

# LOOKING BACK

## 10 YEARS AGO

February 13, 2008

Mary Emmett was named President of the Forest City Regional School Board at a special meeting.

Forest City homeowners will be getting a sewer bill increase from the Lackawanna River Basin Sewer Authority. The fee will increase from \$45 quarterly to \$60 quarterly.

Forest City has started design work on its estimated \$10 million sewer project, a job which must be completed in 48 months.

Marian Community Hospital, Carbondale, announced that effective February 1 it will provide private rooms for nearly all patients.

Deaths: Florence E. Krall, Vandling; Helen Pleska Dorval, Simpson; Joseph L. Maslar, Susquehanna; Erwin G. Aichele, Waynesboro; Natalie M. Pawlowski, Scranton; William Stratford, MD, Vestal, NY; Genevieve C. Graytock, Carbondale; Mary G. Hoholick Bednarczyk, born in Simpson.

## 20 YEARS AGO

February 11, 1998

The Forest City OHW committee has run three fund-raisers to date and has realized profits of almost \$4,200.

The Herrick Township Supervisors had no information surrounding their application to the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development of a \$15,000 grant to install "flashing beacon" traffic light at Herrick Corners intersection.

Dr. David Tomazic was honored by the PA Department of Health after 14 years of service to the citizens of Forest City and surrounding areas which included parts of three counties.

Deaths: Stella Pucul, Forest City; Thomas F. Keegan, born in Pleasant Mount; Albin P. Bagdonas, formerly of Simpson; Michael Slish, Sr., born in Forest City; Rosemary "Cookie" Rupp, Simpson; Elizabeth Jannicelli Marchiony, formerly of Forest City; Robert W. Crusier, Conklin, N.Y.; Edward T. Scotchlas, Simpson.

## 30 YEARS AGO

February 11, 1988

The Rev. Lexa Shallcross, of Forest City, became the first woman ever ordained to the Episcopal priesthood when she was ordained Sunday in Trinity Episcopal Church, Carbondale.

The Borough of Forest City had one of its best fiscal years ever, according to the 1987 audit. The Borough began the year with \$21,753 in its general fund and ended the year with \$26,652 in that account.

The Forest City Recycling Center had its biggest day last Saturday as 131 area people brought their recyclables to the Babe Ruth Field.

Paul Cerra will produce and direct the 1988 Forest City Follies.

Deaths: Edward Yurkovic, Brown Dale; Hedwig Zedar, born in Forest City; Robert Kazmer, born in Forest City; Anna Williams, Peckville; Joyce Frederici, Clifford; Charlotte DePaolo, born in Forest City; John Popovitch, NY; Daisy Oakley, born in Herrick Twp.; Ronald Henry, Carbondale.

## 40 YEARS AGO

February 19, 1978

Alice Cawley will head the annual Red Cross Drive in Forest City.

Dan Takach elected president of the Forest City Hometown Club.

Tuesday's school closing was the ninth such closure this year due to the bad winter. Wind gusts have driven snow into six foot drifts in many places in the Borough. Both Borough and state roads were rendered almost impassable by 9 PM Monday night.

A total of \$1,850 was raised in the American Legion Envelope Drive.

State Rep. John Wansacz surprised his constituents by announcing he will not run for a sixth term.

Deaths: Andrew Morawski, Susq. Street; Fred L. White, Main St.; Mrs. Robert Franceski, Linden, N.J.; Mrs. Mary Mulligan, Lackawanna, NY.

## 50 YEARS AGO

February 15, 1968

Two burglaries were reported in Vandling Borough Wednesday morning, Feb. 7. In the first break-in, thieves broke into the LJM Carwash, owned by Ed and Dorothy Zgavec of Vandling. They tore the coin boxes from the wall of the establishment and removed a quantity of money. The coin boxes were later found in Carbondale.

Richard Pentecost, chairman of the Forest City Planning Commission, was one of six men appointed last week to a regional transportation committee. The committee members, along with Mr. Pentecost, are Mayor Walsh, Scranton Councilman James Doherty, Neil Trama, Olyphant; Mayor John Chichilla and Moscow Mayor Richard Lougee.

Because she finished first in a written knowledge and attitude examination for senior girls December 5, Elizabeth Whitman has been named 1968 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Forest City Regional High School.

Robert F. Emmett, Mayor of Forest City, will head the annual Red Cross fund campaign to be conducted locally by the Carbondale-Forest City Chapter in March. Mr. Emmett, the youngest chief executive in the Forest City Borough history and a member of the borough council for two years, was appointed Mayor following the resignation of Dr. A. B. Cimochowski on January 3rd.

## 60 YEARS AGO

February 13, 1908

The area was hit by the season's heaviest snow storm. Drifts 15 to 20 feet in parts of Wayne and Susquehanna County are common. NEP Telephone Company braves storm with new weather-proof cable lines.

Forest City Borough Council sets up tentative budget of \$47,002 for current year. Maple Street residents petition Council for sewage lines.

Miss Diana Henstell was awarded her Bachelor of Arts degree at Syracuse University.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berish of Cleveland, Ohio, former local residents, observe their 35th wedding anniversary.

Deaths recorded: Mrs. Anna McCusker, 74 Maxey St.; Joseph Kuzakavage, Philadelphia, former local resident.

## 70 YEARS AGO

February 12, 1948

Richmondale residents petition Forest City Borough Council calling for installation of additional lights along highway between the two communities.

Chief of Police Francis Mayers declares a thirty-day dog quarantine in force locally, resulting after a dog dispatched by police was found to have been afflicted with rabies.

Forest City High School downs Vandling High 57-34.

About 65 women register for an adult evening sewing class to be held at the Forest City High School with Miss Margaret Healey as instructor.

Enterprise Hose Co. extends its New Fire Truck Fund Drive as it falls short of original goal.

## 80 YEARS AGO

February 10, 1938

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Janicelli will observe their 50th wedding anniversary next week.

Rev. Joseph M. Brownlee succeeds Rev. John Waters as Rector of Christ Church.

The Forest City Poor District farm, located in Herrick Township, will be placed on auction for sale, since the Poor Districts of the State have been abolished by recent state legislation.

Dr. H. R. Bell has been named as a director of the University of Pennsylvania's Bicentennial Committee to arrange for the 200th anniversary observance of the University.

## 90 YEARS AGO

February 16, 1928

Fire last Thursday badly damaged the Hydock Building, Main Street. The building housed the Coney Island Lunch and Sol Braunstein's Clothing Store.

Truman C. Manzer, former local resident, died in Johnson City, NY. He served as postmaster here during the Harrison and McKinley administration.

Miss Stella Kozlowski died Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Kozlowski, Main Street.

The Senior Class of Forest City High School won the annual song contest held by the four classes of the school. Mary Telban, a member of the senior class, composed the winning song.

## 100 YEARS AGO

February 7, 1918

Chief of Police Stanley Kolenda has issued an order that all German aliens must register with his office by February 15.

The Forest City School Board has allowed the Boy Scout Troop the use of the high school gym for their meeting and project practices.

A Slovenian Society has been organized in Vandling. Joseph Glavich was named secretary.

Gerald Coggin, Vandling was fatally injured in the Riverside mine when run over by a trip of runaway cars.

## 110 YEARS AGO

February 5, 1908

S. L. Rothapfel, who is district organizer of the Red Cross Protective Society, is busily engaged forming a branch in Forest City.

R. S. Inglis was named President of the Enterprise Hose Co.

Fire destroyed the three story building of L.M. LaBar near the Erie Depot on Monday. Firemen were hampered by frozen fire plugs.

Deaths recorded: Bernard Farrell, So. Main St.; Wharlow Yanovic, fatally injured in fall of rock in Vandling mine; Mrs. Myron Rude, Whites Valley; Mrs. James McArthur, Union Dale; Mrs. Jerome Curtis, Union Dale; Charles Koslucker, Delaware St.

## 120 YEARS AGO

February 10, 1898

Peter Flannelly has been named as driver boss at the D&H mine. He expects to move his family from Carbondale to Vandling shortly.

Rev. W. A. Carrington accepted the call to the Forest City Presbyterian Church succeeding Rev. P. B. Kennedy.

It is expected that the time to be worked in the local mine will amount to three days, about the same as was worked altogether last month.

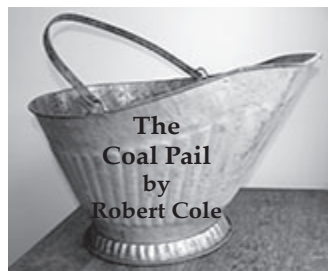
## 130 YEARS AGO

February 9, 1888

Forest City Markets report for February 8th follows: potatoes, 95 cents; butter, 18 cents; cheese, 12 to 18 cents; ham, 13 cents; pork shoulder, 9 cents; eggs, 25 cents.

Lincoln Pentecost will take over the store of T. J. Pentecost shortly.

The Charles Prentiss family of Pleasant Mount has taken up residence in Forest City.



The following short stories are of life as a young boy in the Forest City Area and are written by Robert Cole, Bordentown, NJ. His parents were Alfred and Jessie Atkinson Cole. He was born in 1940 in his grandparent's house on Railroad Street. His grandparents were Richard and Jessie Atkinson.



Not too many younger people know what these devices, pictured above, are. The miners lamps from my wife's collection are a part of my growing up in Forest City. Late spring and early summer brought on nightwalker picking time. We all had the carbide lamps to use to pick nightwalkers. We would go to Kameen's Hardware store and give Louie Kameen \$.10 cents to get a bag of carbide. Louie would go down stairs and return with a paper bag almost filled with the white looking pebbles. The carbide would be put into the bottom of the lamp and water in the top. The top had a switch that controlled the amount of water flowing to the carbide. Acetylene gas was emitted from the carbide and the lamp would lite with the help of a flint and wheel on the side of the lamp.

We used these lamps because flashlites gave off too much lite and would chase the night walkers back into their holes. We could catch over 100 a night and sold them for 1 cent each. All of the fishermen would come to get them from us and we used some for our own fishing.

The boys of Railroad Street would also use carbide for a more sinister thing. More about that later.

## School LUNCH MENU

### Week of Feb. 19

**MON.** - Grilled Cheese, tomato soup, Goldfish crackers, winter blend veggies, watermelon apple sauce.

**TUES.** - Chicken & gravy o/biscuits, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots coins, 3 bean mix-up, peachy peaches, frozen fruit pop.

**WED.** - Penne pasta w/ meatballs, salad, steamed broccoli.

**THURS.** - Macaroni & cheese w/meatballs, garlic bread stick, garden salad, steamed broccoli.

**FRI.** - Turkey BBQ sandwich, oven crisp fries, seasoned green beans.

*Alternates (HS) alternates: Mondays & Thursdays: cheeseburger, Tues, Wed, Fridays: chicken filet sandwich Grab n Go - Tortellini Alfredo & Tuna Salad Wrap. (ELE.) Alternate: Turkey & cheese*

### BREAKFAST

**Monday** - Cinnamon glazed toast sticks.

**Tuesday** - Egg & cheese on a croissant.

**Wednesday** - Assorted Yogurt w/ultimate breakfast round

**Thursday** - Breakfast sausage pizza

**Friday** - Bagel w/cream cheese or jelly \*Choice of assorted fruit or juice, milk. \*Alternate breakfast: assorted whole grain or reduced sugar cereals.

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## 100 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items from the Independent Republican, Montrose Democrat and Tri-Weekly Journal Submitted by Betty Smith, Susquehanna County Historical Society, Montrose. Back issues of 100 Years Ago can be accessed at www.susqchistory.org.

Susquehanna- A white parrot, owned by George Turner, died recently as the result of the extreme cold. The parrot was 42 years old and was brought over from England by the owner when he came to this country 19 years ago. It was prized highly by the owner. It was a good talker.

Montrose/New Milford - The State Highway Dept. advertises for bids for paving the streets of Montrose and New Milford. This is the most encouraging symptom yet shown of the two towns getting the long-looked for paving this summer.

Great Bend - An acetylene gas generator exploded in the home of Frank Tiel, at Hickory Grove, last week, demolishing the residence and seriously injuring Mrs. Tiel, who was alone in the house. Mr. Tiel rushed from the barn and carried his wife, who was unconscious and badly burned, to the home of Milton Brush, half a mile away. Dr. D. J. Peck was called. The house burned to the ground.

South Gibson - Our townspeople were much distressed and shocked when we received a telephone message saying Glen Howell was killed, crushed by the wrecking train, on his way home from Cochocton, where he had been at work on a big wreck. He had been coupling cars. He leaves a wife and two little girls to mourn his untimely death, besides his aged mother and brothers and sisters.

Montrose - Wm. Welliver purchased the C-Nic theatre at a bankruptcy sale for \$300. He will make improvements and thoroughly renovate same. ALSO The death of Kenneth Warner occurred at Camp Hancock, Georgia, on Sunday, Feb. 10th, 1918, from pneumonia. His death removes from here one of the best loved young men of the town, one for whom every acquaintance had both a warm affection and the highest esteem. While thoroughly natural and unostentatious, he always saw the silver lining in the cloud, He was brave and conscientious, always just the kind of men that are needed. That he should be called shows the inscrutable ways of the Omnipotent, and we must not question. We never heard him utter a complaint of any kind. Can we be a brave as he? He has made the supreme sacrifice for his country.

Friendsville - John Condon said the skating was fine on Carmall's pond, Sunday last.

South Auburn - People depending on water, taken through pipes, are having great trouble; many having to carry water to their stock. On account of the severe weather there is not much doing. About all one can accomplish is to do chores and keep the fires going.

Parkvale, Dimock Twp. - W. W. Kinner and son, Oscar, visited at Charley Deer's, in Lathrop, Sunday. They found the roads filled with snow in places, so they left their horse there and went on foot through the drifts.

Heart Lake - There will be a smile social at the parsonage, Feb. 22. Smile motto: - "Smile a smile, while you smile another smile, and soon there's smiles and smiles of smiles, and life's worthwhile, if you but smile." [Did the song come before or after smile socials?]

Brooklyn - The old soldiers were guests of the High School, Tuesday afternoon, and exercises appropriate to Lincoln's birthday were held.

Carbondale - "Rockie" Rothapfel, moving picture magnate, formerly of Forest City, will be bringing an aggregation of movie stars on February 20 for a Red Cross ball. Coming are Mary Pickford, Clara Kimball Young, Marguerite Clark, and a big array of others, including Mugsie McGraw, of the New York Giants and Hughey Jennings of the Detroit Tigers.

Forest City - According to the "Fifty Odd Years Ago" column in the Forest City News, the first child born at Forest Mills was Edward A. Pentecost. Miss Lottie

Thayer, now of Petersburg, VA., was the first girl baby born in the Mills. The first wedding was in the summer of 1880, when William Edwards, a teamster, married Mary Crandall, of Uniondale

Uniondale - "Old Glory" was suspended at half-mast Tuesday in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

ALSO The Erie Railroad has a force of men engaged in filling the company's ice house at this point. A large amount is required to meet the wants of the milk shippers along the branch. This is the starting point for the line and in addition to the ice required by our local milk shipper, the shippers along the route are cared for. The ice is brought here in cars from Hathaway's pond, near Ararat.

News Briefs: The Lincoln highway, beginning at New York and ending at San Francisco, is about 1/3 finished, though it is already available for travel for a greater distance. This will be open to travel throughout the year. ALSO Message from President Hoover - "Go back to simple life, be contented with simple food, simple pleasures, simple clothes. Work hard, pray hard, play hard. Work, eat, recreate and sleep. Do it all courageously. ALSO The average temperature for the month of January was 5 degrees above zero, so the weather man said. The January thaw arrived, like the trains, the mails and everything else, mighty late this year. ALSO a Nicholson boy began an essay as follows: "The cow has four legs—one on each corner, and a fly swatter in the rear. ALSO Autoists will find that a hot water bag laid over the manifold ten minutes before it is wished to start will help get a cold motor in operation. Try it. ALSO At a dressmakers' convention held in the West recently, one of the delegates expressed the opinion that dresses would get shorter each year until 1922. This looks like propaganda work. The oculists will resort to anything to boom their business.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Centinel, February 14, 1818.

\*MARRIED - In Middletown on the 20th of January last, by Seth Taylor, Esq., Mr. John Bump to Mrs. Nancy Foster, all of that township.

\*Among the indictments found last week by the grand jury, (says the Albany Argus) was one against a woman as a Common Scold!—She was bound over to the next term to take her trail. The punishment for this offence, under the common law, we understand, is THREE DUCKINGS, by the hands of the Sheriff. An eminent counsellor, however, has offered to clear the prisoner by satisfying the jury that she is not a common but an un-common scold.

## Senior MENU

### Week of Feb. 19

**Monday** - CENTERS CLOSED.

**Tuesday** - Cheeseburger, oven-browned potatoes, sauteed cabbage, fresh fruit salad.

**Wednesday** - Rosemary chicken, brussel sprouts medley, herbed rice, berry crisp

**Thursday** - Baked fish w/ parsley, scalloped potatoes, broccoli florets, ww dinner roll, mandarin orange gelatin.

**Friday** - Roast beef w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, cauliflower & peas, ww dinner roll, scalloped peas.

For reservations, please call a day ahead at Forest City, 10-2, 785-3386. At Lenoxville, 10-2, THURSDAY ONLY, 222-9550, or you can call the Senior Service office at: 278-7664 or 800-634-3746

## Coming Events

**LENT** - Pizza sale Fridays, Feb. 16, 23, all Fridays in March, Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City, 12-cut 3-cheese pizza, \$10 or 12-cut potato/cheese/onion pizza \$12, 3 to 6 p.m. Advance orders recommended. Call 570-785-3425 & leave message.

**Feb. 17** - Nature discovery hike at 1 p.m. Meet at Railroad office at 948 N. Main St., Union Dale. RSVP to reserve snow shows at Trails@nep.net.

**Feb. 17** - Stone Soup Kitchen, free community luncheon, Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City, Sat, noon - 1:30 p.m.

**Feb. 17** - Sat, Soup supper, 5-6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 76 Salem Ave., Carbondale, 570-282-4611, Donation \$8.

**Feb. 18** - Clifford Community Youth Group annual "Ziti with Your Sweetie" dinner theater Sun., the Clifford Fire Hall, 2 PM., salad, ziti with meatballs, beverage and dessert "And Then There Was One, A Spoo!" Donation \$10. For tickets contact any youth member or by calling Robin at 570-222-4344.

**Feb. 24** - Lady Forester's Softball Team 2nd Annual bingo game night/pasta dinner, Forest City Regional High School cafeteria on Sat., 1-3 p.m., takeouts. Cost: \$10 per dinner, dinner 4 PM., bingo games 5:30 PM. Cost \$30. Doors will open at 3 PM. Michele Gillette (570-466-5813) Judy Graham (570-862-0370) any softball player or coach.

**Feb. 24** - Ladore indoor yard sale, Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 287 Owego Tpke., Waymart, More info. call 570-488-6129.

**Feb. 24** - NEPA Beekeepers Assoc., beekeeping class, Wayne Cty. Visitors Bureau, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$10, Pre-register 570-497-6402, purepae-honey@gmail.com.

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