WALDEN
NEW YORK

HUB OF THE
BEAUTIFUL WALLKILL VALLEY

Walden, foremost place in the world for good health and longevity, situated in the heart of the Wallkill Valley, with its unwavering prosperity based upon the solid foundation of the coordination of agriculture and manufacturing industries, extends a cordial greeting to its perennial friends who through the years have contributed to its wealth and happiness and bids hearty welcome to the stranger to come and join in its joys.

As a place to be born in, live in, make money in, or to retire to, Walden is ideal. No one ever dies in Walden except of old age, barring accident. In its entire population of 5,500 but 49 persons died in 1920 and there were but 42 deaths the year before. Its death rate per 1,000 is 9.2 as against a rate of 13.8 for the entire State of New York and a great deal higher rate for the rest of the country.

A Walden native starts on the road to longevity in his cradle. He breathes pure mountain air, drinks spring water that sparkles like diamond dust, and is nourished by the richest milk in the world from the countless herds of thoroughbred, carefully inspected cattle that graze the verdant valley. Fresh eggs, fresh vegetables, the finest apples grown are always on the market at country, not city prices. Thus the body of the Walden native is kept stored with the precious life-giving vitamines from his birth through the three score and many more years of his life. Persons who have been so unfortunate as to be born elsewhere have come to Walden to live in time to join with the natives in long, long lives of peace, prosperity, health and happiness.

David Belasco might have provided the scenery for Walden and its environs, so beautiful is it, such a softening influence on the soul does it exert, such a setting as it affords for the excellent life that is lived within it. The Shawangunk, Cattskill and Fishkill Mountains that stand out boldly against the horizon form the vista that it is the inspiring privilege of the Walden

citizen to view daily. Sam's Point, in the Shawangunk chain, towers 2,200 feet above sea level. Then there are the rolling farm lands close at hand, stretching in every direction, with their thousands of thoroughbred Holstein and Jersey dairy cattle, their great apple orchards that yield a million barrels of big, juicy, succulent fruit annually, their vast poultry industries, vegetable gardens and their amazing reaches of grain fields. Big white houses and great red barns, certain emblems of rural oppulence, are everywhere, skirted by broad reaches of mown lawns.

There are people who on visiting Walden, have remarked they were glad they came as when they died they expected to go to a handsome reward and having known Walden now understood something of what sort of life the future world would have in store for them.

Historically, Walden was one of the cradles of our nation. General George Washington and his staff on several occasions during the Revolutionary War occupied the old stone house of Alexander Kidd, who at that time owned almost the whole countryside. It was from Kidd that the town received its first name of "Kidd Town." But it was Jacob Thomas Walden, a prosperous shipping merchant of New York city, who was Walden's real father. This gentleman of imagination, business capacity and foresight, struck by the grandeur of the scenery and the immense manufacturing value of its natural water power, sold out his New York city interests and established himself on the site of Walden in 1812. His dream of the future of Walden, dreamed more than a century ago, has come true many fold.

WALDEN, HUB OF THE WALLKILL VALLEY

Walden is the distributing center of the Wallkill Valley. With Newburgh on the Hudson the nearest city, 12 miles to the east, Middletown 16 miles to the south and Kingston 31 miles to the north, Walden reigns supreme and secure as the commercial and industrial hub and the freight and passenger traffic pivot of the entire rich Wallkill Valley. Two railroads and one interurban line serve Walden well. The Wallkill Valley Railroad, branch of the New York Central and Hudson River line gives direct connection at Kingston for all points on the New York Central main lines. Connections to all points east and west are afforded at Campbell Hall over the Ontario & Western. The Central New England Railway is the main artery for freight traffic from the West to the New England states. Its freight distributing station at Maybrook, five miles away, is the largest in the East and affords shipping facilities for Walden which are more than ample for its needs. Connections with the Erie Railroad are made at Montgomery, but four miles away, over the Wallkill Valley Railroad.

Walden is especially fortunate in its transportation matters not merely because of the existence of the Orange County Traction Company's interurban system but because of the public spirit of its management, its anxiety to serve and oblige the community and its hearty co-operation with all movements designed for the upbuilding of the Wallkill Valley. An example of this co-operation is afforded by the fact that freight placed on board a Hudson River boat at New York city in the evening is delivered in Walden early the next morning. Interurban cars receive it from the boats at Newburgh. This excellent service was in response to a request from the Walden Chamber

of Commerce that it be installed. The trolley line also makes special connections with railroad trains at Newburgh, arranging to meet or wait for them in accommodation of the public. It is doubtful if any public service corporation goes to greater extremes to serve the public than does the Orange County Traction Company. Its passenger cars are spacious, clean, well lighted, decently warmed in winter and of modern type and they roll over a roadbed that is constantly kept in splendid condition. B. B. Odell, former Governor of New York, is president of the interurban system.

Four bus lines connect Walden, the Hub of the Wallkill Valley, with Maybrook, Wallkill, Pine Bush and Montgomery, serving thousands of people in those towns and along the thickly populated highways with inexpensive and rapid transportation.

WALDEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Walden's civic pride, energy and ambition are centered in its Chamber of Commerce. Its efforts are given generously in support of every movement for the upbuilding and betterment of Walden and the vicinity. Some of the most notable of the achievements of the Walden Chamber of Commerce may be cited:

Brought the interurban trolley service to its present high state of efficiency.

Caused important industries to locate in Walden.

Led the movement which resulted in building two miles of perfect pavement and curbstones.

Extension of water mains to outlying districts which has largely caused the expansion of the town limit.

Establishment of an attractive waiting room for patrons of the trolley line and rest room for visitors generally.

Actively aided large employers of labor to get needed help by members personally canvassing over a wide area in their autos, and by financing and conducting advertising campaigns for help throughout the State.

Promoted the summer resort business in the Wallkill Valley by giving wide publicity to its attractive play spots until it is now an important factor in the community's prosperity.

Arranged with trolley company to transport freight to Walden from Hudson River steamers, thereby insuring freight transportation between New York and Walden that is speedier than express service.

Safeguarded Walden's sanitation, which has been such a vast factor in promoting the health of the community.

Encourages every movement designed for the moral uplift of Walden.

The officers of the Chamber of Commerce are among the town's foremost business men who have shown themselves to be especially sprightly and alert in looking after the town's best interests. Inquiries are solicited from those who might like to know what special advantages Walden has to offer as a trading center, from those captains of industry who may be casting about for locations for manufacturing establishments and other new industries. New residents of the Wallkill Valley are especially requested to consider the Walden Chamber of Commerce at their service

Following are the officers of the Chamber of Commerce:

Who owns

Public Library. The building is not alone imposing, ample for all needs for years to come, but it reflects the town's civic pride. The top floor has a spacious assembly hall. Colonel Thomas W. Bradley made it possible for Walden to have this handsome civic home by standing half the cost and furnishing the building. The building cost $60,000. It is one of the town's possessions which have forever endeared the memory of Colonel Bradley to Walden people.

WALDEN A TOWN OF INDUSTRY

Walden is primarily an industrial community despite the millions of dollars invested in agriculture in the territory tributary to it. Not in any way presenting the usual aspect of a manufacturing town, yet its products are sold and known as the standard of quality throughout the world . Walden is the center of the pocket knife manufacturing industry in the United States. Fourteen hundred men and women are normally employed in the knife factories. When an American reaches into his pocket for his knife nine chances out of ten he withdraws a Walden-made knife. That means that about 90 per cent. of the people of the United States pay tribute to Walden. The same thing is true in lesser measure over the whole world. It is almost safe to say that every man who carries a good pocket knife carries a Walden-made knife. Walden has appropriated Europe's ages long prestige for knife making. When the British soldier from Sheffield, England, used his marlin spike knife to snap a barb wired in "No Man's Land" in the World War, he used not a Sheffield but a Walden knife. In Damascus, whence came the world famous Damascus blades, Walden-made knives have the call.

The Walden knife industry had its incipiency in 1856 with the establishment of the New York Knife Company's plant. The business has gained a magnitude probably scarcely dreamed of at that time. The "Hammer Brand" pocket knives, of which it has some 2,000 patterns is made by this company as are also table knives and forks.

The Walden Knife Factory began modestly in 1870 and has grown to be the largest producer of pocket knives in the world. Its product, "Keen Kutter Knives," is known wherever men carry the knives of civilization. They are made in some 2,500 designs. The entire output of the plant is sold to the Simmons Hardware Co., of St. Louis.

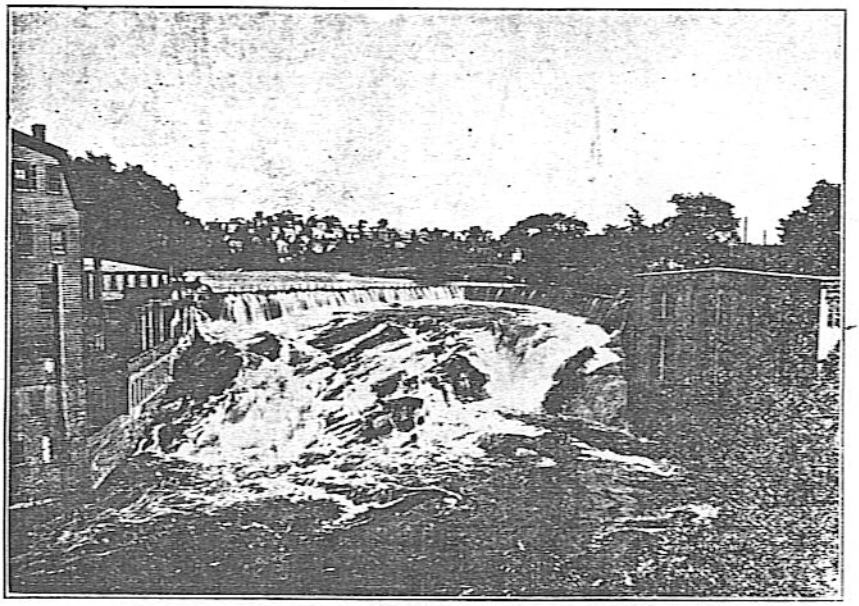
The Schrade Cutlery Co. began operations in 1904 and it has grown so rapidly that it can confidently look forward to the day when it will rank with the greatest outputters of cutlery. It has developed important manufacturing shortcuts in the invention of labor saving devices. Its "Safety Push Button Knife" represents the last word in knife making.

These knife companies are almost constantly in need of both skilled and unskilled workmen and women. But rarely in many years has there been the slightest cessation in their operations and their big disbursements in payrolls are the secret of Walden's year-after-year prosperity.

The Rider-Ericsson Engine Co. has been an important factor in spreading the fame of Walden as an industrial center through the half century of its successful operation in Walden. John Ericsson, inventor of the screw propeller and also of the famous Monitor of the War of the Rebellion

NOW SPENCER ENG.

BLDGS. ON LEFT GONE. PART OF NEW YORK KNIFE.



POWER PLANT

Source of the Unlimited Water Power at Walden, N. Y.

which struck an historic note in the construction of war ships, was for forty years, until his death, chief consulting engineer of the company. It manufactures hot air and electric pumps and its products are sold throughout the world.

The Interstate Bag Co. began operations in Walden in 1911 at the instance of the Walden Chamber of Commerce. It manufactures paper sacks for all uses and other paper products. It owns the patent and is the sole maker of the "paper bag with a handle."

Other industries which have important payrolls and offer opportunities for employment are an electric power plant, shirt and trousers factory, florists' supply firm, three women's undergarment factories.

The garment making industry has a most auspicious start in Walden. Big operators in this field are attracted here by the extremely low manufacturing costs, the availability of ample help and the absence of labor troubles. The Wooster Manufacturing Co. was the pioneer in this industry in Walden, starting here in 1876. It was the first firm in this country to make strong, well sewed pants for workingmen and the second to make overalls, and it has attained a foremost position in these lines. In addition to its large plant in Walden it operates a New York city plant.

The further development of the garment making industry in Walden has come in the past few years and with such a rush that it is confidently expected it will not many years hence assume an importance to the town's prosperity exceeded only by the knife making industry and its rich agricultural interests. A small army of expert men and women workers in the

Plant of the Walden Knife Co., Walden, N. Y.

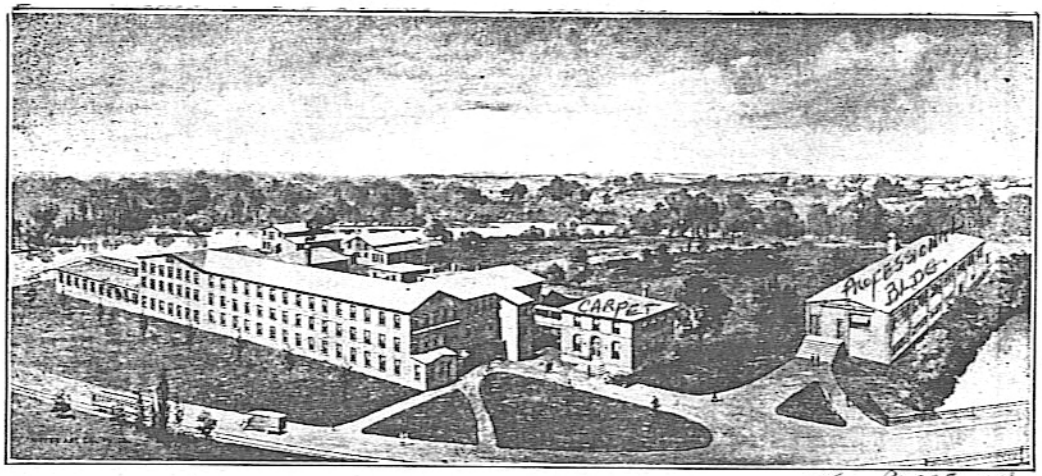
garment trade is being mobilized in Walden, which will assure a full complement of skilled workers for all the garment factories that will locate here.

Gutman Bros. Company occupies the second and third floors of the Walker Block and makes a standard and extensive line of ladies' underwear that has a wide sale. Scores of operators are busy at power machines over an extensive area of floor space and a glimpse of the scene seems to presage a vast development of this industry in Walden in the years to come. The company has New York offices and salesrooms at 36-44 West 24th Street.

The Cupid Underwear Company specializes in ladies' silk underwear of which it makes many attractive lines and its singing power machines in the Wooster Building, on Elm Street, which it now owns, with its long lines of operators are a forceful reminder that Walden is verging upon a new prosperity that is to be built largely on the garment making industry. This business attracts many new residents to Walden as it assures steady and remunerative employment to women at work that is pleasant.

The Walden Garment Manufacturing Co. is another testimonial to the new leaf that is being turned in Walden's prosperity book. It is the newest comer to this field and already it bears every aspect of building into a large and profitable business. It is located in the Trolley Terminal building.

The Chamber of Commerce is especially proud of its achievement in establishing the garment making industry in Walden and solicits inquiries from other manufacturers in this line who are seeking new locations for plants. It will assume the burden of providing adequate help for such plants.



Plant of the Schrade Cutlery Co., Walden, N. Y.
MOVED TO ELLENVILLE

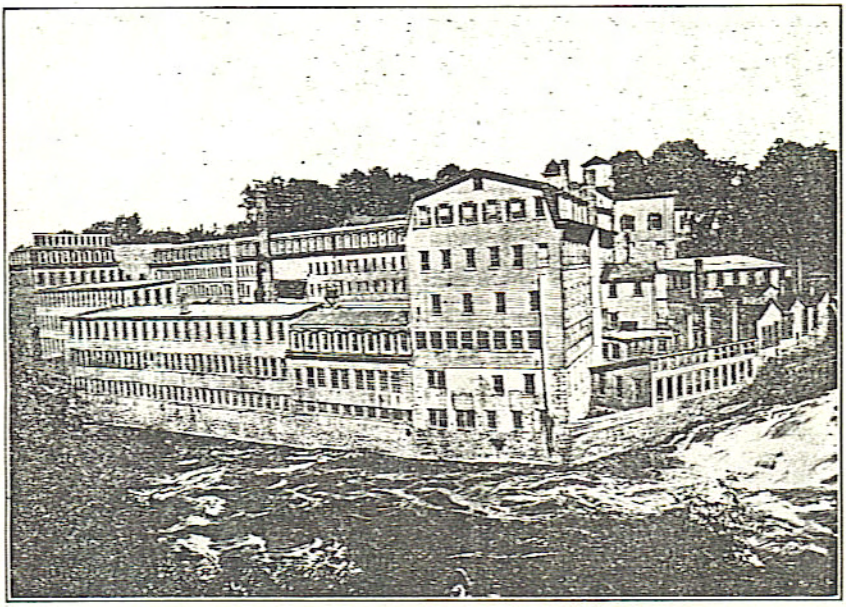
TWO BLDGS. ON RIGHT LEFT. CALL OTHERS TORN DOWN.

MOTORIZED FIRE DEPARTMENT

Walden's fire department is the town's boast. It is entirely motorized, with every modern equipment and the personnel is kept highly efficient. It consists of Enterprise Steamer Company, with steamer, combination hose and chemical truck; Fearless Hook and Ladder Company, with full equipment; Orange Hose Company, with combination hose and chemical truck and the Colonel Bradley Hose Company, on the West Side, also fully equipped. A building code which places restrictions on fire hazards in the congested districts is rigorously enforced and because of this and the excellent fire fighting force, fire losses are all but eliminated and insurance rates are lower than in any other town in the State of equal size. The town's fire alarm, a ram's horn whistle, spreads an alarm for sixteen miles around. The Gamewell signal system is installed, with twenty-two alarm boxes.

NEWSPAPER

Walden has a newspaper of which it is distinctly proud. It is the Citizen Herald, a weekly publication, independent in politics, and it is just as proud of Walden as Walden is proud of it. Every week it mirrors the life of the community in a most attractive form. Its pages are sprightly, clean and the most devoted endeavor on the part of the editor with the hearty co-operation of his assistants to make it an ideal weekly newspaper is evident on every page. It tells, also, the business story of the week through its generously patronized advertising columns and keeps the farmers accurately advised of the market quotations. Daniel Veber is the editor. Frank L. Pekins is president and treasurer of the company. Mr. Veber is vice-president and secretary.



Plant of the New York Knife Co., Walden, N. Y.

I remember this bldg. tho only vaguely.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Such a community as Walden is naturally would not be satisfied with anything short of an ideal public school system and that is exactly what it has. Building accommodations are ample, equipment complete and teaching personnel of the finest. There are eight teachers in the High School and twenty-four in the Grammar Schools. Persons planning residence in a town which offers the best educational advantages for children are respectfully urged to consult educational authorities and make the fullest investigations of the advantages offered by the Walden schools. The Superintendent is Professor Earle Bennett and Preceptress Miss Mary Hancock. Plans and specifications for a new High School building are now being prepared.

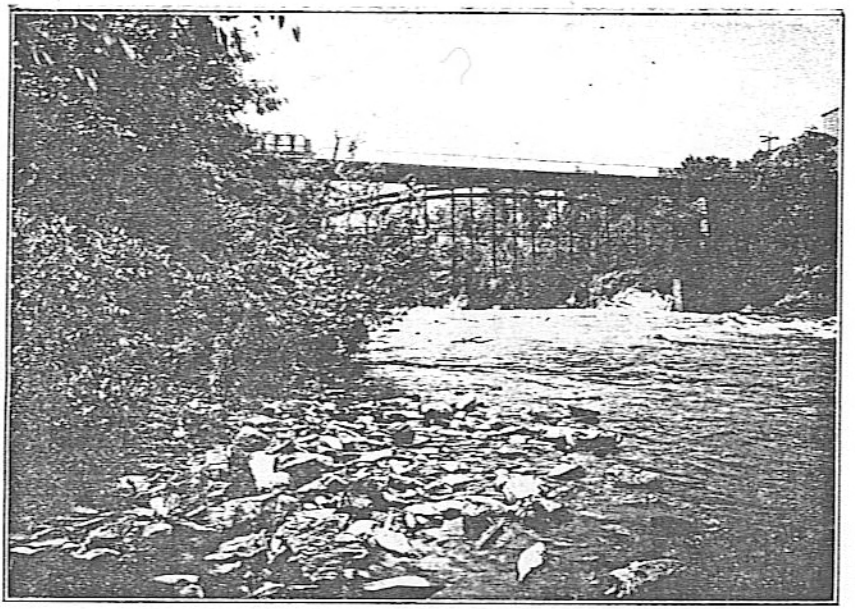
FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Josephine-Louise Public Library of Walden is well supplied with the best books, popular magazines and periodicals. All objectionable literature is barred from the library. The library is open to the public at the usual hours.

WALDEN'S CHURCHES

This is a church attending and supporting community and the church organizations are welcomed in taking an active part in the affairs of the town which naturally interest them. There are five religious bodies, all of which are flourishing.

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church is the oldest religious organization in this vicinity. It was established in 1732 as a mission for teaching the



Picturesque High Bridge over the Wallkill River, at Walden, N. Y.
This Bridge replaced with a newer one in the 30's

gospel to the Indians. First located at St. Andrews, it was moved to Walden in 1870 and occupies a beautiful brick structure. The rector is the Reverend Matthew P. Bowie.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was established in Walden in 1827 and has been a virile force in shaping the high moral character of the community. Its beautiful red brick edifice has a seating capacity of 600 and the church a membership of 660. The pastor is the Reverend Walter H. Lofthouse.

The First Reformed Church is familiarly known as the "Hill Church," because it commands a grand view of the Fishkill Mountains on one side and Shawangunk Mountains on the other. It was established nearly 100 years ago. Its membership is about 575 and the seating capacity of its auditorium 650. The minister is the Reverend Theodore F. Bayles.

The Baptist Church was founded in 1905 and has a membership of several hundred. The pastor is the Reverend M. C. Bennett, and they have a pretty church on Bank street.

The Catholic Church of the Most Precious Blood began as a mission founded in 1894 and became an independent parish in 1912. The pastor is the Reverend Joseph F. Holland.

ORANGE LAKE PARK RESORT

Basking in the valley midway between the mountains and the Palisades of the Hudson is Orange Lake, Walden's playground and recreation resort. It is of amazing size, with heavily wooded shores and for many years has

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