

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 YEARS AGO,
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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

GET YOUR DOG LICENSE

**Graduated Fifty Years Ago—
More Thieving—Motorcycle
Cop—"Ford" Breaks
Another Man's Arm.**

The tarvia for the macadam streets in the village and the road oil for use on the dirt roads will arrive the latter part of this week and application will be made early next week if weather conditions permit.

The Globe grocery company will open a store about July first in the Liberty street side of the building now occupied by Sherwood's shoe store, which will continue to occupy the other part of the first floor.

Trouble has been experienced at recent fires by automobiles getting in the way of the fire department apparatus at the scenes of the fires. The firemen's board requests that in the future no cars be driven within a block of any fire.

Douglas Parsons, the three year old son of Rev. and Mrs. Harlow W. Parsons of Franklin, fell from a bed at the home of his grandfather, W. D. Burns, on Bruce street last Thursday night and broke his collar bone. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture.

Samuel McDonald sustained a Colle's fracture of his right arm last Thursday morning, June 15, when the old Ford truck used on the town highways kicked back while Mr. McDonald was cranking the machine after filling the gas tank at Parker's service station.

Walton is to have a motorcycle policeman to catch auto speeders. The village board has authorized the purchase of a motorcycle for the use of Officer Lewis Stidd. Numerous complaints have been made of excessive speeding on the village streets and violations of the village speed ordinance will be prosecuted.

Walton business places will be closed from 2 until 4 o'clock next Wednesday afternoon, June 28, during the opening ball game of the season. Al Bridwell's One-onta nine will be the attraction. There will be a parade and music by the Walton band. Every Walton fan is urged to turn out and cheer the team at the first home game. Many fans are planning to accompany the Walton players to Unadilla Saturday.

The state calls attention to the fact that all dog licenses expire on June 30th, and also to the fact that every dog must wear a tag, without which he is not protected by law and no action can be maintained for his injury or destruction. An unlicensed dog may be seized and killed, and the fact that a dog is without a tag is presumptive evidence that the dog is unlicensed. The license fees are: Male dog, \$2.25; female dog, \$5.25; spayed female dog, \$2.25. All amounts include clerk's fees. Licenses may be obtained from town clerk Earl S. St. John at St. John Brothers' store.

The summer timetable on the Ontario & Western railroad goes into effect Sunday. Numerous changes are made in the way of extra trains to accommodate the summer traffic to the mountain resorts. Northbound passenger trains will leave Walton as follows: No. 11, milk, 12:35 p.m.; No. 19, 1:10 p.m.; No. 1, 1:23 p.m.; No. 3, 5:39 p.m.; No. 5, 1:01 a.m. No. 19 is a new summer train while the run-

ning time of both trains 1 and 3 is much earlier than under the spring schedule. Southbound trains will leave as follows: No. 4, Mountain Express, 7:56 a.m.; No. 20, 10:57 a.m., No. 6, 2:11 p.m. Train 2 will run as an express train and will not carry passengers. Train 12, the milk, carries passengers on Sundays only. The morning Delhi train leaves Walton at 8 a.m., and the afternoon train at 1:25 p.m.

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the graduation of Rev. George E. Guild, D. D., from the Walton academy. Dr. Guild and the late Amos Ensign were the only students who completed their studies that year and in the fall of the same year Dr. Guild entered Amherst. At that time there were no formal graduation exercises. School closed at the end of the term and the students who were able to enter college were considered as graduates. After the incorporation of the Walton high school a few years later regular commencement exercises were instituted and still later diplomas were granted to Dr. Guild and other students who in former years completed their studies in the Walton academy and then entered higher institutions of learning.

The garage of Ernest W. Baxter, located in the rear of Mr. Baxter's store at the corner of Mead and St. John streets, was entered Tuesday night and an extra tire and rim stolen from Ralph Baxter's Overland car. About 11 o'clock that night, Mrs. Combs, who occupies rooms over the store, saw an automobile drive up St. John street and stop in front of the garage. A man got out, tried the front door of the garage and finding it locked went to the rear, where he was concealed from Mrs. Combs' view. Entrance was obtained through a rear window and after getting into the building the thief turned on the lights, removed the rim and tire, snapped off the lights and returning to his car went away. Mrs. Combs thought his action unusual but did not report the matter.

WALTON MOTORISTS HAVE UNLUCKY WEEK

**Accidents Have Been
Almost Daily Occurrences**

WAGON WRECKED BY CAR

**Rock Rift Machine Takes
Plunge of Embankment—
Orson Baker Struck by Auto.**

Walton has been the scene of a number of automobile accidents during the past week although none of them resulted in serious injury.

Harold Kilmer of Marvin hollow was driving home Friday night about 11 o'clock when his wagon was struck by the automobile of Clifford Smith, who was accompanied by Clifton Moore and Ivan Kelley. The accident occurred near the home of Irving Baker on Haverly hill. Mr. Kilmer had no light on his wagon and it is stated by persons who saw the car that the lights on the machine were also out although the occupants deny this. The wagon was close to the fender on the south side of the road and as the car came from the east it was on the wrong side of the road when the crash occurred. Kilmer was thrown clear of both the wagon and car and struck on the macadam road. One of his front teeth was knocked out and a second broken off and he was painfully cut and bruised about the face and body. When the automobile stopped the wagon was on the radiator of the machine and the vehicle is a complete wreck. Fortunately the car did not hit the horse but struck the rig near the front wheel.

A Ford touring car driven by Peter Liebig of Rock Rift left the

highway Sunday evening at the curve below the Barlow farm, near the rockcut crossing and plunged down a steep embankment. Mr. Liebig had bought the car a few days before from W. J. Barley, O. & W. operator at Rock Rift, and had driven it Sunday for the first time. He had practiced with the machine earlier in the day and in the afternoon accompanied by John Snyder drove to Walton to get some celery plants. The accident occurred on the return trip. At the point of the accident there is a deep gully between the railroad tracks and the highway which runs parallel to it after gaining the bend. A few feet from the edge of the road on the curve there is a sharp drop of about ten feet into the ravine. In rounding the curve Liebig failed to keep the machine in the road and after leaving the highway the car shot over the embankment, ending completely over and landing on its side with the engine nearest the road. Snyder was thrown clear of the wreckage and Liebig was able to scramble out without much trouble. Neither of the men had any broken bones and though badly bruised both walked home. Dr. Smith was called to attend them. The car was badly damaged, the windshield being broken and the fenders and running board smashed and jammed.

An Overland car driven by Howard Eaton of Beerston side-wiped the railing of the Beerston bridge Monday morning and the side of the car was stripped by the collision.

On Saturday evening a Studebaker driven by Dr. E. O. Bush struck one of the posts to the porch of the store of F. L. Huyck, Prospect avenue, as Dr. Bush was turning the machine. The post fell against one of the store windows and broke the glass.

Orson Baker was struck by an automobile Monday while crossing the road near the Ward farm at Colchester station. He was thrown about twenty feet but suffered no broken bones.

The car of John Olmstead ran into a tree near R. B. St. John's home, corner of Mead and Townsend streets, Wednesday evening. On Tuesday afternoon E. L. Jenks turned out too far to pass a car and his machine collided with a tree in front of the Sarah Warner property, Mead street.

MURDER AND SUICIDE CAUSED BY JEALOUSY

**Cobleskill Hotel Porter
Shot Wife and Then Ended
Own Life With Bullet**

Alfred B. Hunt, porter at the Hotel Augustan in Cobleskill, killed his wife Sunday and then committed suicide by shooting. The couple had been separated for two months and jealousy prompted Hunt's act.

Hunt, who was 52 years of age, had been porter at the Hotel Augustan nearly 35 years. His wife, who was younger, first came to Cobleskill as a demonstrator of cosmetics and toilet articles and married Hunt about a year ago. Her former home was in Newtonville, Mass., a suburb of Boston.

Some two months ago Mrs. Harry Williams, a sister of Mrs. Hunt, came to Cobleskill and Mrs. Hunt went to live with her. It is understood that she gave as a reason for not living with Hunt that he was unjustly jealous of her and made her life miserable.

The murder Sunday occurred on the wall in front of the Lutheran parsonage in Cobleskill about four o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. Hunt and her sister had been out for a walk and were coming down East Main street toward the business section when Hunt met them and as soon as they passed he whirled upon his heel and drawing the revolver shot his wife in the back of her head and then sent a second bullet crashing into his brain.

Motor Cop Stops Speeding.

(From Stamford cor.)

There is a noticeable lack of speeding through the congested streets here since the state troopers and traffic cop have been in evidence. Strange, what a quieting effect a uniform has on the flivver boobs.

WILL POOL WOOL CLIP

**Sheep Association Meeting
Held in Walton Tuesday.**

The annual meeting of the Delaware County Sheep Growers association was held at the farm of A. W. North, Walton, Tuesday, June 20. C. W. Campbell and A. L. Thorington of Roscoe and J. D. Smith of Walton were chosen auditors. J. Barton Archibald of Treadwell was chosen a director and I. L. Tyler of Delancey, secretary. It was decided to ship the association wool to the state federation wool pool at Syracuse Thursday, June 29. Directors will be at the Walton station that day between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. to receive wool and wool will be received only from those who have signed the contract required by the state wool federation, copies of which contract may be secured now by writing either Secretary Tyler or President A. W. North. Shippers having 75 pounds or more of wool are urged to sack their wool in the federation standard wool bags which may be secured free from A. W. North. Membership dues in the federation are but 50 cents per year. Wool growers bringing their wool to the shipping point can obtain the contracts then from the directors.

What's In a Name?

(From Stamford cor.)

A rather unusual incident is reported at the Westholm hotel here. A bell hop named James Kenney was engaged a few weeks ago and since then another bell hop was taken on. The second is John Kenney, no relative of James Kenney and to make it more interesting, James has a brother John and John has a brother named James.

Secretary Wallace at Meredith.

Hon. Henry C. Wallace, secretary of agriculture in President Harding's cabinet, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Ayer at Meridale Farms July first to fourth, inclusive.

In making this welcome visit to this community, Secretary Wallace is accepting a long-standing invitation to spend the holiday week end at Meridale Farms.

Mr. Wallace will deliver an address on July fourth in connection with the Meredith Community club celebration to be held in the sales pavilion at Meridale Farms. The general public is invited to participate and further details of the program will be announced next week.

HANCOCK BRIDGE NOW FREE

**States of New York and
Pennsylvania Acquire Title.**

(From Hancock cor.)

The Cochocton bridge at Hancock which has been a toll bridge for the past forty years or more, has been declared a free bridge as the states of New York and Pennsylvania have assumed ownership. For years this bridge has been a drawback to Hancock from a business standpoint as it kept much business from coming here on account of the toll.

AN UNLUCKY NIGHT STROLL

**John Steele Breaks Shoulder
in Fall at Hoos Building.**

John Steele, clerk in the

Central House, had his right shoulder broken Wednesday night in a fall at the new bakery building which O. J. Hoos is erecting on Delaware street. Mr. Steele left the hotel after 10 o'clock for a short walk before retiring and on reaching the Hoos building decided to look around. While doing this he stumbled and fell, striking on his shoulder and fracturing the bone. Dr. W. B. Morrow was called in attendance.

FOURTH WILL BRING VISITORS TO WALTON

**Ball Games, Races and Old
Time Sports Planned for
Walton's Celebration**

Several years have passed since Walton has had a real old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration, but the plans for the observance of Independence day this year should bring hundreds of visitors to Walton.

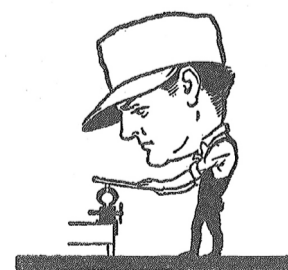
The crack Murray Hill nine of New York will be pitted against the Walton team in two games. The first game will be called at 10 a. m. and the afternoon game at 3 o'clock. Walton has a ball team this season which would do credit to any city and lovers of the game are afforded an unusual opportunity to see the local boys in a double-header. The visitors are said to be the best semi-professional team in New York city, having defeated the leading semi-professional teams.

The Walton band will furnish music during the day and also at the fireworks in the evening at 8:30 o'clock. The athletic series at 1:30 o'clock will be under the direction of Dr. H. F. Mace and the events are as follows: 75-yard dash for village boys under 16; 75-yard dash for boys outside village under 16; 100-yard dash for village boys over 16; 100-yard dash for outside boys over 16; three-legged race; wheelbarrow race; circling bases; 50-yard dash for girls outside village under 16; 50-yard dash for village girls under 16; 220-yard free-for-all dash for boys over 16; tug-of-war between village and outside teams; greased pig; greased pole with \$2 bill pinned on top.

First and second prizes have been donated by Walton merchants for each event and in most cases third and fourth prizes are offered. Entries for the events should be made early to Dr. Mace.

Preceding the fireworks in the evening three foot races will be held on the fair ground track. These are the 220 free-for-all, village and country relay race, and a special 100-yard dash. The last race is for a special prize and will be contested for by some of the best sprinters in the state.

All events will be held on the fair grounds and the ball games will be played on the diamond there which has been put into excellent shape under the direction of Manager J. J. Farrell.



WHAT ARE YOU PAID FOR?

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or for doing an indifferent job? And your work will become indifferent if you are indifferent toward your eyes. If your work depends on good eyesight, have us examine your eyes at regular intervals and know, at all times, that your eyesight is sharp so no detail can escape your vision.

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