

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
February 6, 2008

Eunice and Mike Possinger, residents of Effort, PA, plan to renovate the Browndale Fire Hall and return it to the thriving hub of the community like it once was.

Janet Bloxham Odell, Prompton, retired recently from farming after 43 years of very memorable times. She is the daughter of Dorothea Bloxham, Forest City and the late Ed Bloxham.

Jesse Walsh, Vandling, hit his 1,000th point in Forest City's game against Susquehanna on January 24. Jesse is only a Junior at FCR.

A computer club is being formed at Forest City Regional according to Technology Coordinator David Daugherty.

Deaths: Thomas M. Heller, Union Dale; Isabelle R. Strus, born in Forest City; William Poska, Forest City; Helen A. Burdick, South Gibson; Florence P. Gaylord, born in Vandling.

20 YEARS AGO
February 4, 1998

"New Young Blood" took over Greater Forest City industries, Inc. at reorganization meeting on Thursday, January 29. The new officers are: President Thomas Baileys; 1st Vice President William Orasin; 2nd Vice Pres. Atty. Paul Smith; Secretary Roseann Swegel; Asst. Secretary Patricia Striefsky; Treasurer Richard Kresock.

The Forest City Commercial Assoc. Christmas Lite Fund hit \$5,850 last week with \$1,000 in donations from two local businesses. Checks of \$500 each were received from Franceski Lumber Co. and Fitzsimmons Ins. Company toward the \$17,500 goal.

Deaths: Sister M. Evarista Bulotas, SSC, born in Forest City; Cyril Miller, born in Lenoxville; Charles Kornberger, New York; Edwin "Jack" Entrot, RR 1, Thompson; Edward J. Knehr Jr., Honesdale; Msgr. Thomas C. Horan, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton; Donald Frederick Stearns, RR 2 Thompson.

30 YEARS AGO
February 4, 1988

Forest City Borough Council debated the issue of awarding a franchise to Adams Cable-TV. The Borough decided to arrange a meeting with Adams to find out how he plans to install a new system.

Mounting regional volunteer ambulance problems may be claiming its first victim as members of the Union Dale Volunteer Ambulance Assoc. appeared before the Union Dale Borough Council to explain their dilemma.

Ms. Trisha Sheptak, a senior at Forest City Regional High School, has been accepted at Katherine Gibbs School, Valley Forge.

Deaths: Edward Royno, Forest City; William Rounds, formerly of Union Dale; William C. Reif, Honesdale; Leonard Bintliff, New Jersey; Mrs. Anna M. Verkitus, born in Forest City; Brigitte Nyberg, Rock Lake.

40 YEARS AGO
February 2, 1978

Edmund Wojcik, Endwell, N.Y., formerly of Browndale, has been named senior engineer/ manager for IBM in Owego.

Marie Gulbin, Darlene Bednarczyk and Terry Luksic attended the Pro-Life Rally in Washington, D.C. on January 23rd.

The 9th annual winter Carnival at Kennedy Park is set for Sunday. An all-female group of officers of Tri-County Senior Citizens was sworn in as follows: President Gertrude Beck, 1st Vice president Lorraine Kutarnia, 2nd Vice president Von Yorke, Secretary Lillian Rutledge, Treasurer Helen Lukus.

The Forest City police raised \$1,587 in their recent drive. Richard Kresock named to Dean's List at Lackawanna Jr. College.

Deaths: Mrs. Frances Razderk, Browndale.

50 YEARS AGO
February 8, 1968

Pvt. George Motsko completed eight weeks of advanced infantry training at Fort Dix, N.J.

John Gliha and Paul Kameen have been named to the Dean's

List at the University of Scranton.

John Onufrak, Vandling, has been awarded a Certificate of Academic Honors from the College of Engineering, Penn State University, for his superior academic achievement during the fall term.

Joseph J. Sukenick is stationed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown, now on patrol off Korea, in the Sea of Japan.

60 YEARS AGO
February 6, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shino, Richmondale, observe their 35th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Dorothea Bloxham is heading the Forest City Heart Fund Drive.

Mrs. Blanche Petrus was named Jury Commissioner of Susquehanna County succeeding Stanley Zimmer, who resigned.

Mrs. Isabelle Baileys was elected president of Bethany Sisters Class of Union Dale Methodist Church.

Deaths recorded: John Hydock, 217 Front St., Browndale; Michael Lazar, Simpson, former Forest City resident; Roscoe C. Burdick, Clifford.

70 YEARS AGO
February 5, 1948

The Rev. H. J. Ruddy, a priest for 42 years and pastor of St. Agnes Church, Forest City, from 1924 to 1936, died Tuesday in Nanticoke.

Enterprise Hose Co., in first week of New Truck Fund Drive, raises \$1,000. Goal is set to raise \$10,000.

A group of local men interested in civil and social welfare of the community organized a local unit Lions International. Frank W. Gaydosch was elected president of the local club with initial membership set at forty members.

Deaths recorded: Mrs. Martha Petroskie, Railroad St.; former sheriff Gorton M. Darrow, Montrose; Mrs. Catherine Vitkus, Endicott, former local resident; Joseph Kotar, North Main Street.

80 YEARS AGO
February 3, 1938

William Sredenschek has been named Assistant County Highway Superintendent, succeeding the late Sylvester Kane.

Rev. John J. Dzurko named pastor of St. Michael's Church, succeeding the Rev. M. J. Frohman, transferred to Larkville.

William Stratford Sr., bowling in a regular league game at the Carbondale, scored a total of 739 pins for three games, the highest score made there in ten years.

Judge E. P. Little was honored guest at Forest City Republican victory dinner held in Hotel Muchitz.

Deaths recorded: Mrs. Theresa Skubic, mother of Charles and Martin Skubic, World War I soldiers who made the Supreme Sacrifice; Cletus Doolittle Jr. dies after nine blood transfusions; Michael Lombardi, Richmondale.

90 YEARS AGO
February 2, 1928

Miss Mary Shea, a teacher in the Forest City High School, has accepted a similar position in her home town of Minooka. Miss Charlotte Kozlowski has been named to succeed Miss Shea on the local faculty.

John Bossick, 64, Richmondale, was killed instantly by a rock fall in the Richmondale mine.

John T. McGranaghan has moved his undertaking establishment from the John Eichholzer Building on South Main Street to the Lewall Building, 513 Main Street.

Rev. James Younger, minister of the Forest City and Union Dale Presbyterian Churches, has accepted a call to Bradford County.

100 YEARS AGO
January 31, 1918

The Traction House, owned by Martin Gerchman and operated by Joseph Magalski and Stanley Benarick, was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The Weiss building to the south of the hotel and the Kozlowski building to the north, were badly damaged by the fire.

(Editors Note: The McGovern Insurance building and Hornbeck's Car

Lot now occupy the sites.)

Dr. Lloyd has started a movement to organize a local troop of Girl Scouts.

Thawing frozen water pipes is the daily pre-breakfast chore in many local homes in the wake of sub-zero weather.

Local soldiers stationed overseas are reporting the receipt of their Christmas gift packages from the Forest City Red Cross Chapter.

Forest City High School basketball team defeated St. Thomas College of Scranton 23-18 in a game played Friday on the local court.

110 YEARS AGO
January 30, 1908

The Hillside Coal and Iron Co., has secured a temporary injunction against Philip Fries, Vandling tax collector, who threatened to hold a public sale of some of the coal company's property for non-payment of taxes. Fries lists 41 mules and harnesses, 10 tons of hay, 40 bushels of oats and other property.

Tuesday was primary election day. It was a quiet affair. No real contests at stake.

Property owners on Lackawanna Street ask council for a water main on that street.

Judson Smith has succeeded J. S. Hughes as manager of the Consolidated Telephone Company here.

120 YEARS AGO
February 3, 1898

Rumors, which later proved false, were circulating that the D&H Co. is planning to buy the Hillside Coal and Iron Co. holding here.

The Presbyterian Church, in a congregation meeting, voted to call upon a minister to succeed Rev. P. B. Kennedy.

Dr. D. Dwyer has purchased the lot and property next to the bank from W.H. Lek.

The Hillside Coal and Iron Co. will work its local mines two days a week during the cold spell.

130 YEARS AGO
February 2, 1888

Local school closes next week for the winter term. The spring term begins in April.

Housekeeping rooms in town are at a premium.

The Hillside Coal Co. has secured a lease on the Warren Tract which contains 106 acres.

People who come into town bring shovels in their sleighs to dig their way through the snow banks which they may encounter. In some places they report five to ten foot drifts.

As the result of last week's blizzard, fifty men started to shovel their way from Pleasant town to Herrick Center. The big snow drifts produced a coal famine there and shoveling themselves out was the only alternative.

Coming Events

Feb. 9 - Red Cross blood donation, Browndale Fire Station, 1 to 6 p.m., Fri., CALL 1800REDCROSS.

Feb. 10 - UNICO Carnevale, Anthracite center, 41 N. McKain St., Carbondale, 6-10:30 p.m., \$50 person, 10 person tables, RSVP Feb. 1 570-906-0894.

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. 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.

March 4 NEPA 2018 Wedding Showcase, The Anthracite Center, 41 N. Main St., Carbondale, 1 to 4 p.m., LCS Solutions Wedding Events 570.954.9443 Lisa LCSSolutionsLCS.com.

March 10 - Sat., Forest City Area Emergency Services, March meat raffle, 5-9 p.m. no admission charge, 570-785-5025.

March 18 - Catholic Choral Society will sing at the FCA Historical Society, Sun., 2PM. Snow date Tues., Mar. 20, 7PM. Public invited. \$5 admission.

March 24 - Susq. Cty. Resource Day, info. on services/resources available, Sat., 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Mt. View HS campus.

April 29 - Cornell University "Hearsay" chorus, under the direction of Katie O'Neill, Pleasant Mount, will perform Sunday, April 29, 2 p.m. at Forest City Area Historical Society. Admission is \$5.00.



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.

We were at the rope swing and Boopie had just received a homemade hickory bow. He did not have any arrows to shoot so we made a few out of willow branches. There were chickens running around down there from a neighbor's pen. Boop started to shoot home made arrows with no feathers at the chickens. Arrows did not fly true. Imagine that?? I had a Vicks bottle full of water and some carbide in my hand. The neighbor saw Boop shooting at the chickens and came running with a broom to hit him. I threw the carbide into the Vicks bottle and threw it over by where the chickens were and it exploded like a hand grenade. Not near anyone but scary. I thought that I was in Deep DO-DO again but never heard anything about that again. Imagine today doing that??

School LUNCH MENU

Week of Feb. 12
Monday - Chicken & cheese hoagie,lett & tomato, oven crisp fries, seasoned green beans.
Tuesday - Taco meat o/tortillas, all fixins', rice, corn, black bean salad, orange smiles.
Wednesday - Ravioli w/sauce, garlic breadstick, garden salad, broccoli, holiday ice cream cup.
Thursday - Chicken smackers, dipping sauces, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrot coins.
Friday - Micky's pizza, salad, cauliflower.
(ELe) alternates: Tuna salad on roll, cereal for lunch, sunbutter & jelly sandwich
(HS) alternates: Mondays & Thursdays: cheeseburger, Tues, Wed, Fridays: chicken filet sandwich Grab & Go Specials for HS: Chicken Quesadilla & Hot Wing Hoagie

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.

Senior MENU

Week of Feb. 12
Monday - Taco salad, chuckwagon com, crackers, peach cobbler.
Tuesday - BBQ chicken salad on ww, tomato basil soup, broccoli slaw, sorbet.
Wednesday - Chicken piccata, roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, ww dinner roll, chocolate layer cake.
Thursday - Roast turkey breast, brussel sprouts, sweet potatoes, ww roll, sugar cookie.
Friday - Crispy baked fish, green beans, stewed tomatoes, macaroni & cheese, fruit cocktail, graham crackers.

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

100 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items from the Independent Republics, 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.susqcohistoc.org

Jessup Twp. - To live 85 years in the same community and on the same farm owned by father and grandfather is a record of which few energetic Yankees can boast. To win the admiration and respect of all for a life well lived—a life worthy of emulation by others is something we "of the earth earthy" seldom attain. When we assert that both are applicable to the life and history of Edgar W. Bolles, they will doubtless be surprised to learn the former fact, but will immediately acquiesce to the latter. Mr. Bolles is one of God's noblemen. Upright, honorable, trustworthy in every way, he is the type of man who is quietly honored by their generation, often more in the heart than by expressed words of approval. His people came from New London, Conn., with their effects in a lumber wagon, crossed the Hudson in a ferryboat and were 20 days on the road to the homestead first owned by Robinson Bolles in 1810.

Bennett's Corners, Auburn Twp.— The snow is 30 inches deep on the level and measured three feet deep in the woods. The heavy snow has brought lots of suffering to both the people and animals. Water is also very scarce and the crust has caused a lot of accidents. It is reported that several cows have slipped on the ice and had to be killed. Among those [people] mentioned were John Warner, Clark Davis and Larry Luce. ALSO On Sunday before Christmas, 30,000 people assembled in front of the U. S. treasury building and led by Hamlin E. Cogswell, accompanied by the full United States Marine band, sang Christmas carols. Hamlin Cogswell is a former Auburn resident known for his musical ability and while in Washington he directed the Home Defense League Regimental Band, conducted the Washington Oratorio and Washington Symphony Orchestra, and was president of the music section of the National Educational Association. He was born in 1852 and died in 1922.

In the County - If the ground hog had the courage to burrow through three feet of snow and face a zero atmosphere on Saturday, he would not have had to rub his eyes to see his shadow at any time during the day. It was a beautiful day—but we all hope he didn't come out.

Birchardville - The mercury was reported at 32 degrees below on Saturday morning. Monday and Tuesday mornings it was no warmer. There is no use quoting the standing at other places in the county. When anyone wants to know how cold it has been, they ask: "What was the thermometer at Birchardville?" And thus all disputes are promptly settled.

Montrose - A contingent of men left for Camp Meade, with Earle O. Nash appointed in charge until camp was reached. They are: Earle O. Nash, Montrose; Frank J. Ferraro, Forest City; George Pemberton, West Auburn; Timothy Reed, Hallstead; Steve Barber, Springville; Harry Stringer, Susquehanna; James E. McInerney, St. Joseph; John F. Reed, Hallstead; Francis Melvin, Forest City; Paul Blacksmith, Forest City; Alex. G. Jones, Forest City; William W. Quinlivan, Friendsville; Henry A. Welch, Montrose; Hale Kingsbury, Lanesboro; Arthur L. Basket, Susquehanna; Robert J. Spencer, Onequale.

Brackney - Anna J. Patton, formerly of this place, died at her home in New York city on Monday, Jan. 28, 1918. The body was taken to the home of her nephew, Andrew Patton, at Quaker Lake, where the funeral was held. Burial

al was made in the Quaker Lake cemetery.

Great Bend - A Great Bend man, Wilbur J. Chamberlin, steps into the limelight in the February number of Munsey's magazine. "The Story of the Sun," a serial running in Munsey's in the February installment, gives a sketch of Mr. Chamberlin, who is well-known to many local people. ALSO Miss Mabel Prentice has accepted a position in the new silk mill at this place.

Harford - The Harford Supply store is under the management of F. O. Miller.

Hopbottom - There will be a cafeteria supper at the Community House on Feb. 9. Come and bring a sleighload, as it is fine sleighing. A delightful evening will be had.

Lakeside - While taking Mrs. Whitney and Mrs. Tourje to the Ladies' Oxford class meeting last Friday afternoon, Mr. Whitney's horse became frightened and the sleigh was upset, throwing the occupants into the snow. Mr. Whitney got quite a bump on the head.

Lynn - A blizzard seems to be with us most of the time and as the bear saw his shadow we may expect some great weather.

Forest City - Stanley Yolanda as chief of police will register all German aliens in this district. ALSO Miss Eva Cheeky, of Center street, froze both of her hands Sunday evening in coming from Vandling. She came up on the street car to the Vandling switch and on her arrival here she found that her hands were frozen. She is getting along finely.

Uniondale - Leon Edwards has just received word that a patent has been granted to him for an automatic shut-off for a gas jet. Leon thinks there are millions in it. Hope so!

Thompson - A mammoth cake with one lone candle adorned the table at the home of Master Stewart Wilmarth, Sunday, Feb. 3rd, in honor of his first birthday anniversary.

Lawsville - Grange News: Sister Meeker ate onions for supper and could not attend Grange. Brother Stanley Pierson has shaved off his beard. We hardly knew him. Sister Barnum is looking forward to the time for coasting on the crust again. Her nose has healed nicely.

News Brief - John L. Sullivan, formerly heavyweight champion of the world, died suddenly at his home in Abington, Mass. He was attacked by a fainting spell and before a physician could reach him the old fighter had taken the count for the last time. Sullivan said that he had made \$2,000,000 in the fight business, but he died with honor and no riches.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Centinel, February 7, 1818.

*MARRIED - On Sunday evening last in Harford township by Joab Tyler Esq., Mr. Joel Sturdevant to Miss Diana Capron all of that township.

*MARRIED - In Waterford township the same evening by Joab Tyler Esq., Mr. Alfred Tiffany to Miss Fanny Mack.

*A SETTLEMENT WANTED. All persons indebted to the subscriber are hereby notified that a settlement must be made by the first of next month. All such as neglect to settle by that time will be noticed in a manner particularly pointed. Produce will be received on all debts. ELI GREGORY, Montrose, Feb. 7, 1817.

NOTICE. All Persons indebted to John Brulte, Hatter, in Montrose, are requested to make payment by the ninth of this month. J. BRULTE. Montrose, Feb. 7, 1818

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