

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
March 19, 2008

Dr. Henry Nebzydowski, was honored by the PA School Board's Association for his 24 years of service to Forest City Regional School Board.

The PA Assoc. of School Counselors has chosen the FCR Pre-Kindergarten program to receive the 2008 Elementary School Career Education and Development Award.

The flood control dam at Stillwater did its job over the past several weeks as it backed up rainwater and snow melt.

Mauri Rapp, Lake Sheridan, is a new reporter for The Forest City News.

Deaths: Gerald R. Simons, Waymart; Angelo J. Cerra Sr., Carbondale; Mary F. Calafut, Brown Dale; Evelyn M. Pettinato, Newton Lake; Ruth Smith, Lakewood; Gerald R. Simons, Waymart; Keith Stone, Ararat; Carmino M. Falvo, Carbondale; Gladys E. DeFazio, Waymart; John R. Wheaton, Starlight.

20 YEARS AGO
March 18, 1998

Denise Johnson, a certified school nurse, will take over from Regina Fives at Forest City Regional, effective immediately. Ms. Fives left on leave due to illness in December.

The Polka Jets recently taped a television appearance on "Pennsylvania Polka" for WVIA.

Forest City Borough will receive a \$20,000 grant for demolition of local properties.

Jim "Red Fitzsimmons" former basketball standout at FCR and Carbondale St. Rose High School, will be inducted into the Scranton Area Sports Hall of Fame.

Deaths: Elizabeth J. Feddock, Dundaff; Michael A. Ferraro, Vandling; Charles J. Greig, Colorado; Margaret Stucker, Simpson; Mary Orink, Waymart; John Yanick, Jr., New Jersey; Mary Sealey, born in Brown Dale; Barry L. King, Maine.

30 YEARS AGO
March 17, 1988

The Lady Foresters of Coach Carl Urbas won the District 12 Class A championship last Friday as they defeated Lackawanna Trail 35-27.

James Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wells, Forest City, has been given an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West point.

James J. Kuruts was recently appointed lighting director of the upcoming Forest City Follies, under the direction of Paul Cerra.

Greg Congdon, Dundaff, had the fastest combined Alpine skiing performance at the Keystone State Winter games at Montage.

Deaths: Joseph Timko, formerly of Forest City; Stephen Telischak, Jr., Lenoxville; Irene Chilson, Thompson; Paul Satunas, RD 1 Union Dale; Beatrice Frye, Thompson; Ruth Bartholomay, born in Vandling; Dorothy Johnson, Brown Dale.

40 YEARS AGO
March 16, 1978

Forest City Regional School District could be in line for a \$100,000 windfall if the district is approved for sparsity state subsidy payments based on a population of less than 50 people per square mile.

The FCRHS Scholastic team, consisting of Judy McGraw, Carla Franceski, Clara Nebzydowski, and William Brennan, won a second round match to move on towards finals.

Rumors that Packard Outlet was closing its local store were squashed by the owner last week.

Forest City Girl Scouts earned over \$1,000 in cookie sales.

Former Brown Dale resident Karen Stefko won rave reviews as star of the musical "Gypsy" at the Meadowbrook Dinner Theater, Cedar Grove, N.J.

Deaths: Mrs. Joseph (Jule) Slamas, Carbondale; Wesley Vitkus, Montromery, PA

50 YEARS AGO
March 21, 1968

Congressman Joseph McDade has announced approval by the

Housing and urban Development Administration of a grant in the amount of \$8,862 under the Open Spaces Land Programs for the Borough of Forest City.

The Business and Professional Women's Club will hold its regular meeting on March 26th in the Methodist Church parlors. The theme of the evening will be Spring Fashions, presented by Mary Price of the Nettie Waibel Shoppe of Carbondale.

The PA Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters will hold a testimonial dinner in honor of PA Chapter President William Stratford, at Hotel Casey, Scranton, on Sat., April 20. Mr. Stratford, who is head of NAPUS, is the first Susquehanna County Postmaster to head the chapter since its founding in 1935.

Ronald Latanision, Forest City, received a Ph.D. from Ohio State University on Friday, March 15th.

60 YEARS AGO
March 20, 1958

The Forest City Joint School Board, at a meeting held at the high school last Thursday evening, named Robert Moran and Associates as architects for the new Junior-Senior High School project

Jules J. Kerl, principal of the Forest City Joint Schools, has prepared an extensive and informative valuation of the local school system educational program in comparison with the recent release of Gov. Leader's educational program.

George A. Hornbeck Sr., automobile dealer, has been named chairman of the dedication program of Stillwater Dam project May 14th.

Two former local men, Gerald Motosko and Andrew Onufrak, are members of Aylor Research Assoc., Woodland Hills, Calif., makers and distributors of the "Rota Bird," a toy of science.

70 YEARS AGO
March 18, 1948

The body of T/Sgt. George J. Motosko, first local veteran to pay the Supreme Sacrifice during World War II, arrives home for interment.

William Urbas was named commander of the local VFW Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hanes, Delaware Street, observe their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Gertrude Puntar, Vandling, observed her 90th birthday yesterday.

Workmen, under the direction of E. Bloxham, have started dismantling the former No. 1 school building on Dundaff St., to make way for the proposed recreation center planned by the Bishop's House of Charity.

Deaths recorded: John Boshoniak, formerly of Richmondale; John Kulick, Pleasant Mount; Fred Churchill, Union Dale RD.

80 YEARS AGO
March 17, 1938

A "Pinchot for Governor" Club was organized locally with Joseph Swegel, chairman, and Frank Fararo, secretary.

Mrs. Rose Brasso was awarded a \$2,200 first prize in a Scranton newspaper contest.

Forest City and area has been hit by a rash of counterfeit bills now in circulation.

Union Dale Borough Council announces it will not be able to pay the proposed rates for fire protection as outlined by Forest City Fire Chief Howard Lowry but will continue under the old plan until the matter is straightened out.

90 YEARS AGO
March 21, 1928

Van Forest Council, Daughters of America, celebrated their first anniversary here.

Rev. J. C. Hogan, former militant minister here, died in Allentown.

A number of townspeople are confined to their homes during the current Siege of the gripe.

Martin Yaklic, of Brown Dale, died yesterday in St. Joseph's Hospital following a four-day illness of pneumonia.

100 YEARS AGO
March 16, 1918

The Hillside Coal and Iron Co. has a force of men tearing down the Clifford washery on North Main Street.

Forest City is without a tax collector for the coming year.

The local Red Cross chapter collected \$507 during its recent Tag Day collection.

Barney Conrad has moved to the farm he recently purchased at Stillwater.

110 YEARS AGO
March 19, 1908

John T. O'Neill, grandfather of former publisher John P. Kameen, has been named barn boss for the Hillside Coal and Iron Co. to succeed H. S. Caryl, who recently retired.

The physicians of Forest City have formed a medical society.

The first thunder storm of the season made its appearance on Monday.

Bluebirds and boys with marbles announce the arrival of spring.

120 YEARS AGO
March 17, 1898

Last week a deal was completed whereby the Davis Opera House was sold to Julius Freedman for \$13,000.

The Black Watch football team of Vandling will play Throop this afternoon at Throop. The Vandling members are: Thomas Davis, Joseph Bayliff, Michael Melvin, William Bayliff, George Wilson, John Gray; Thomas Gill, John Newton and George Reed.

Drillers are in operation seeking coal deposits in Herrick and Pleasant Mount townships.

Local medical men report cycling is injurious to the health for three reasons: the contraction of the muscular system, chills following perspiration, and stooping posture, which render respiratory movements defective.

130 YEARS AGO
March 15, 1888

Community and area hit by severe snow storm of season. Entire area isolated by 18-inch snowfall.

There are 25 businesses here now assessed by the mercantile appraiser.

Veterans of the last war met last night for the purpose of organizing a GAR post in the village.

A record was set Saturday when 556 cars of coal were dumped at the local breaker.

St. Matthew's Society of St. Agnes Church will hold an Easter Monday Ball.

The following changes are noted in the Maple Grove area: George Deming has rented the Erwin Thomas farm; Eugene Deming has rented Malden Bennett's farm; and Mr. Bennett will move his family to the Henry Loomis place.

Coming Events

LENT - Pizza sale 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.

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

March 24 - Lake Como & Shehawken United Methodist Churches, annual Soup Supper, Lake Como United Methodist Church, 377 Como Road, Lake Como, Sat., 4 - 6:30 p.m. Take outs are available. Cost is a free will offering & proceeds benefit the Parsonage Committee.

March 24 - Spaghetti supper, Sat. March 24, Thompson United Methodist Church, 586 Main Street, Thompson, 4:30 PM to 7 PM., served by the Sunday School.

March 26 - Gentle yoga & water aerobics, Ladore Lodge, Waymart, \$10 class, open swim also available Tues., Wed. Thurs., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. \$7 hr. Call 488-6129 for more info.

Senior MENU

Week of March 26

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

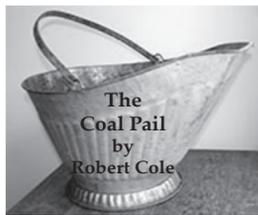
Tuesday - Dr. Pepper glazed ham, scalloped potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower, ww roll, coconut cake.

Wednesday - Apple ginger pork chop, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, ww roll, oatmeal cookie.

Thursday - Meatloaf, dilled carrots, mashed potatoes, ww roll, cherry gelatin

Friday - Chicken marsala, green & wax beans, roasted red potatoes, ww roll, chocolate chip cookie.

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



The following short stories are of life as a young boy in the Forest City Area and are written by Robert Cole, Bordenstown, 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 had a game that we called cork ball. We would go to Kameen's Hardware store buy the largest natural cork fishing bobber that they sold. All of the Railroad St. boys loved to play. We set up a baseball diamond in Frinks (Frank Shema) back yard. It was played with 3 guys on a team. Pitcher, catcher, and 1 fielder. The bat was carved out of 1X2 furring lath. The same as we batted rocks with. Butte, Boopie, Chervink, Fi, Frink, Bolus, Kilt and myself would play almost every day in the morning before it got too hot.

Afternoons were for swimming at the Pump House. Bases were set up and the outfield had a back to Bruce Bloxham's lumber yard building.

If you hit the building it was a home run, and if not it was all you could make on the bases. It was a small diamond but what fun. The pitcher could make the cork jump around like you were throwing a baseball.

This was before someone invented the wiffle ball. What great fun. Not in the house with electronic devices as the kids are now. What a great time to grow up.

School LUNCH MENU

Week of March 26

MON. - Boneless wings, wing or BBQ sauce, oven crisp fries, seasoned green beans.

TUES. - French toast sticks, syrup, potato rounds, sausage patties.

WED. - Chicken Alfredo o/pasta, garlic breadstick, salad, steamed broccoli.

THURS. - Turkey BBQ sandwich, Smiley fries, glazed carrots, holiday cookie.

FRI. - Thin crusted pizza, garden salad, seasoned green beans.

Alternates (HS) Grab n Go - Mashed potato bowl, BBQ chicken wrap (ELE). Alternate: Hot dog

BREAKFAST
Monday - Waffles w/strawberries

Tuesday - Cheese omelet w/mini cinnamon roll.

Wednesday - Yogurt w/apple oatmeal bar

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.

Holy week Services listed

The Thompson United Methodist Church Holy Week services are as follows:

March 29: Maundy Thursday services to be held at 7 p.m. at Thompson United Methodist Church

March 30: Good Friday services to be held at 7 p.m. at East Ararat United Methodist Church

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.susqhistoc.org

Montrose - On Monday last, the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania, sitting at Philadelphia, admitted Sue M. Strous as a member of that court, on the motion of J. M. Kelly. The oath was administered by former Gov. William A. Stone. Miss Strous was admitted to the bar of Susquehanna county on Aug. 11, 1902, and has been practicing since that time. She is the first woman attorney to be admitted to the State Supreme Court from Susquehanna county. ALSO Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rifenbury went to Binghamton last week. Mr. Rifenbury remained for treatments at Dr. Dibble's Bath-O-torium for rheumatism. He is improving nicely.

Flynn, Middletown Twp. - A book agent was in this vicinity the past week selling a book entitled "How to Be Happy Altho Married," and met with good sales in this vicinity.

Little Meadows - W. D. Minkler, who runs an auto passenger car from this place to Binghamton during the warm season, made his first trip on Wednesday.

East Bridgewater - N. O. Roach has just installed, in his home, one of the Delco-Light electric plants, giving beautiful electric lights all through his house and barn, as well as lighting his son's house, next door.

Harford - The supper held by the men of the M. E. church was a great success, the men covering themselves with glory by the manner and expedition in serving the menu. The net proceeds were \$21.75. ALSO At West Harford, J. A. Williams and H. S. Esterbrook are busily engaged in the sugar camp, the syrup made by them being of excellent quality and pronounced a No. 1 by all of their customers.

New Milford - Willis R. Cobb is not only a perfect gentleman, but always extremely accommodating. The latter quality was given a test the other evening, when an autoist called him up in the middle of the night for a pail to get some water for his overheated motor. But for his pains Mr. Cobb is minus a new tin pail worth \$1.50, which the appreciative (?) motorist carried away with him. Mr. Cobb wishes the motorist to return the pail, or \$1.50, and at this event he will resist from revealing the motorist's name.

Tirzah - Charles Walker, of Uniondale, was greeting old friends here from Saturday until Monday. Although past 80 years he is very active and talks of coming back to his farm here this spring. His neighbors will be glad to welcome him.

Thompson - Orr Lawrenson, who is employed as brakeman in the Erie yard at Susquehanna, was thrown from a boxcar Monday morning of last week, sustaining a fractured ankle and severe bruises about the body. He was removed to the Simon Barnes hospital. E. A. Mead and his daughter, Mrs. George Pickering, visited him and reported that he is doing as well as could be expected

Forest City - Olin Davies and Herbert Horton returned from Flint, Mich., Monday. They returned with two handsome Buick automobiles which had been sold to W. D. Owens and G. F. Horton. From Monroe, O. to Toledo they trailed behind sixty Packard army trucks. They returned via Cleveland, Jamestown and Salamanca and found extremely muddy roads.

ESTATE MATTER SETTLED: One of the most peculiar cases ever before the courts of this county and state was that of James Fuller, in relation to the Robert J. Ellis estate, of which he was executor. Mr. Fuller was surcharged with something over \$5,000, which Mr. Fuller refused to pay, stoutly contending that he did not owe the estate. Going from the county to state courts it had the same result—ordering Mr. Fuller to pay. For contempt of court, in not obeying the court's order, he was committed to jail and has been there for the past 2 years. All lawyers involved felt that undoubtedly Fuller was honest in his belief that he did not owe the estate. The case was settled last week by the payment of \$3,000. The heir, John Bennett, had lately

instituted an action, contending that the Sheriff, or his bondsmen, were liable for the amount of the claim alleging that Mr. Fuller had a great deal too much freedom for one who was supposed to be in jail as a penance. Mr. Fuller is a mighty interesting old gentleman, as alert and clear-minded as many men half his years. He is 80. His personality is very attractive, and he has made many friends here. He does not possess a super abundance of confidence in either lawyers or courts, and has taken many a shot at different members, through the press, while in jail.

200 Years Ago Today from the Montrose Centinel, March 21, 1818.

*TO LYDIA WAKEFIELD. TAKE NOTICE. That Chancy Wakefield, your husband, has filed his petition and libel against you for a divorce from the bonds of Matrimony, and that an alias subpoena has been issued, to me directed. You are therefore required to be and appear before the court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Susquehanna, to be held in and for the said county at Montrose on the first Monday of May next, and then and there shew cause (if any you have) why the said petition & libel of the said Chancy Wakefield should not be granted, and his bonds of Matrimony with you should not be dissolved. AUSTIN HOWELL, Sh'ff. Sheriff's Office, Montrose, March 18, 1818.

*FLYING MACHINE. A country clergyman in lower Saxony has been so happy as to succeed in accomplishing the invention of an airship. The machine is built of light wood [and] it is made to float in the air chiefly by means of the constant action of a large pair of bellows, of a peculiar construction, which occupies in the front the position of the lungs and the neck of a bird on the wing. Thin cords direct the wings on both sides. The height to which the farmer's boy (10 or 12 years of age) whom the inventor had instructed in the management of it, has hitherto ascended with it, is not considerable because his attention has been more directed to give a progressive than an ascending motion to his machine.

B'dale Fire Co. Spring chicken BBQ April 8

The Brown Dale Fire Company will conduct its annual Spring Chicken BBQ on Sunday, April 8th, at the Brown Dale Fire Station located on Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Brown Dale.

The menu includes half a Chicken, Baked Potato, Brown Dale Green Beans, Home Made Cole Slaw, Roll & Butter and Dessert. The "drive through only" hours for serving are from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Tickets are \$9 and are available from any member or at Tobacco Road, 607 Main St., Forest City (570-785-2123); Franceski Lumber Yard 900 Main St., Forest City (570-785-3516); Red Cross Pharmacy, 420 Main St., Forest City (570-785-5400); NAPA Auto Parts, 429 Main St., Forest City (570-785-9000) or by calling the fire station at 570-785-5300 and leave a message, visit our web site at www.43fire.com or our Facebook page.

Tickets are advance sales only or until sold out. Proceeds from the BBQ to benefit Brown Dale Fire Company.

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