

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter - Saturday, April 5, 1924

THE WEEK IN WALTON

What We Are Talking About at the County Hub

ANNUAL EASTER BALL

Coal Price Drops a Little—Railroaders' Pay Raised—Annual Prize Speakings.

The annual Easter ball of Company F will be held this year on Tuesday night, April 22. The Kings of Melody of Binghamton will furnish the music.

Eight cans of brook trout fry from the government hatchery at Cape Vincent were received Tuesday by the Delaware Fish and Game club and were distributed in Third brook.

On April first Walton coal dealers lowered their prices on all grades of coal. Chestnut and stove coal brings \$13.50 a ton and egg coal \$13.25. while pea coal sells for \$11. These are delivered prices.

The village board has fixed the pay of laborers on the village streets at 45 cents an hour. The board has authorized the purchase of a new Ford car equipped with commercial body for the use of the street commissioner.

Stockton avenue won the basketball championship of the grade schools by defeating Miller avenue for the third consecutive time in a game in the high school auditorium last Thursday evening. The score was 12 to 4.

The Delhi motor bus got stuck in the snow near the ice house on the river road Thursday morning and was delayed long enough to miss connection with the Mountain Express. This is the first time the connection has been missed since the bus started operations.

Chief of Police Lewis Stidd and Deputy Sheriff Lynn Stewart of Delhi visited a number of Walton business and amusement places Wednesday and confiscated a number of punchboards and similar gambling devices. In one place seven punchboards were seized.

The annual prize speaking contest of Walton high school will be held Wednesday evening, April 16, in Walton hall. The number of contestants is limited to four girls and four boys. No admission will be charged. The entertainment is open to the public. The list of contestants and titles of their pieces and names of the judges will appear next week.

April came in like a lion and March went out in like manner. Walton was visited Tuesday afternoon and night with one of the heaviest snowfalls of the year and about nine inches of snow fell in all. Thursday the weather, turned off fair and warmer and the blanket of snow is fast disappearing under the rays of the sun. Saturday night Delaware county was visited by a severe thunder and hail storm. This is an indication of cold weather, it is said.

Trainmen on the Ontario & Western railroad will receive an increase of pay effective April first. The increase for passenger men is 30 cents a day; for freight and milk service, 36 cents a day; for yard men, 32 cents; for switch men, 32 cents. U. S. Hawley of Walton was a member of the Brotherhood grievance committee which conferred with the railroad officials in Middletown Monday and arrived at the agreement. The increase is in line with those made on other railroads in the east.

Lee T. Thorp of Mt. Vernon has been engaged as scout executive for Delaware county and has moved his family from Mt. Ver-

non to rooms in J. J. Connelly's house, Sewell Place. He will take up his work at once. As soon as the roads are open the work of visiting the present troops and organizing new troops will begin. When sufficient applications are received a new troop of scouts will doubtless be formed in Walton. There are at present two troops here, one of which was only recently organized.

Murray Yeoman was called on about six o'clock Saturday evening to pull up a car from over the bank on the Apex road, about one-half mile below the bridge at Rock Rift. It was a Ford sedan carrying four Binghamton boys to Walton for the basket ball game that evening. Nothing was injured. Just before Mr. Yeoman reached the scene another car load of young men from Binghamton arrived and helped draw up the sedan, which was slightly turned below the road.—Rock Rift correspondent.

The Delaware Valley Fish and Game club elected officers for the ensuing year at a meeting at Walton hall Monday evening. Frank Gadwood was re-elected president and James A. Robinson vice president. William Mastro was chosen as secretary, Robert Nichols as treasurer and Edmund More a director. The officers and Myron DuBois, T. P. Howland, Charles A. Churchill, E. S. White and A. J. Courtney will act as a membership committee. The membership fee is one dollar with an initiation fee of a dollar for new members. During the past year the club has distributed over 400 cans of trout in vicinity streams. One of the plans discussed Monday evening was the holding of a trout supper in May. Owing to the heavy snowfall Tuesday and the thaw following, which has filled the brooks with snow water, most fishermen who planned to go put Saturday, the opening day, have postponed their outing to later.

MUNN ESTATE WINS IN HIGHEST COURT

Suit of Miss Katherine Robinson for Services Is Dismissed

The court of appeals on Tuesday handed down a decision in the case of Miss Katherine Robinson against the estate of Daniel Munn, deceased, a Walton case, in which it reverses the judgment granted the plaintiff in the trial court, dismisses the case and grants costs against the plaintiff in all courts.

The case was first tried in supreme court in Delhi before the late Justice Theodore Tuthill at the October term in 1922. The jury failed to agree. The plaintiff was represented by Arthur G. Patterson and Samuel H. Fancher, both of Walton, and the defendant by Arthur F. Curtis of Delhi and former Judge L. F. Raymond of Franklin.

At the following March term before Judge McCann the case was retried and the jury returned a verdict of \$2,200 for the plaintiff. The same attorneys were engaged in the case but they were re-enforced by Judge Hill of Norwich for the plaintiff and Charles R. O'Connor of New York for the defendant.

Miss Robinson had been the housekeeper for the late Mr. Munn for six years prior to his death at his home in the village of Walton. Following Mr. Munn's death in November, 1921, Miss Robinson brought suit against his estate for \$5,200 for services rendered as a nurse. She had received \$30 per month for about four and one-half years and \$40 for about a year and a half.

Shortly after the verdict was rendered by the trial jury at the March term Mr. Curtis, acting for the estate, took an appeal, to the appellate division of the supreme court. A decision was handed down in January by which the court rendered the verdict to \$1,200. The

LINK ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANTS INTO ONE UNIFIED SYSTEM

Work is now under way on a project which will connect the various local electric light systems owned by the New York State Gas and Electric Corporation with the giant power plant at Mongaup Falls., Sullivan county.

The village of Liberty is now receiving its electric service from this source and a line is being built to Livingston Manor. Operation of the Liberty power house was suspended several months ago and on the completion of the line to Livingston Manor, the plant there will be used only for emergencies.

The New York Gas and Electric corporation plans to extend the transmission line from Livingston Manor to Colliers, where the company has a hydro-electric system. The line will run in an almost direct line across the country and will pass a short distance west of Delhi.

Wires carrying 33,000 volts will carry electricity from Cuddebackville to Colliers and will supply most of the local systems

case was then carried to the court of appeals by the defendant's attorneys, the appeal being argued by Mr. Curtis and Mr. Patterson. The decision of Tuesday finally disposes of the case.

STATE SCHOOL UP AGAIN

Bill to Abolish Delhi Institution to Die in Committee.

The hearing before the senate finance committee on the Deck bill for the abolition of the Delhi agricultural school took place Tuesday in the senate finance committee room at the capitol, Senator Bernard J. Downing, chairman, presiding. Able arguments against the bill and for the continuance of the school were presented by Messrs. Harkness and McKenzie, to whom the senators listened with earnest attention.

At the request of the committee Commissioner Graves of the state department of education, appeared and was questioned by the committee. His explanations of the recommendation of the department to the governor for the discontinuance of the state school at Delhi evidently failed to convince any of them of the necessity for its closing.

Jerome J. Farrell of Walton, Democratic state committeeman, also attended the hearing. His efforts with the majority members of the committee to prevent a favorable report of the bill deserve the appreciation of the people of Delaware county.

From present indications it is a good guess that the bill will not get on the senate calendar in their closing days of the session.

LEFT \$300 LEGACY TO KEEP HER CAT

But Tabby Owned by Delhi Woman Died Before Her Mistress

(From Delhi correspondent.)

A day or two since the Binghamton Morning Sun in a boxed section on its front page carried the following, "Cat's Legacy \$50 in Will Made by Syracuse Woman. Syracuse, Mar. 31.—'The cat's legacy' may sound like another foolish slang expression, but in the case of 'Woodrow Wilson,' a 15-pound feline owned by Miss Mae Higgins it is a serious proposition, for Miss Higgins has drawn a will in which she has set aside three \$50 liberty bonds for the care of her cat. At that time Miss Higgins possessed three cats, 'Kaiser Wilhelm,' 'Fussy,' and 'Woodrow Wilson.'"

The fact that one of these pets was named "Woodrow Wilson" brought to mind that a lady who recently died at Delhi, Mrs. Fannie Pitcher, left a will providing

owned by the company in this section. The steam plant at Walton, considered one of the most efficient maintained by the corporation, will be maintained, but will be connected with the high power transmission line for use of the same in case of emergency. It is probable that Delhi will be served from the transmission line and thus receive greatly improved service and that the line will be connected with the Tri-County at Stamford and thence to Grand Gorge, Margaretville and Fleischmanns.

At present Walton is linked with Hancock and Deposit by a transmission line and the Colliers water power plant is connected with Sidney and Norwich, all of which are owned.

When the plans are carried to completion the unified system of the New York State Gas and Electric company should provide its patrons with a service practically assured against any breakdown.

for her cat "Woodrow." She saw the Syracuse woman's amount and went her considerable better, as she left \$300 in trust for her "Woodrow," and also \$100 in cash to a local butcher who had many times contributed a bit of meat for "Woodrow's" dinner. In this case the cat predeceased the testatrix and leaving no heirs the \$300 legacy reverted to a nephew.

PILE OF FEED FELL OVER

Sidney Center Men Have Narrow Escape.

(Sidney Center correspondence.) Charles Constable and Bert Bowman, who are employed in the Conklin feed store at Sidney Center, narrowly escaped being crushed under 15 tons of feed last week Wednesday.

They were unloading a car of feed when some one came to get hominy. The hominy was piled in the feed house in three tiers over twenty feet high. One tier had been used. As Mr. Constable climbed to the top to get the sacks of flour the immense pile of feed started to move. A second later Olin Fitch, who saw the danger the men were in, called to them and Mr. Bowman and Mr. Constable fortunately made quick and telling moves and barely got out of the way when the 15 tons or more came crashing down.

SIDNEY TROOPERS IN ANNUAL ROUNDUP

Evening of Eats and Entertainment Enjoyed by State Police and Their Guests

The third annual roundup of the members of Troop C of the New York state troopers, whose barracks are located in Sidney, was held Tuesday night at the Hotel DeCumber, with about 150 troopers and their invited guests present.

Despite the heavy snow storm, the roundup was characterized by the troopers and their friends as the most successful since the headquarters of the troop were established in Sidney, the only disappointment being the inability of Major Chandler of Kingston, former state superintendent, to be present. Captain John A. Warner, the present state superintendent, was the guest of honor, and paid high tribute to the work of the troopers throughout "the state and especially to the members of troop C under command of Captain Daniel E. Fox.

A banquet, which would have done credit to a metropolitan hotel, was served by the management of the DeCumber, and between the courses pleasing entertainment features, stage-managed by Corporal Charles A. Roche, including

dancing and singing specialties by three young women from Norwich and Oneonta, added to the enjoyment of the guests.

After the dinner Captain Fox introduced Attorney Charles C. Flaesch of Unadilla as toastmaster. The list of speakers included Captain D. E. Fox, Captain John A. Warner, superintendent of New York state police; Captain George P. Dutton, assistant superintendent of state police; Judge U. G. Welch of Otsego county; Harry E. Harkness, secretary of the Binghamton Automobile club; and Supreme Court Justice James P. Hill of Norwich.

AUTO HURLS WAGON INTO TREE AND POLE

Rig Badly Smashed in Crash at Corner of Mead and Liberty Streets

A wagon driven by Alton Lathan of Dunk hill was struck and wrecked by an automobile at the corner of Liberty and Mead streets Friday night.

Mr. Lathan had driven to the village to attend the grange dance. His sister, Miss Bertha, got out at Shaw's store, corner of East and Townsend streets, to go to the home of E. L. Lathan, while Alton drove out East street and down Liberty on his way to More Brothers' yard.

The rig had crossed Mead street when a car coming eastwards along Mead street turned to go down Liberty. The driver failed to see the wagon, although the accident occurred near the electric light, and the car struck the wagon near the middle and hurled it between the electric light pole and a large maple tree. The horse broke loose and dragged the driver over the dash before he released his hold on the reins. The animal ran only a short distance down the street before stopping.

The wagon was badly wrecked but Lathan was not injured. The fender of the automobile was bent. There was no light on the wagon at the time.

The car was that of Charles Neff and was driven by Dan Williams. Several other boys were in the party.

MAY BECOME OLYMPIC WRESTLER.

(From Cannonsville correspondent.)

Harvey Sexton of Cannonsville, a student at Springfield college, Mass., who has been a successful wrestler on the college team throughout the season, went to Cambridge Saturday, Mar. 22, to the New England Olympic tryout and won first place. This makes him New England champion wrestler for 123 pounds weight. He won a fine gold medal and has been invited to New York city in May to try for the Olympic team.

NEARLY CUT OFF HIS TOE.

(East Branch correspondent.)

While working in the woods Monday Earl Hennessey of East Branch met with quite a serious mishap. The axe slipped, cutting his foot between the first and second toes, cutting through the large joint and severing a tendon. The whole joint is not gone, but three pieces of bone were taken from it and it is a very painful injury.

BUYS NORTH KORTRIGHT FARM.

(North Kortright correspondent.)

It is currently reported that J. Ferdinand Harper has purchased of J. Irving Dayton his valuable farm with stock and all equipment. The many friends of Mr. Harper and his wife are pleased to have the young couple locate in this community and it is hoped that the Dayton family may settle nearby.