

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

RAIN RETARDS HAYING

**Call Congregational Pastor—
Two Auto Collisions—Twenty
Chickens Stolen—Double
Wedding**

President A. J. Courtney is arranging for the holding of an examination for chauffeur's license in Walton. One hundred applicants are necessary to bring an examiner here.

Season tickets for the Red-path Chautauqua will shortly be placed on sale. The tickets this year are \$2.25 for adults and \$1 for children. The dates are July 20th to 26th, inclusive.

The Delaware Valley Fish and Game club received a shipment of two baskets of pheasants' eggs, 250 in a basket, last Thursday. About 200 remain for distribution and may be secured at Mastro's barber shop.

Between sixty and seventy boys will arrive in Walton on train 1 Saturday, July 1, to spend the summer at the Island Park camp. About one hundred fresh air children will come on the same train and go to the Gerry camp at Lake Delaware.

The continued rains of the past week have kept farmers from beginning the hay crop although a small amount has been harvested. The rains have produced an abundant hay crop but corn has been seriously retarded and needs cultivation, warmth and sunshine.

A doe was seen by John Loker of Frear Hollow on Monday afternoon. The animal came through the pasture near the house but was frightened back into the woods by Mr. Loker's dog. A number of deer have been seen in the vicinity of Walton during the past month.

Fire balloons are prohibited by the conservation law in any of the fire towns of the Catskill or Adirondack parks, or in any town adjacent to a fire town. Fire balloons have in the past caused extensive damage by starting forest fires. The towns of Andes, Colchester, Hancock and Middletown are fire towns.

In Oneonta Saturday Justice Kellogg entered an order appointing Harriet E. Nichols of Walton committee of the person and estate of George S. Nichols of Plymouth church, town of Franklin. The order directed the filing of a bond of \$1,800. Mr. Nichols is receiving treatment in the Binghamton state hospital.

At a special congregational meeting Monday evening Rev. Stanley U. North of Park Ridge, N. J., was extended an unanimous call to become pastor of the First Congregational church at a salary of \$2,500 and use of the parsonage. The meeting also instructed the prudential committee to purchase a car for the use of the pastor.

The Walton Water company announces an increase in rates to certain users effective July 1. The new rates will be \$1, a 10-cent increase, for residences which have only one faucet, and \$1.45, a 15-cent raise, for residences having more than one and less than four openings. The rate for houses with four or more openings remains at \$1.65 per month.

A double wedding will be solemnized at noon today, Friday, June 30, at the First Baptist church when Miss Mary E. Hoyt will be married to Sidney Gent of Endicott and Miss Julia S. Hoyt will become the bride of William Gregory. Rev. B. L. Bixby will be the officiating clergyman. The brides are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Hoyt of the Mountain.

Twenty young chickens owned by Earl McFarlane, son of John McFarlane, High street, were stolen last Thursday night from a wire enclosure in the yard near the house. About 11:30 o'clock that night Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, who live across the street, were aroused by the barking of their dog and Mrs. Jones heard some one prowling about the rear of their home but when Mr. Jones went out no one was to be seen.

The Ford car of Fred Moshier of Beerston and the Overland of James Russell of Walton collided Saturday evening in front of George Pierce's house on the Beerston road. Russell was going down the river and Moshier was driving toward Walton. The accident occurred when Moshier attempted to pass a wagon headed in the same direction he was going and in so doing cut in between the wagon and Russell's car. The Ford suffered a smashed wheel and other damage while the fender of the Overland was jammed.

The Studebaker car driven by Charles Pierce, Breakstone superintendent, and a Ford owned by Eugene Schoonmaker collided Monday at the corner of Gardiner Place and North street. Mr. Pierce was turning from Gardiner Place into North street and as Mr. Schoonmaker was coming down North street the Studebaker had the right of way. The Ford struck the rear wheel of the Studebaker, throwing the machine into the ditch on the further side of the street but not upsetting it. The front of the Ford was badly smashed while the Studebaker was not much damaged.

DIPLOMAS GIVEN 26 WALTON GRADUATES

**Only One Boy Wins Place on
Commencement Program**

CLASS NIGHT EXERCISES

**Tableaux Staged Tuesday
Evening Under Direction of
Miss Jane Launt—Essays and
Orations.**

Twenty-six students graduated from the Walton high school at the sixty-ninth commencement this week. This number is somewhat smaller than the average senior class in recent years.

Of the twenty-six graduates twelve are non-residents of the union school district. The girls outnumber the boys, fourteen to twelve, but only one boy secured a place on the commencement night program in which the first eight in scholarship participate.

The students receiving their diplomas are as follows, those marked with an asterisk (*) being non-residents: Bruce M. Palmatier, president; *Robert Gray, vice-president; Evelyn Eells, secretary; *Mary Leona Wood, treasurer; *James H. Alverson, *Clifford H. Armstrong, Castella Barber, *Anita Violet Beardslee, Earl Carleton Blything, *Grace Muriel Bramley, *Marjorie Ellen Burton, John Raymond Cobb, *Jennie M. Elderkin, Sylvester William Flynn, Margaret Henderson, Gertrude Marian Jones, Joseph Charles Knox, Anita Mary Littlejohn, Katherine Hume Patterson, Alice Marie Reville,

*John L. Rutz, *Dorothy Mae Schlafer, *Frank William Seely, Catherine Wight Wakeman, *Fred Cook Wood, Robert A. Young.

The commencement exercises opened with the union service in Walton Hall Sunday evening at which Dr. R. A. Parrock of Colgate university gave the anniversary sermon.

Class Night

Class night is always an evening of fun and frolic for those who on the next evening will receive their diplomas. This year proved no exception although several novelties in the way of tableaux and lighting effects were introduced by Miss M. Janie Launt, who directed the program for the evening

The curtain went up on a tableaux in which flashlights held by the graduates formed the numerals "22." Then came the class yell, after which Bruce Palmatier, the class president, gave the address of welcome. An interesting history of the Walton school from its early beginning was given by Joseph Knox. The virtues and failings of the various members of the class were touched upon in a humorous way by those who followed him upon the program, the class prophecy by Alice Reville and the class poem by John Rutz. The tokens to the senior girls were presented by Raymond Cobb and the tokens to the boys by Castella Barber. The last will and testament of the class was read by Marjorie Burton.

A dissertation by Miss Anita Littlejohn depicted the benefits of school spirit in scholastic attainments, goodfellowship and as expressed in athletics.

The evening's program closed with the singing of "Alma Mater," composed by Prof. Miles.

The class colors are French blue and cardinal, the class flower the red rose and the motto, "Non quantum, sed quam bene," "Not how much, but how well."

Margaret Bramley acted as grand marshal at the class night and commencement night exercises.

COMMENCEMENT NIGHT

The essays and orations of commencement night on Wednesday were of a high order in subject-matter and in their delivery those taking part in the program showed the result of the careful training given by Miss Gertrude H. Nichols.

The salutatory honors, the second highest in the class, were won this year by Miss Margaret Henderson. In welcoming the audience Miss Henderson said in part: "We, the class of 1922, welcome you to this, the sixty-ninth commencement of our school. For four long weary years we have toiled to achieve this end and though we are glad that the struggle is over yet we have a feeling of regret at leaving forever the red brick walls that have sheltered us during our high school career. We have tried to live up to our motto, 'Non quantum, sed quam bene,' 'Not how much, but how well.'" Miss Henderson has specialized in music and following her salutary remarks rendered a piano solo, "Rustle of Spring," in a manner which showed highly developed technique. She has studied under Prof. H. Francis Miles.

In her essay, "The Health Crusade," Miss Evelyn Eells showed how public sentiment has developed from the time when disease was regarded as a penalty and consequence of sin until today when the prevention of disease and the amelioration of unhygienic conditions are coming to be regarded as proper functions of the state. There is an intimate connection between civics and health and there exists a physical basis of citizenship just as there is a physical basis of life and health. Every nation in the

world has awakened to the importance of health both for individuals and the government as a whole. Health and happiness go hand in hand and lead to power, prosperity and progress both public and private.

The newspaper is the principal present day means for conveying information, declared Miss Catherine W. Wakeman, in her essay, "The Newspaper, Its Evolution, Production, and Power." Every age has had some means of disseminating information. There has been the age of the roving minstrel, the bard, and in Shakespeare's day the stage depicted history, passing events, and other things of interest. The conveyor of information in the future may be the radio or the cinema, more familiarly known as the "movies." But the greatest means of disseminating information today is the newspaper. Miss Wakeman traced the evolution of the press and the development of the modern daily with its various departments. It has been estimated, she said, that there are now over 60,000 newspapers in the world, of which about 23,000 are published in the United States.

Robert Gray in his oration, "The Development of the American Automobile Industry," showed the evolution of the automobile from the first construction of steam vehicles in the early part of the nineteenth century to the present day when the automotive industry is the first in financial magnitude in the United States, and motor transportation is an essential part of the commercial life of our United States. It was not until the beginning of the 20th century, however, that the automobile industry passed the experimental stage and became stabilized. Developments since 1903 have been rapid and within the past ten years much has been accomplished in making the automobile more comfortable, convenient and durable.

"The Power of Music" was the subject of the essay of Miss Katherine Patterson, who showed unusual thought and care in the development of the theme, Music, she said, exerts a more powerful influence on mankind than any other single agency. There is no other instrumentality so potent in leading people as music. Music is always a true measure of civilization. The greater and better trained the mentality of a people, the more effective has been the music they have produced. Music is necessary to enthuse with patriotism, to bind in brotherhood, to amuse and entertain, to express praise and to instill reverence, and is essential in the home where loyalty, respect, happiness and devotion are so essential to success.

Interesting facts as to the origin of many recent day customs were given by Miss Mary L. Wood in her essay, "The Origin of Familiar Customs." Why one uses his right hand in shaking hands, the custom of tipping one's hat to the ladies, and the source of many of our table manners were explained by Miss Wood, who gave particular attention to the development of advertising from the hawking of their goods by the merchants of medieval times to modern newspaper and magazine advertising.

Miss Gertrude M. Jones' essay, "A Citizen's Duties and Obligations," won first prize in Delaware county and second prize in the 34th Congressional district in the John D. Clarke prize contest. Those who attended the commencement exercises Wednesday and heard this essay feel the awards were well merited. In concluding her essay Miss Jones said, "To be a citizen and fulfill a citizen's duties and obligations a person must be industrious, honest, ambitious, law abiding and interested in his fellow men. He must develop the best in himself and seek to bring out the best in others; he must maintain a high

standard of living and serve his country in every possible way. He must respect his fellow citizens, worship God, love his country and cherish the memories of those who have made our country great. The man or woman who is worthy of the title, "A good citizen," is worthy of that greatest of all titles, "An American."

Valedictory honors this year were won by Miss Anita V. Beardslee. In her essay, "The Mexican Problem of Today," she reviewed conditions in the southern republic and expressed a belief that a solution of the state's problems will be worked out under President Obregon.

In her valedictory address she said, in part: "In trying to live up to our motto, 'Not how much, but how well,' may we, the class of 1922 of Walton high school, strive more and more to make the results of our actions appear on the right side in our book of life. May each of us select a worthy goal and then bend every effort to the attainment of that goal. As we go out from our school life into life's great school, may we not forget the lessons of patience, courage and fidelity which we have learned from our Alma Mater. Whether we find that we have received five talents, three, or only one, may we use what we have in such a way that we shall finally merit the praise, 'Well done.'"

The diplomas were presented by Rev. S. E. Carr of the board of education.

HYMENEAL

Moody-Lathan.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Lathan on West Platner Brook, Delhi, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday, June 24, when their only daughter, Florence Esther, became the bride of Harold Robert Moody of Frasers in the presence of about one hundred guests.

The wedding took place at 1 p. m., when to the strains of the bridal chorus from Lohengrin played by Miss Florence Jester the bridal party escorted by James Bolles as best man, and Miss Doris Davidson, as bridesmaid descended the stairs and took their places in the parlor before a bank of ferns and roses with a white wedding bell and garlands of evergreen above, where the bride's pastor, Rev. Charles A. Lay of the United Presbyterian church, Mundale, performed the ceremony using the Episcopal ring service.

The bride's dress was white georgette over white satin and the bridesmaid's dress was orchid gandy; both carried bouquets of white roses.

Following the ceremony a wedding dinner was served with Miss Lamont and Mrs. Sheldon Handy of Delhi as cateresses. The young ladies who acted as waitresses were the Misses Agnes Cutler, Mildred Pierce, Ethel Moody, Florence Jester, Ada Salton and Myrtle Scott.

The afternoon was devoted to social enjoyment, following which Mr. and Mrs. Moody motored to the home of his parents intending to leave on Monday morning to spend their honeymoon near Philadelphia.

Bridal presents in money and useful articles for the home were numerous and beautiful, indicating the love and esteem in which they were held.

On their return they will make their home for a time with her parents.

Trainrider May be Yeggman.

A man found in a box car at Nineveh by state troopers Saturday and sentenced by Justice Barker of Sidney to 75 days in the Delhi jail is believed to be Frank Williams, a noted safe cracker. The authorities expect to have evidence to hold him when his present term expires.