared as a representative of the Teachers' Welfare League.

Two important park bills were signed Saturday by Governor Smith. One provides for the submission to the voters at this fall's election of a \$15,000,000 bond issue proposal for the extension and improvement of state parks. The other "appropriates \$850,000 for the immediate improvement of certain parks.

Other important bills signed were:

The compromise transit measure designed to give New York city authority to construct and operate new subways.

The proposal prohibiting the erection of signs and billboards in the Adirondack mountain preserves.

The bill designed to make owners of motor vehicles liable for injury in accidents or property damage whether the machine was being driven with or without their permission.