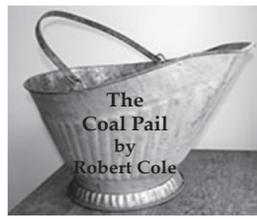


LOOKING BACK

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.100yearsago.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 grandparent's house on Railroad Street. His grandparents were Richard and Jessie Atkinson.

10 YEARS AGO
May 14, 2008
If you live in Wayne County and are in the Forest City Regional School District, your taxes are going up. But if you live in Susquehanna County and Vandling your millages will be going down.

Tiny Treasures Day Care, our neighbor at 636 Main Street, will be moving to Colachino's Office Complex, next to the Dollar Store on South Main Street.

The Forest City Regional School Board passed, on first reading, a new uniform policy for the Elementary and High School for the 2008-09 school year.

Mrs. Tara Palickar, Mrs. Julie Panek and Ms. Sharon Longo were awarded silver plaques at the 2008 PA School Counselors Assoc. Career Education and Development Awards for the Forest City Regional School Pre-K program.

Vandals damaged swan decoys placed at Kennedy Park. They are being used to get rid of the Canadian geese problem that exists there.

Deaths: Susan Johnson, Thompson.

20 YEARS AGO
May 13, 1998

The Forest City Branch Library will pay tribute to the Forest City Lions Club at its 30th anniversary celebration on Sunday, May 17.

Herrick Twp. Supervisors tabled action again on establishing a "flashing beacon" traffic light at the Herrick Corners intersection.

This month marks the 25th anniversary in business for Paul A. Ferraro at his Main Street barber-shop.

Forest City Borough Council heard a request from the Northeast Rail Trail Council to build an access to their trail in Forest City.

Deaths: John Peter Perham, Pleasant Mount; Thelma Slack, Moosic; Ronald Bennett, Clifford; Lydia Craparo, Carbondale.

30 YEARS AGO
May 12, 1988

The School Board on Monday night passed a tentative budget raising the present 79 mill overall tax rate to 89 mills overall for taxes to be levied in July.

The local Headstart program is presently without a home as the Forest City Regional School District terminated its role as the legal education agency for the preschool program.

Karen Tomazic, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Tomazic, has been selected as the May Student of the Month by the Forest City Rotary Club.

The general interest meeting for the Follies was a success, according to Follies production staff.

Deaths: Mrs. Anna Suhocki, Florida; Mildred Burman, Ararat; Elizabeth Sennett, born in Forest City; Sidney Rushworth, Forest City; Lillian Spencer, formerly of Thompson.

40 YEARS AGO
May 11, 1978

Plans are being made for the repayment of all \$35,000 in non-interest bearing bonds sold in 1968 by the Tri-County Industrial Fund. The repayment is as a result of the Ames purchase of Vandling land to expand present facility.

Beverly Yadlosky, Vandling, is the May Queen at Sacred Heart Church.

Police Officer Patricia Laguzzi arrested a young Vandling man last week near the high school for possession of a small quantity of marijuana.

The Forest City Regional School tax millage will remain the same as last year, 46.56 mills.

The local Junior Prom will break with long-standing tradition and will be held at Montdale Country Club rather than at the high school.

Deaths: Mrs. Anna Seman, Thompson; Stanley Slick, Simpson; Sandra Marie Non, age 2, RD 1, Pleasant Mount.

50 YEARS AGO
May 16, 1968

The annual Junior Prom of

the Forest City Regional High School was held last Friday night. Miss Margaret Spyhalsky was crowned Queen with Miss Mary Ann Cimochowski and Miss Julian Amadio as attendants.

Midwestern University of Wichita Falls, Texas, has announced that Miss Beverly Mechok, Forest City, has been named to the honors list. Miss Mechok, a graduate of Forest City Regional High School, is a senior majoring in biology.

60 YEARS AGO
May 15, 1958

Benjamin Franceski, 815 North Main Street, was named cashier of the First and Farmers National Bank of Forest City, succeeding the late Martin J. Mooney. The election of Mr. Franceski was made by the Board of Directors of the bank at their meeting on Tuesday, May 6.

Mrs. Amos Dixon, Stillwater, NJ, the former Mary Walker, Forest City native and former local school teacher, died Friday in the Polyclinic Hospital, New York City, after a brief illness.

Francis B. Galinski, Hatboro, PA, has passed his CPA examination, according to an announcement by the PA State Board of Examiners of Public Accountants, Mr. Galinski was one of the 175 successful candidates who sat for the examination.

Michael Peterka, well-known local dairyman and coal dealer, died at the family home at 803 Hudson Street following a brief illness.

70 YEARS AGO
May 14, 1948

A group of North Susquehanna and Hudson Street residents presented formal protests before Council of the hazard in that area, as a result of the stripping voids.

Miss Sarah Denney, Union Dale tax collector, has established a unique record in making her final returns to the County Commissioner. Miss Denney enjoys the enviable record of making early returns to be presented for the past year. Miss Denney shared the honor with her good people of Union Dale.

Deaths this past week: Herbert Gerchman, Forest City native in Cleveland; Miss Mary Debevec, Browndale native in Kane, PA; Alex J. Lipko, Richmondale hotel owner, and Mrs. Lillie M. Lee, Thompson.

80 YEARS AGO
May 12, 1938

The Forest City High School Senior class, numbering 90 members, will receive their diplomas on June 3rd.

Joseph Walsh of Carbondale has been named manager of the meat department of the Upper Main Street A&P Store.

Ben Pietro, pitching for the Texaco team of Vandling, fanned 24 Richmondale batters on Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Janezic, 823 Susquehanna Street, was awarded a special floral tribute by Helen Hydock's Flower Shoppe. Mrs. Janezic was honored for being the mother of fourteen living children.

Vandling High School will graduate 19 seniors on June 8th. Angie Pevec is valedictorian, and Joseph Evaroika as salutatorian.

90 YEARS AGO
May 14, 1928

Howard Alexander, a sophomore at the University of Pittsburgh, has earned a berth on the famed University track team.

Miss Mildred Gardner, the daughter of Attorney and Mrs. F. M. Gardner, will graduate from Beaver College on June 6th.

Over 225 members of St. Agnes Holy Name Society held a Communion Breakfast at the Muchitz Hotel on Sunday morning.

The graduating class of Herrick High School, numbering 11 members, will receive their diplomas May 31st.

100 YEARS AGO
May 15, 1918

Committees of the two local fire companies have come up with the idea of creating a local fire department with a fire chief

who will have charge over all companies at local fires.

Prof. Liebig, instructor of German, has resigned at the request of the School Board, and the classes in that language have been abandoned.

Prof. F. H. Taylor was formally sworn into office Saturday as the new County Superintendent of Schools.

The children of the late Mrs. Martha Snyder McLaughlin have presented the Christ Church with a handsomely bound Bible for pulpit use.

110 YEARS AGO
May 14, 1908

There is no graduating class in Forest City this year. The school board has voted to add an additional year to the high school course of study.

The new washery at the Forest City breaker is nearing completion.

George Jones caught a five and one-half pound eel in Cottrell Pond on Friday.

The Forest City Electric Light Co. will apply for a franchise from Vandling Council to supply power to that borough.

Upwards of 300 citizens with Attorney G. W. Maxey and Col. F. J. Osgood at their head, paraded the streets Friday night in search of the Burgess and Council members to protest against the remodeling of the Forest City Borough Building.

120 YEARS AGO
May 12, 1898

The new Greek Catholic Church on Susquehanna Street nearing completion is rapidly nearing completion.

Coal in paying veins has been found on the farm of William Varcoe.

The Up-Town Businessmen beat the Down-Town Businessmen 29-15 in a baseball game Monday on the diamond across the Lackawanna.

130 YEARS AGO
May 10, 1888

Coal from the eight foot Clifford Mine veins is now being mined and prepared for market.

Milk is being sold locally for five cents a quart.

The Knights of Labor have started a cooperative store in the Martin Barrett building.

F. W. Bivins and J. J. O'Boyle claim to be the big fishermen hereabouts. Yesterday they caught 34 large size trout.

Coming Events

May 16 - Women's Health Workshop, Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, Wed., 5:45 p.m., Check out on Facebook.

May 17 - Barking Cupcake sugar cookie baking & decorating class, Thurs., 6:30-8 p.m. Forest City Area Historical Society, \$30, reserve spot at 570-785-3030.

May 19 - Grand opening Andrew C. Mazza Memorial Health Center, Greenfield Twp., Sat., noon-3 p.m., games, food vendors.

May 20 - Purse bingo, Sun., Union Dale Methodist Church hall, 2 p.m., see member for tickets, no tickets sold at door.

May 22 - Parishioners of St. John's Russian Orthodox Cathedral, Mayfield, "take-out only" chicken parmigiana dinner, Tues., 4 & 6 PM, St. John's Center, 701 Hill Street, Mayfield. Tickets in advance 570-876-0730 or 570-876-3576. \$10 per person.

May 24 - Survivors of Suicide loss prevention group mtg., Thurs., 7 p.m., Wayne Memorial Hospital conference room #3.

May 26 - Aldenville Baptist Church, Rt. 170 Aldenville, HUGE annual Indoor-Outdoor rummage sale & yard sale, Sat., 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bargain hour, noon - 1 p.m.

May 26 - Arts THRIVE, Carbondale, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., free community event, info call Lisa 570-954-9443 or email lisa@LCSolutionsLLC.com.

May 26 - Stone Soup Kitchen at Christ Church, FREE community luncheon, Christ Episcopal Church, corner of Delaware and Dundaff Streets, Forest City, Sat., noon to 1:30 p.m.

May 26 - Lakewood rabies clinic, Northern Wayne Fire Hall, Rte. 370, rabies \$7, distemper, \$15; Dr. Douglas F. Cauci, DVM, Orson Corners Vet Clinic, 570-727-2474.

May 27 - Sun., Hometown Heroes, 1 p.m., Forest City Historical Society at museum.

June 2 - 4th annual Cruzin' 2 Browndale car show, Sat., 11 a.m., Browndale Fire Co. No. 1, Check them out on Facebook or email browndalefire@gmail.com.

June 3 - Mountain View Garden Club plant exchange, Sun., Clifford Twp. Community Center, 1-3 p.m., marketplace 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; 570-222-3591 or jodihall@nep.net.

Most likely around 1951 or around that time. Mr. Zalesky-- we called him ZIP was my homeroom teacher. When you got in trouble with him-- he would point at you and wiggle his finger for you to come to his desk.

He had a ruler-- about 1 inch across and he would grab your hand and bend it over--palm up and wack it with the ruler.

Point to your seat and not a word was spoken. We had to do penmanship class and it was not one of my favorite things to do for an hour each day. I would have rather been out on the culm banks picking coal and getting dirty. The ink was sort of a light blue-green and it came in large bottles that were kept in the copy room.

I did not like the color of the ink and when it was poured into the inkwell in my desk I would get some color dye and play with changing it to a more respective color.

It was just like mixing ink when printing. I liked purple and it was real easy to change it to purple. All of the kids loved the color but I would not give them the formula.

The pens were a piece of wood with a steel tip. UUKK might as well be writing with a quill and feather. Penmanship was not for me.

I tried to do the exercises but my papers still looked like a bunch of chickens ran over them.

Connie Scepta sat in front of me and she wore braids. HA--HA. I dipped the ends into my inkwell and not to ofar-- and the ends turned a spectacular

COLOR OF PURPLE. WOW Today the girls color their hair like that but at that time it was unheard of.



Week of May 21
MON. - Boneless wings w/sauce or BBQ, oven crisp fries, seasoned green beans.

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

WED. - Tortellini alfredo, garlic bread stick, garden salad, steamed broccoli.

THURS. - Cheese stix, sauce, garden salad, glazed carrot coins, chick p's & to-mato salad.

FRI. - Steak & cheese hoagie, peppers & onions, sweet potato puffs, fruited Jello.

Alternates (HS) alternates: Orange chicken o'rice, chicken ranch wrap (Ele) Hot dog, ham & cheese, sun butter & jelly

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cinnamon glazed toast sticks

Tuesday - Egg & cheese on croissant

Wednesday - Assorted yogurt w/Zee-Zee 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.*

Susquehanna - Two U. S. troop trains stopped at this place for a short time. The trains were enroute from the west to the seaboard and carried a full regiment of soldiers. One train was from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and the soldiers aboard marched for a short time on Main street, it being the first they had been off the cars for four days, and a little exercise seemed very welcome to them. They looked rugged and in first-class condition. ALSO Even if all our young men are called to the firing line, the home will still be defended by the women. We had evidence of what the gentler sex can do with firearms. A marauding crowd developed a fondness for baby chicks at A. k. Loomis' farm. The son of that household is serving Uncle Sam, but a daughter, Miss Georgia Loomis, armed herself with a gun, went after Mr. Crow and got him with the first shot.

Montrose - Electrician H. A. Lyons has just completed wiring the "Homestead Inn" for the Bible Conference Association. Mr. Lyons has also lately wired Edgar A. Turrell's residence on Maple street for electric lights. ALSO Mrs. Mary Dennis, of Wilkes-Barre, will lecture at the Library, May 22, at 7:30 o'clock. Subject: "Race Betterment." The colored people will render several songs. A silver offering will be taken at the door. [Mary Dennis was the wife of Sumner Dennis, the great-great-grandson of Prince Perkins and his wife Judith, free African-Americans who moved to northeastern Pennsylvania from Connecticut in 1793. The land is now part of the Dennis Farm Charitable Land Trust in Brooklyn Township.]

Brackney - Mother's Day will be observed at the Silver Lake Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock. The general subject will be "The Christian Home" and those who attend are requested to bring choice thoughts in prose or verse, showing the glory of the Christian life in the home. Rev. E. P. Essick, who lately assumed the pastorate of the church, was a caller in Montrose on Tuesday. Mr. Essick is a gentleman whom it is a delight to meet and converse with. He is a graduate of Princeton University and his learning and a scholastic career have but served to bring him in closer touch with the common people. That he is the type of the real pastor is indicated by his walking both ways from the lake, covering the distance of over 20 miles the same day.

Franklin Twp. - Stephen Augustus Smith, who died in a fire at his home, March 2nd, 1918, enlisted on the 23d day of September, 1862, in the 151st Regiment, Co. C, Pennsylvania Volunteers and was discharged on the 27th day of July, 1863. He served his country faithfully and well. He was with us at Chancellorsville and with us raced with Lee at Gettysburg from White Oak Church, Virginia, he being in the first army corps under General Reynolds, and we were able to overtake Lee by hard marching in Gettysburg, so he was obliged to fight us on that historic battleground. No better soldier ever shouldered a gun in defense of his country. He was duty sergeant of Co. C. Some of our people seem to forget the deeds of patriotism of the men who gave their services to their country in 1862 to 1865. They seem to forget that 1500 men enlisted from old Susquehanna county; they think this war as draining the country dry, but wait until they get a quarter of the quota. But us old fellows are glad that the government is able to give the boys of today something besides hard tack and pork for rations, and I tell you we are somewhat jealous of their stunning uniforms and know that they will nobly defend the country and flag and the honor of their sires. We old soldiers of the past are fast being conscripted to that vast army up yonder, where there shall be no more wars or rumors of wars. From a Comrade in the same company with Comrade Smith.

Great Bend - While at her duties in the West Side Grocery Store, recently, Miss Loretta Donovan, of this place, fell down the cellar stairs breaking two bones in her right foot, besides receiving a gen-

eral shake-up to the whole system. Thompson - Miss Daisy Scheuer, who was born and reared in this place, is now a trained nurse with the American hospital forces in France. She writes that she is in a beautiful spot among the mountains close enough to hear the guns every day. They have six hospitals and can take care of about 1800 patients. This used to be a summer resort and they are using the vacant hotel buildings, two of them being for French or allies and they are mighty glad to see American nurses.

Forest City - Committees of the two Forest City hose companies have been in conference with the idea of creating a local fire department with a fire chief who will have charge over all companies at local fires. A very good idea.

Clifford - A stock company has been formed by Clifford township farmers to engage in the manufacture of cheese. The company has purchased the skimming station at Elkdale and is erecting an addition to the building and expect to have it completed so as to be ready to receive milk before the flush comes.

Uniondale - On Memorial Sunday members of Mathew McPherson Post G. A. R., will attend the morning service in the M. E. church. The members will also meet next Saturday to make arrangements for the proper observance of Memorial Day which takes place 2 weeks from today. If the weather will permit the exercises will be held in the open. If not in the Methodist church.

200 Years Ago Today from the Montrose Gazette, Saturday, May 16, 1818.

*ANOTHER RUNAWAY. Stephen M. Rodman, of Rush township, in this county, has absconded to Ohio indebted to me for papers. I caution all printers from being cheated by this rascal as I have been. It has become very fashionable for persons indebted to make Ohio trips; but all persons indebted to me had better pay me off before they start or their characters shall follow them. [The editor]

*NOTICE. Whereas John Doolittle, my son, aged eighteen years, absconded on Monday last: These are therefore to forbid all persons harboring or trusting him under the penalty of the law. DAVID DOOLITTLE. Bridgewater, April 15, 1818.

*BORROWED BOOKS. Persons who have borrowed books of the subscriber are requested to return them as soon as possible and receive his thanks. DAVIS DIMOCK. May 2, 1818

*FOR SALE. The subscriber will sell the Farm on which he now lives, in Middletown township, lying on the Milford and Owego turnpike, containing 150 acres, 40 of which are under improvement, with a log house and two barns, one of which is a frame well covered. Said farm is well adapted to grain or grazing. Terms will be made easy. CHARLES LINCOLN. Middletown, May 14, 1818.

Senior MENU

Week of May 21
Monday - Chef salad w/ chicken, potato salad, ww roll, mandarin orange delight.

Tuesday - Yankee Pot Roast, carrots & green beans, mashed potatoes, ww roll, oatmeal cookie.

Wednesday - Chicken Scampi, ww noodles, mixed veggies, garlic bread, raspberry peaches.

Thursday - Swedish meatballs on ww noodles, peas & carrots, fruit cocktail.

Friday - Glazed ham, sweet potatoes, brussel sprouts, ww roll, cherry gelatin.

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

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