

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 YEARS AGO,
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1923

THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

EDUCATION COSTS MORE

**For R. R. Connections
at Sidney—Stolen Cars
Brought Up-State—Scarlet
Fever Not Serious.**

As a mark of respect for the late former Adjutant General Nelson Herrick Henry, N. Y. N. G., the flag was flown at half-staff over the state armory. General Henry died last Thursday.

Fourteen cases of scarlet fever have been reported by physicians to Dr. E. A. Hand, village health officer. Three of the cases are adults, George Winsor, Howard Salton and Mrs. A. P. Neish, and the others are children. Precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

Augustus Stadel of Third brook brought to Walton Monday a small quantity of new maple sugar. Since then other farmers have brought in both sugar and syrup. The first sugar on the market sold for sixty cents a pound and the syrup at \$2.50 a gallon, but prices are going down and \$2 seems to be the current price for syrup. Producers look for a short season.

Alton C. Howland was the winner of the first prize for boys and Miss Florence Flynn of the girls' first prize at the annual prize speaking contest of the Walton high school held in Walton hall Tuesday evening. Second prizes were awarded to Ralph Haynes and Florence Aldrich. The boys were trained by Prof. H. B. Townsend and the girls by Miss Gertrude H. Nichols. The first prize winners participated in the county oratorical contest in Delhi Thursday evening.

A Walton man recently came across a number of the annual reports of the Walton union schools of twenty-five and more years ago. A comparison of the expenditures in those years with the present time is interesting. The report for the school year 1888-1889 shows total disbursements of \$5,799.19. Fifteen years later the report for 1903-1904 gives the payments as \$21,476.59, of which about \$10,000 was for teachers' salaries. Total disbursements for other years were as follows: 1897-1898, \$16,081; 1898-1899, \$14,233; 1899-1900, \$16,341; 1900-1901, \$15,297; 1901-1902, \$18,450; 1902-1903, \$17,085; 1904-1905, \$23,147. The total disbursements of the Walton schools for the year ending Aug. 1, 1922, as shown by the treasurer's report, was \$66,230.29, exclusive of \$2,872.50 paid on the bonds and interest.

Automobile thieves operating in New York city and through Long Island have moved up-state to dispose of the stolen cars and the New York detective bureau and state troopers have found many of such machines in the vicinity of Fulton, Oswego county. According to the New York Herald in Fulton alone some twenty cars have been recovered. Among those seized were motors of Chief of Police Dyer and Rev. Charles Olmstead, pastor of the First Congregational church, and other prominent residents. In each case it was made plain by the police that the persons

who purchased the machines did not have any suspicion that they were stolen, but had little opportunity to discover proper title to the cars. The machines had passed through several sales agencies before their final disposal.

E. D. Burkart, representing the Public Service Commission will give a hearing in the Municipal building, Sidney, on Monday, Mar. 26, at one o'clock, in the matter of the complaint against the failure of the Ontario & Western and Delaware & Hudson railroads to make connections at Sidney in the morning so that passengers arriving on the Utica Flyer can secure a train to Oneonta, Albany and other points north before 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The northbound D. & H. train now leaves 37 minutes before the Flyer reaches Sidney, so that it is impossible to go from Walton to Albany and return the same day. The Walton Chamber of Commerce will be represented at the hearing as will the Delhi business men. Emphatic protest will be made against the present condition of service. The request for the hearing was made by the Walton Chamber of Commerce.

Roy Foote of Walton has demanded a jury trial in the criminal proceeding brought against him on a warrant issued by Justice C. T. Telford of Delhi on complaint of W. L. Vandermark, former sheriff. Mr. Vandermark has a lumber job at Cabin Hill and Mr. Foote has been employed there, having moved his family from Walton to Cabin Hill. The mill was closed about February first and about Feb. 23 Mr. Foote moved back to Walton. To get more of a load of furniture on the sleigh he used a number of boards belonging to Vandermark. Mr. Foote states that a few days later he met his former employer on the street in Walton and told him he had taken the boards and offered to pay for same. He asserts that Vandermark told him he had contracted for the sale of the lumber and that it did not belong to him. On Monday Mr. Foote was served with a warrant charging petit larceny for the alleged theft of the timber. He was arraigned before Justice Telford and demanded a jury trial, meanwhile giving ball of \$200 for his appearance. Trial of the matter has been set for Mar. 30.

WALTON TAXPAYERS VOTE PUMP ENGINE

**Proposition to Bond Village
for \$12,000 Approved**

BAND CONCERTS BEATEN

**Question Lost by Only
Fifteen Majority While
Other Propositions Carry.**

The proposition to purchase a motor pump engine for the use of the Walton fire department at a cost of \$12,000 was carried at the village election Tuesday by a vote of 208 in favor to 127 against, a majority of 81.

There were 354 votes cast for officers and 344 by taxpayers on the eight propositions submitted. As there was only one ticket in the field for village officials this aspect of the election was overshadowed by the interest in the appropriations, all of which were carried except that of \$200 for band concerts. This was defeated by 15 majority. The vote on the propositions and for officers follows:

Proposition No. 1. Shall the sum of \$8,000 be raised by taxation for highway purposes? Yes, 238; No, 74. Majority for, 164.

Proposition No. 2. Shall the sum of \$5,000 be raised by taxation for general expenses? Yes, 188; No, 118. Majority for, 70.

Proposition No. 3. Shall the sum of \$2,000 be raised by taxation for oiling the dirt and cinder streets? Yes, 217; no, 103. Majority for, 114.

Proposition No. 4. Shall the sum of \$3,100 be raised by taxation for the purpose of all night street lighting? Yes, 264; no, 65. 199.

Proposition No. 5. Shall the sum of \$700 be raised by taxation for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Fire Department? Yes, 299; no, 30. Majority for, 269.

Proposition No. 6. Shall the sum of \$300 be raised by taxation for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Board of Health? Yes, 252; no, 62. Majority for, 190.

Proposition No. 7. Shall the sum of \$200 be raised by taxation for the purpose of providing band concerts? Yes, 148; no, 163. Majority against, 15.

Proposition No. 8. Shall the Village of Walton, N. Y., borrow upon the faith and credit of said village, the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) upon its bonds to be issued and dated August 1, 1923, for the purpose of purchasing an automobile fire engine? Yes, 208; no, 127. Majority for, 81.

For president, A. J. Courtney, 300; trustees, S. H. Osterhout, 277; A. B. Kinsbury, 271; treasurer, J. C. McClelland, 303; collector, Letha W. Palmatier, 300.

DEATH OF JOHN S. EELLS

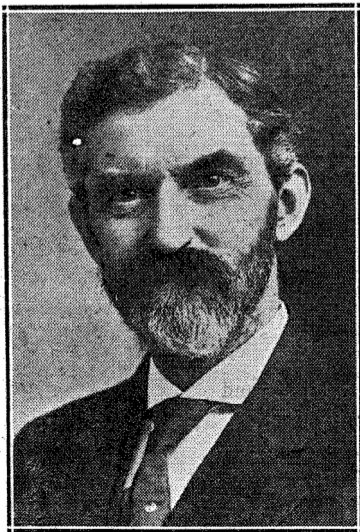
**Passed Away Monday at
Home in Walton—44 Years
Town Clerk.**

John S. Eells passed away Monday, Mar. 19, at his home on lower Townsend street, Walton. Mr. Eells had been in failing health for some time. He was 72 years of age.

John Seymour Eells, son of Henry Eells and Keziah Anna Gay, was born Dec. 17, 1850, in the old house on Delaware street which had long been the home of the family of his grandfather, Gay.

In 1857 his father built the home at 9 Townsend street and in that year the family moved in.

On Dec. 10, 1873, he married Esther Ann Wilson, daughter of Alanson and Lucy Elizabeth Wilson, at Monroe, Mich. Three children were born, Henry Wilson Eells of Ridgewood, N. J.; Kate Gay Eells of Walton, and John Dwight Eells of Hartford, Conn. The widow and children all survive.



Upon the conclusion of his education at Walton academy in 1866 John S. Eells entered the hardware store built by his father at the corner of North and Delaware streets and after completely learning the business he succeeded his father in 1873, who at that time was in failing health. He continued in the conduct of this

business until 1885 when, due to unfortunate partnership relations, he was compelled to relinquish his ownership which then passed to L. S. and J. W. St. John and later to St. John & White. However, he remained in the employ of the new firm until 1891 when Mr. White withdrew and a new firm consisting of St. John, Eells and W. R. Reynolds was formed. By this time the business of the firm had grown to such an extent that it had been found necessary to move to the building built by George C. Seeley at the corner of Delaware and Bridge streets.

Mr. St. John withdrew in 1894 and the hardware business was continued under the firm name of Eells & Reynolds until 1901.

Mr. Eells has always been active in the interests of the town and village. He has served Christ church as vestryman and later as warden continuously since 1875 and he was also town clerk of Walton continuously from 1877 to 1922, except for one year when he was not a candidate for re-election. Both of these terms of service stand as records.

In his early life he was a member of the fire department; he was superintendent of the Walton Water company following its installation, and for several years was a member of the board of education.

No man who has passed his life in Walton was ever better liked than John S. Eells. It can be truthfully said that everyone is the village and town was his friend. His long record of service as town clerk, where for term after term he was re-elected without opposition, was but one indication of the esteem in which his fellow citizens held him for his courteousness and for his genuine interest in and friendship for those who were associated with him in the business and civic life of the community.

The funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Christ church, conducted by the rector, Rev. M. W. River, assisted by Rev. S. R. MacEwan of Oneida, N. Y., a former rector of the church. Burial was made in the Walton Cemetery.

HORSE WENT INTO CREEK

**But Occupants of Rig
Escape Uninjured.**

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. E. Scofield and child with a horse and cutter had just passed over the bridge on the driveway from the residence of her father, Charles Harris, to the Trout creek road when the horse suddenly commenced to rear and went over the bank into the creek. Fortunately the cutter and occupants escaped going into the water and no one was injured. The horse escaped with a few cuts and bruises.

Got a Ride to Church.

(New Kingston correspondent.)

A horse attached to a cutter left standing in front of P. G. Yapple's Sunday morning took a voluntary departure, running through the village at a fast clip. The rig belonged to Edward Sanford on the lower Plattekill. Several attempts to stop the horse in the village were ineffectual. Just as Alex Van Benschoten, afoot, came out of his lane onto the main road, he discovered the runaway and managed to bring the horse to a halt. He hailed it as a providential escort to church, whither he was bound, so turning the horse around he drove back over the road it had traveled to church, near which

the owner was found to take possession of his property.

HOLD O. & W. OFFICER IN CHILDS SHOOTING

**Ernest Wagner of Hancock
May Face Murder Charge
for Killing Man**

Ernest H. Wagner of Hancock, a member of the Ontario & Western police force, has been released on bail pending the action of the grand jury in Lackawanna county, Pa., upon the killing of Philip Storzasa at Childs, Pa., on Tuesday, Mar. 13. Grant R. Wilson, chief of the O. & W. police, Howard E. Mulford, and John Addler, railroad detectives, have been released in \$5,000 bail each, after being detailed as material witnesses in the case. Wagner's bail was fixed at a higher sum, and he may have to face trial for murder.

It developed at the hearing before County Judge Edwards at Carbondale that Wagner was the only member of the party who did any shooting. The railroad detectives claimed the shooting was done in self-defense while County Detective Morosini of Lackawanna county characterized it as "wanton murder."

At the time of the shooting, which occurred directly opposite the tracks where inspection and repair work on O. & W. property is done, there were 30 car workers at various tasks, it was stated. Storzasa is alleged to have come from his stoop to the road brandishing two weapons, one an automatic the other a revolver. That he reloaded at least once was claimed.

When the fusillade opened the men in the yards are said to have retreated and sought cover. The detectives were in the police car which stood on the rails on the opposite side of a wall that separated the tracks from the yard at Childs. Storzasa was killed by a bullet fired by Wagner, it is claimed.

Storzasa lived opposite the place where the carmen were working. It was stated that his chickens were between the road in front of the house and the workers and that he was shooting at the fowls and not at the workmen.

Truck Injures Cornell Student.

(Bovina Center correspondent.)

Miss Marjorie Dickson, daughter of our good postmistress, and a student of Cornell university, was run over by a small auto truck on Mar. 4 while crossing the street in the city. No bones were broken and after about two weeks out of school in the hospital is able to be back at work.

Adopt Their Niece

Judge A. J. McNaught on Tuesday, Mar. 13, approved of the papers for adoption of Marguerite Augusta Carley, by her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Beals of Deposit.

Announcement to Public

I bought the business of Mr. Fundas at 138 Delaware St., known as Fundas' Candy Shop.

I am going to give to the public the best quality of goods and cheapest possible prices, reducing prices of

Ice Cream Sodas to 10c per Glass
Sundaes - - 10 Cents
Hot Chocolate - - 10 Cents
Ice Cream, quart - 45 Cents

We will carry a line of fancy fruits also. We cordially invite your patronage. Our trade-mark name will be

Walton Candy Kitchen,
P. PAPPAS, Propr.