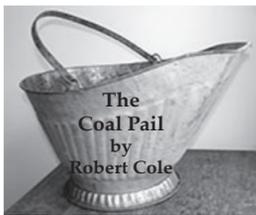


LOOKING BACK

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.usqchistsoc.org



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 grandparents' house on Railroad Street. His grandparents were Richard and Jessie Atkinson.

Late in the summer and into the fall we liked to make slingshots. We would go and find a willow tree that had a crotch in it. With our pocket knife we would wittle off all of the bark and carve a thing that looked like a slingshot. It had a carved place on the top of the outer limbs that would hold the rubber slings.

We would go to Kost Tire Shop and find a red rubber tube that was discarded, red was the best. Original rubber tube. Black was synthetic. Then to the ball field to find an old cover, leather, off of an old hard ball. We cut the hard ball cover to look like a holder for the sling shot and used twine to put it all together.

All of the Railroad Boys walked around with the sling shots in their back pocket. What a great time we had with the slingshots.

School LUNCH MENU

Week of March 12
MON. - Baked BBQ Chicken, onion rings, broccoli salad, dinner roll, apple crisp.

TUES. - Taco meat o/tortillas, all fixins', rice, corn, black bean salad.

WED. - Baked Stuffed Shells w/sauce, garlic breadstick, salad, seasoned green beans, strawberry-peach apple sauce.

THURS. - Mini Turkey Corn Dogs, oven crisp fries, glazed carrots, frozen sherbert.

FRI. - Cheese calzone, sauce, salad, BBQ cauliflower.

Alternates (HS) alternates: Grab n Go - Nachos & cheese, meal & egg salad wrap (Ele.) Tuna on salad roll.

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.

Senior MENU

Week of March 12
Monday - Pork & bell Peppers, broccoli florets, sliced carrots, brown rice, fudge brownie.

Tuesday - Taco salad, chuckwagon corn, crackers, peach cobbler.

Wednesday - BBQ chicken salad on ww roll, tomato basil soup, broccoli slaw, sorbet.

Thursday - Corned beef, sauteed cabbage, steamed carrots, rye bread, toffee & cream pudding w/Irish cream syrup.

Friday - Roast turkey breast, brussel sprouts, sweet potatoes, ww roll, sugar 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

10 YEARS AGO

March 5, 2008
 O'Neill's General Store, Creamton Drive, Mount Pleasant Twp., closed its doors last Friday. Steve Fonash has announced his decision not to return to coaching soccer next season for the Forest City Regional boys soccer team.

Angela Durko, a graduate of FCRHS is currently working with the USO in Iraq.

The public is invited to the Vision 2000 Industrial Park for the JEC Technologies announcement of its plans to build an electronics assembly plant here.

Deaths: Ann M. Polesnak, Browndale; Joseph Sokolowsky, Kingsley; Anita Carol Duffy, Browndale; Jerome F. Snutes, born in Forest City; Rev. Andrew J. Krusinski, Williamsport; Madeline Slick, Forest City; Anne M. Dougher, Carbondale; Gertrude Gelder Bryan, born in Forest City; Boyd A. Resseguie, Florida.

20 YEARS AGO

March 4, 1998
 The Forest City Regional School spent \$100,000 more than it took in during the 1996-97 school year.

The nor'easter which hit the east coast on Tuesday, Feb. 24, dropped about 16 inches of heavy snow on Forest City, and up to two feet of white stuff on the higher elevations.

The Rev. Barbara Bouton, pastor of the United Methodist Churches, in Forest City, Union Dale and East Ararat, was involved in a multi-car pileup on I-81 near-Great Bend. She suffered multiple fractures to her left arm and had to exit the vehicle through its smashed windshield.

Deaths: Virginia Chudzinski, Forest City; Raymond Lewandowski, Rhode Island; Mary Grier, born in Forest City; Paul G. Judge, Forest City; John Kutch, born in Forest City; Edmund Skarbez, Vandling; Burton C. Wildenstein, Pl. Mt.; Rose Gillott Bonomo, Carbondale.

30 YEARS AGO

March 3, 1988
 Michael Goskowski was named to the Northern Tier Export Advisory Council recently.

The Forest City Fire Dept. will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Dr. Anthony J. Kameen, M.D., ophthalmologist, recently retired after 50 years of practice.

Congressman Joseph M. McDade has announced the appointment of Geoffrey Stoker to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Deaths: Margaret Tedesco, Union Dale; Thomas Kulasinski, born in Forest City; Antoniette Pristow Kamin, born in Yugoslavia; Gerald A. Swartz, born in Forest City; Thomas Kane, born in Vandling; Mrs. Helen Hydock, born in Forest City; Peter Kobisek, Browndale; Samuel Curcio, Carbondale.

40 YEARS AGO

March 2, 1978
 Dr. John Bodnar is the author of a book of ethnic studies on Steelton, a steel producing town in Western Penna.

Susquehanna County has upped its real estate millage from 12 to 14 mills.

Jack Sisko, Vandling, named to the Wayne High School Basketball League All-Star team.

An advisory board of the Forest City Branch of Liberty Bank has been named as follows: Dr. Patrick McAndrew, Martin Kelly, Andrew Zurine and Dr. Salvatore Pettinato.

Forest City Tax Collector Alan Staskavage passes away at Allied Services, Scranton.

Other deaths: Harry I. Kennedy, RD 1, Pleasant Mt.; Mrs. Mary Beers, Forest City; Mrs. Stella Fisher, Rochester, NY; Ivan E. Bloxham, Melbourne, Florida.

50 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1968
 With the state senate reconvening earlier this week, Senator T. Newell Wood was back at his desk in the Senate and showing no signs of his recent illness.

Extensive remodeling is taking place in the 500 block of Main

Street to accommodate the new offices of M.J. Walsh Insurance Agency.

AM3 James F. Swetter, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swetter, RD 1, Union Dale, was advanced to his present rank during ceremonies at Training Squadron One, U.S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. John Baron, 253 Hudson St., who has been hospitalized for the past several weeks due to injuries she received in a fall at her home, has been discharged and is now recuperating at her home.

The Dean of Instruction of East Stroudsburg State College has announced that the following students have been named to the Dean's List for the first semester: Theresa F. Harvatin, daughter of Mrs. Julia Harvatin, Browndale; Patricia M. Prezelski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Prezelski, 901 Susq. St., Forest City; Shirley M. Cerar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cerar, RD Union Dale.

60 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1958

Joseph C. Kameen, publisher of The Forest City News, will attend the Regional Conference on the Governor's Job Development Program.

The schools of Forest City Joint System will participate in the annual Music Festival and Art Exhibit to be held at the New Milford High School on Friday evening, March 28, and again on March 31.

Benjamin Yanchitis, Assistant Postmaster at the Forest City Post Office, retired on Feb. 28 after more than thirty-five years of continuous service with the Post Office Department.

Atty. and Mrs. A. James Martin, Washington, D.C., left Sunday on the first lap of a trip around the world. Both are former residents of Forest City, where Mr. Martin taught school before entering the Federal Service.

70 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1948

Red Cross drive is on locally with \$2,000 goal. Charles Carroll is serving as campaign chairman.

John Zedar, former local resident, died Feb. 24 at Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, and his wife, Helen, died March 1st, following a brief illness.

St. Michael's Church, Forest City; St. James Church, Pleasant Mount; St. Juliana's Church, at Rock Lake exceed quotas in Bishop's House of Charity drive.

Atty. F.B. Gelder was named general solicitor of the Glen Alden Coal Co.

Miss Doris Jurasko, Delaware St., received her cap at exercises of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing.

80 YEARS AGO

March 3, 1938

Postmaster Harry H. Howell of Union Dale, was fatally stricken with a heart attack last Friday while driving his car in that borough.

The Men's Club of St. Agnes Church will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Banquet Sunday.

Owen B. Hunt, Penna. Commissioner of Insurance will deliver the principal address.

The 35th annual installation services of the Ruby Chapter, OES, was held Tuesday evening. Mrs. Mary L. Crandall was installed as Worthy Matron.

The sophomore class of 1940 won the annual class games played at FCHS, defeating the junior class of 1939.

80 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1928

Radio technicians working out of New York City, correct local radio troubles when they discover the fault in a small coil in the NEP Exchange. With an attachment to the board local reception faults were soon cleared.

An amendment to change the boundaries to include Susquehanna, Oakland and Lanesboro in the Scranton District of the Wyoming Conference of the Methodist Church, will be offered.

About 125 guests were present at the annual St. David's Day banquet held Thursday in Hotel Muchitz.

100 YEARS AGO

March 7, 1918

A Service flag is to be dedicated Sunday in the Christ Episcopal Church. The flag will have seventeen stars to represent the number of young men of the parish in the service.

Burton Walker has been named assistant electrician at the Clinton Colliery, Vandling.

FCHS defeated Central High School of Scranton, 31-24, Friday evening.

The Red Cross Committee announces receipts of \$2,804 for "the year with expenditures of \$2,711.01 leaving a balance of \$93.97.

110 YEARS AGO

March 5, 1908

During 1907 there were 307 births in Forest City, and 108 deaths were recorded.

The Forest City School Board decided to end the present school term in the middle of May.

The home of Michael Poleznak, Railroad St., was damaged by fire Tuesday evening.

A.D. Kehren was named secretary at the reorganization of the Borough Council. Henry Hogarth was named chairman, and Robert Inglis night patrolman.

120 YEARS AGO

March 3, 1898

The D&H Coal Co. has started opening its Klondike Mine on the East Mountain.

A contest over alleged frauds at the recent borough election is still under consideration by the defeated candidates.

There is a movement underway to organize a division of AOH, in Richmondale.

C.L. Bell will leave Wednesday for Dawson City in the Klondike.

Ralph B. Little, interested candidate for District Attorney, called on local friends in the interest of his candidacy.

130 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1888

S.C.J. Thayer, first Justice of the Peace in Forest City, died Tuesday in Lackawanna hospital in Scranton.

Blue birds have put in an appearance.

W. Coyle has completed the building of the Forest City Hall.

Forest City residents have contributed \$144 to the Lehigh fund for striking miners.

Coming Events

LENT - Pizza sale 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.

Now through March 15 - Homemade Easter egg sale, \$2, peanut butter or coconut cream, Pickup March 10 & 17, Clifford UM Church, Pre-order at 570-222-4344 or 570-222-5493.

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

March 12, 19, & 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.

March 15 - Chicken & biscuit dinner, Thurs., noon - 6 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, Carbondale. For more information call 570-282-3620.

Kindergarten Reg. at FCR Fri., April 27

The Forest City Regional School District has scheduled Kindergarten Registration for Friday, April 27, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Parents are required to phone the elementary office (570)785-2410 to schedule an appointment on this date. The registration process will take approximately 20 minutes. The child's medical/health information will also be recorded.

District policy requires kindergarten students to be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2018. If your child is already enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten Program, there is no need to register them for Kindergarten.

Parents/guardians must bring the following items to registration:

- child's birth certificate,
- proof of residency; and
- child's immunization records

Immunizations should include:
 4 DpT
 3 Polio
 2 MMR
 3 Hepatitis
 2 Varicella or history of Chicken Pox disease

We look forward to meeting the students and parents of the Class of 2031!

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