

LOOKING BACK

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THE WEEK IN WALTON

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

AUTO STRUCK SMALL BOY

**Real Estate Changes and
Business Ventures—
Dinner Party for Miss More—
Road Worker Dies.**

The Tenth Infantry of which Company F of Walton is a unit will have its summer training period at Peekskill Aug. 26 to Sept. 9.

Platt Harby has bought the market business of George Palmatier on Bridge street. He will open the store for business Saturday.

E. M. Hungerford of Albany, who has represented the investment house of E. H. Rollins & Sons in Walton and through this section, died Saturday night after an illness of only a few days.

Tony Liguory, who owns the former James Munn house, Delaware street, has the foundations laid for an addition 30 by 34 feet in dimensions which he will build on the front of the house for store purposes.

Farmers have been delayed in the work of putting in the crops by the cold and inclement weather of the past two weeks. On Thursday, May 10, there was a small snowstorm and practically every day since has been rainy or cold and disagreeable. The recent heavy frost may have caused some damage to fruit trees.

Louis Lurenz, Jr., has bought the house on Burton street owned by the late Mrs. Lucy Sawyer. George Jaquish has sold his farm on Third brook to C. B. Hart of Halcott Center. Both sales were made through the agency of H. M. Robinson. During the past week Mr. Robinson purchased the Buckbee farm on the river road from Mrs. George Marvin.

A. J. Holmes has purchased the furniture and undertaking business at Margaretville conducted for many years by the late Hugo Gorsch. The business is one of the best known and longest established in that section of the Catskills. It is understood that Mr. Holmes' oldest son, A. Kaveda Holmes, will take over the active management of the business, possession of which will be given at once.

Joseph Casper, who has been employed on the town highway construction under Superintendent George Edgcomb, died Tuesday, May 15, at the home of Mrs. Carrie Eells, Liberty street, following an illness of three weeks. He was 53 years of age and it is stated leaves a wife and children in Bohemia, from whence he came to America a few years ago. The funeral will be held today, Friday.

The regular May meeting of Mary Weed Marvin chapter, D. A. R., was held Friday evening, May 11, at the home of Miss Antoinette Owens, with Mrs. J. H. Eells assistant hostess. At the regular business meeting the following officers were elected: Regent, Mrs. Henry S. Pond; vice regent, Mrs. Fred Pine; registrar, Mrs. Lewis Camp; corresponding secretary, Mrs. George Fitch. The regent, Mrs. Sumner Gould, gave an interesting report of the recent D. A. R. convention in Washington, D. C. Refreshments were served.

Few men at the age of 81 years are able to hit the bullseye with a rifle. Yet A. P. Wood of Mundale on his recent eighty-first birthday tried a little rifle practice and in three consecutive shots drove three nails into a board at 50 yards. No glasses were used by

Mr. Wood and the gun had only globe sights. Last week Mr. Wood made a rifle out of an old single shot Winchester and in trying the gun out placed seven shots consecutively in a space the size of half a dollar at a distance of fifty yards. Mr. Wood is no less expert in the repair of rifles than in his sharpshooting and his skill in this line is widely known.

The lecture-recital by Alma Wallner Flint and George Clayton Flint at the Congregational church May 29, under the auspices of the Women's club, promises to be a great treat. Mrs. Flint, contralto, concert and oratorio artist, has a beautiful, rich voice and a very pleasing personality. Her folk song program of Scotland and Ireland is truly artistic and she delights her audiences everywhere with it. Mr. Flint, lecturer, is director of music in boy's high school, Brooklyn, and conductor of Brooklyn Symphony orchestra. Lecture on folk lore promises to be very pleasing as well as instructive. The Woman's club is very fortunate in securing the services of such artists. Tickets are on sale at Walton music store. Adults fifty cents and students twenty-five cents.

Thomas, the six-year old stepson of George McGraw of Hawleys station, was struck by the automobile of William Salton, Delancey, Sunday afternoon. The McGraw family live in the former Hawleys school building, which has been remodeled into a house. The boy started to cross the highway and ran directly in the path of the Salton car. He was knocked down by the mudguard and while the machine passed over him the wheels did not touch his body. The lad was taken to the office of Dr. M. D. McNaught in Hamden in the car of O. J. Hoos of Walton and his injuries dressed there. He was cut and bruised about the face and body but suffered no serious injury.

35 CARS AT AUTO SHOW

**Models of Best Known
Makes on Display in Armory**

SATURDAY THE LAST DAY

**Splendid Opportunity
Afforded Prospective Buyers
of Cars to Compare Models.**

The best display of medium priced cars ever exhibited in this section was the way one visitor summed up his impression of the Walton automobile show at the state armory. Thirty-five cars of fourteen standard makes are on exhibition and completely fill the main drill hall. In the basement are the business booths and displays of accessories.

The cars on exhibition include the Star, Durant, Studebaker, Maxwell, Chalmers, Overland, Hupmobile, Franklin, Oakland, Hudson, Jewett, Dodge, Buick and Ford. The prospective purchaser is afforded every opportunity to compare the various makes and models and make his selection. The choice is wide whether he wishes a low priced car, one in the medium priced class selling between \$1,000 and \$2,000, or one of the higher priced models.

The largest display is that of Star and Durant cars of which the Archibald Company is the distributor. There are eleven of the various models of these two cars on exhibition. D. W. Coulter has a fine display of Studebakers, consisting of five models. The sport car of this make has attracted much attention. Dreyfus & Morgan of Delhi are showing three Buicks, E. L. Lathan has two Maxwell and two Chalmers cars on the floor. J. R. Bryce has entered a Franklin sedan and a Hupmobile. Floyd Parker is showing an Oakland; Wilber Motor company of Oneonta, represented by A. W. Pine, has two Hudson models; while H. E. Lane, the local distributor of the Jewett car,

has two models of that make for inspection. C. T. Telford is showing a Dodge model, while Ernest Vail, the local Ford distributor, has models of the old standby for the inspection of anyone not yet familiar with Henry's mechanism.

In the basement are booths of the Kiwanis club, Cetta Brothers, J. E. Wood, the Neal Floral company, Barlow & Brougham, the First National Bank of Walton, F. C. Darling, Northrup & Combs and Smith's electrical shop. Something of interest is to be found in each booth.

The doors of the show were thrown open Tuesday evening. The entertainers of the evening were the Elks glee club of Oneonta. Owing to one of the cars which was bringing the party to Walton getting lost enroute some of the singers did not arrive until nearly 9 o'clock. A short program of songs was rendered which was appreciated by all. President A. J. Courtney then introduced Congressman John D. Clarke, who briefly reviewed some of the problems which the past session of congress faced. Wednesday evening Assemblyman Lincoln R. Long of New Kingston was the speaker and A. H. Richards of Scranton, Pa., the entertainer. The show will close Saturday evening. On that night Edward H. Smith of Schenectady, who recently delighted the Kiwanians and their guests on ladies' night, will be the entertainer.

LITTLE WORK FOR SUPERVISORS

**Audit Bills, Make Highway
Changes and Adjourn.**

(From Delhi cor.)

The second regular quarterly meeting of Delaware county supervisors for the year 1923, was held at the supervisors' rooms Monday evening, May 14th. All of the nineteen supervisors were present.

The holding of these quarterly meetings of Delaware's supervisors is an innovation so far as this county is concerned. The primary object of these meetings is to audit claims against the county, although any business is in order. The bills thus audited Monday amounted to \$2,237.70.

Upon motion of Mr. Gilbert a change was made in the location of a portion of county aid improved highway in the town of Roxbury. By this resolution some changes were made in the location of the highway in the vicinity of Vega and Denver, a mile being deducted from the present map and added to the Hardscrabble road.

Mr. Gilbert also moved a resolution which was carried making a change in county aid road in the town of Sidney. Three miles were taken off the road leading from Sidney Center to Sidney and added to the road leading from Wellsbridge to East Sidney.

On motion of Mr. Gilbert the county aid money was apportioned to the several towns of the county.

The chairman of the committees on various county claims, each moved the rules be suspended and bills audited in open board and which resolution was adopted in each case and claims audited accordingly.

Mr. Strangeway offered the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved, that the janitor of county buildings be and is hereby authorized to purchase coal for the court house, clerk's office and jail at such prices and at such places as would be most advantageous to the county. Board adjourned subject to call of the chair.

PLACE WRECK BLAME ON CREW OF FLYER

**Bureau of Safety Director
Reports on Investigation of
Maywood Accident**

That Engineer Obenauer and Conductor Ducolon of O. & W. train 56 failed to comply with a train order fixing a meeting point for their train at Niles, is charged

in the report of W. P. Borland, the director of the bureau of safety of the Interstate Commerce commission in his investigation of the wreck Mar. 24 on the O. & W. at Maywood in which one man was killed and a score or more injured.

The accident occurred when a passenger and freight train collided. The report claims that Conductor Ducolon and Engineer Obenauer at Sidney, 7.475 miles north of Maywood, received a copy of a train order directing them to meet extra 161 at Niles. Train 56 left Sidney at 7:44 p. m. and passed Niles without complying with the train order. It is also charged that the train passed a signal which was displaying a caution indication before the block was entered.

In the summary of the evidence, the report said that on arrival of train 56 at Sidney, Conductor Ducolon went into the office and registered, after which he received among others train order 59, read his set of orders aloud to the operator, then went outside and after delivering the orders to Engineer Obenauer called attention to the meet with extra 161 at Niles. Conductor Ducolon then went to the baggage car and handed his copies of the orders to Baggage-man McCoy for his information. Fireman Paden was busy with the fire when Engineer Obenauer got back on the engine and instead of handing the orders to the firemen, Obenauer verbally informed the fireman as to their contents, then placed them in his pocket intending to show them to the fireman after the train departed. Obenauer stated, the report claims, that the last time he thought of the meet at Niles with extra 161 prior to seeing the headlight of that train at Maywood, was at South Unadilla, and furthermore, that approaching Niles no communicating whistle signal was sounded by the conductor calling attention to the meeting point.

Fireman Paden, the report states, was busy putting in a fire between Sidney and the point of the accident and stated he did not understand where his train was to meet extra 161 when Engineer Obenauer informed him of the contents of the train order while at Sidney, as the blower was on.

Conductor Ducolon admitted, according to the report, that he forgot to sound the communicating whistle signal approaching Niles in accordance with the rules and that he did not think of the meeting point until he was opposite the passing track, at which time he was riding in the center of the rear car of the train. The speed was then about 35 miles an hour, he said. The conductor testified that before he could reach the emergency valve, the accident occurred. He further stated that it was necessary for him to stand on a seat in order to reach either the conductor's emergency valve cord or the communicating whistle signal cord.

Measurements disclosed, said the report, that the conductor's emergency valve cord and the communicating whistle cord were seven feet, seven inches from the floor in the car in which Conductor Ducolon was riding at the time of the accident, while he could reach only seven feet from the floor.

GEORGE GOULD DIES IN FRANCE MAY 16

**Son of Late Jay Gould
Owned Large Summer
Estate Near Arkville**

George J. Gould, the American financier, died Wednesday morning, May 16, at Cap Martin in France, following an illness with pneumonia which dated from Mar. 30. Mr. Gould was the son of the late Jay Gould, who was born in Roxbury, Delaware county. At the time of his death George Jay Gould owned an extensive estate known as Furlough Lodge on the Dry brook section of the town of Hardenburgh, Ulster county, a few miles from Arkville. Mr.

Gould was 59 years of age.

George Jay Gould succeeded to the leadership of the famous Gould family upon the death of his father, Jay Gould, Dec. 2, 1892. In addition to assuming responsibility, as trustee and executor for the \$80,000,000 estate left by his father he carried on and expanded the great railroad holdings of the latter. The 6,000 miles of road left by Jay Gould grew into more than 20,000 miles under the management of his son, while the many investments in other huge enterprises, including the Western Union Telegraph company, also were largely managed by the principal heir. The Gould family fortune dates from 1860, when Jay Gould, a partner in his father's hardware store in Delaware county, New York, bought for ten cents on the dollar a controlling interest in the Rutland & Washington railroad, a little bankrupt line running between Troy, N. Y., and Rutland, Vt. Young Gould, in addition to selling hardware, had studied surveying in his spare time and took an interest in railroad building as a result of these studies. Two years after purchasing the road, Jay Gould had succeeded in extricating it from financial difficulties, when he sold at 120 the interest originally acquired at 10.

George Jay Gould, even when quite young, showed an inclination to follow in the footsteps of his father. He received a thorough education from private instructors and subsequently entered Columbia university, but was not graduated.

After a tour of Europe he became a clerk in the Western Union office, and a few years later became vice president of the company. This apprenticeship prepared him for the responsibility devolving upon him when Jay Gould died. For two decades after the death of his father, George Gould continued to manage the vast properties. Dissatisfaction among other of the heirs of Jay Gould over George's handling of the estate, however, had been growing for some time, and in July, 1919, he was removed as executor and trustee by a court order.

Mr. Gould's first marriage was in 1886 to Edith Kingdon, who dropped dead while playing golf on the Gould estate at Lakewood, N. J., in November, 1921. From this union there were five children. In May, 1922, Mr. Gould married Jeanne Sinclair, a former actress, 30 years his junior.

LOOK FOR GOOD SEASON

**City People Already Looking
for Summer Cottages**

(From Stamford cor.)

Many city people have been in town the past week seeking cottages for the summer. The prospects for a good boarding season are bright and hotel proprietors are busy making repairs to their properties and getting ready for the summer business.

Boarding house keepers throughout the Catskill section look for a good season.

Hold Convention in Stamford.

(From Stamford cor.)

The New York Circulation association will make their 17th annual outing to the Catskills on May 21st to May 24th. Arriving at Saugerties Tuesday morning the entire party will take an auto trip to Stamford and returning to Saugerties will be guests at a banquet given by the Catskill Business Men's association.

Objected to Claims.

(From Delhi cor.)

A hearing, with a large number of witnesses, was had before Judge McNaught at his chambers in Delhi, in the matter of allowance of certain claims in the estate of Joseph Letts, late of the town of Colchester. Ida M. Neer is the administratrix and John H. Davis the objector.