

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
May 28, 2008

The Forest City Lions Club held a symposium last week and invited public officials to try to get local governments to cooperate on community projects.

Southern Traditions Cafe has opened at 508 Main Street and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Wilkes University sophomore Andrew Seaman will be interning at USA Today headquarters in McLean, VA this Summer.

Dr. Mike Kowalewski of Montrose was recognized by the Penn State Dairy Science Club at "Young Dairy Leader" for 2008.

Taylor Rae Tammero and Logan Fitzsimmons were the recipients of this year's Eighth Grade Medal awards.

Deaths: Kimberly A. Hunt, Forest City; David J. Nenish, West Scranton; Joseph J. Washburn, Thompson; Mary Petronchak, Starlight.

20 YEARS AGO
May 27, 1998

Forest City Regional School Board again discussed the possible inclusion of Advanced Placement (AP) classes in the school curriculum. No consensus could be reached by the board.

It was a rare blood disease, Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (TTP), that ended the life of Millie Opeka, Herrick Center, on April 28, a longtime employee of Cooley's Store, Forest City.

Thompson Borough has been awarded a \$7243 state grant to help ensure that the official municipal sewage treatment plant meets state mandated standards.

Deaths: Theodore F. Sershen, Forest City.

30 YEARS AGO
May 26, 1978

Mrs. Cecelia Walsh, widow of Mayor Joseph Walsh, assumed the role of Mayor following her husband's death recently. She will serve out his one-and-a-half-year term.

Christ Episcopal Church, on the corner of Dundaff and Delaware Streets, Forest City, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

Dr. Mike Sterchak, Forest City, was the second local resident in three days to register a hole-in-one at Elkview Country Club.

J&C Restaurant took the second half championship of the Ladies Bowling League.

Deaths: Romayne Keegan, Lake Como; Harold Dempsey, formerly of Jermy.

40 YEARS AGO
May 25, 1978

Patrick Fitzsimmons, Brown-dale, is assigned to a guided missile destroyer with homeport at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

AIC Anthony O'Koren, Susquehanna Street, has earned an associate degree at Westley College and will continue under the ROTC program at the University of Maryland.

Zoning Officer Henry Tusar advises all residents that any residents building new structures or adding to existing buildings must secure a permit.

Mayor Joseph Walsh has vetoed an ordinance which would have made Delaware Street one-way from North Street to Dundaff Street for the winter months.

Joe Machek, Brown-dale, related to the News how he had three ships torpedoed from under him during World War 11.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Kuzzacavage, Simpson; Trevor Sheare, Carbondale.

50 YEARS AGO
May 30, 1968

The seventieth annual commencement of the Forest City Regional High School will be held Friday evening, May 31, in the high school auditorium.

The annual American Legion awards program was held last Friday afternoon at the Forest City Regional High School. William W. Feddock Sr., Commander of Legion Post #524, presented the medal to Sandra Cross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cross, Union Dale, and Gerard Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard

Walsh, Forest City. Runners-up were Karen Prezelski and Lawrence Coar. The program was arranged by Mrs. Ann Genis, assisted by William Clark. Music was presented by Mrs. Helen Bryant.

Sgt. Joseph Drop, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Drop Sr., Richmondale, has helped his Air Force Communications Service organization in Vietnam earn the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Edward Murphy, of the Forest City Regional High School, has been elected secretary of the Susquehanna County Association of Guidance Counselors.

60 YEARS AGO
May 29, 1958

The Forest City News was informed that the Brown-dale bridge project will not be included in this year's highway program.

Sixty students will receive diplomas in exercises to be held at the Freedman Theatre.

The Forest City Joint School Board passed a uniform tax levy for all four member districts.

The 56th annual commencement of the Pleasant Mount Vocational High School will be held tonight in the school. Nineteen will graduate.

James A. Rodman passed away in the VA Hospital, Wilkes Barre, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Louis Shema was installed as president of the Forest City Joint PTA.

70 YEARS AGO
May 27, 1948

Enterprise Hose Co. signed a contract to purchase a 500 gpm American LaFrance pumper to be mounted on a Chevrolet truck purchased from Hornbeck Chevrolet Sales Co.

Frank W. Gaydosh was nominated president of the Forest City Lions Club. The Club voted a \$100 donation to the local recreation program.

Vandling High School will hold commencement exercises June 8th. Top honor students are Harriet Bartholomay, Joan Bartholomay and Emma Ann Evans.

Pleasant Mount High School will hold commencement exercises May 28th. Top honors will go to Marian Medved, valedictorian, and Betty Jones, salutatorian.

The Very Rev. Msgr. Joseph Milauskas, former local resident, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Scranton, has been promoted to the dignity of rank of domestic prelate.

Deaths: Edmond Varcoe, Clinton Twp.; Michael Bobick, a Vandling native in Throop; Joseph Asherman, former local businessman, in Carbondale.

80 YEARS AGO
May 26, 1938

Ninety seniors will receive diplomas at Forest City High School commencement exercises in Freedman Theatre on June 3rd.

Kenneth Tusar and Frank Chudzinski, members of the 1938 graduating class, have attained perfect attendance records of 12 years in Forest City schools.

Rev. F. M. Jevnik, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, sailed yesterday for a two-month visit in Hungary, and Germany.

Rev. Francis J. Gleason and Rev. Cletus J. Benjamin, local natives, will offer their first solemn Masses on Sunday. Rev. Gleason will celebrate his Mass in St. Agnes Church, and Rev. Benjamin, in Philadelphia.

90 YEARS AGO
May 31, 1928

The Forest City Borough Council has joined other regional municipalities in protesting the proposed increased rates of the Scranton Water Company.

A Dunn's Lake farmer's intent to capitalize on the situation charged the curious twenty-five cents each to trespass his fields to view an airplane that made a forced landing on his farm.

As a guide to local traffic, the "Silent Cop," a highway marker, has been placed at the Main and Dundaff streets intersection.

J. Neil Cable of Union Dale is a member of this year's class of the School of Commerce at Temple University, Philadelphia, where

he will receive a B.S. degree. He has been working in the advertising department of the Philadelphia Bulletin to help pay his college tuition.

100 YEARS AGO
May 30, 1918

The local district Red Cross Drive netted over \$7,500 in its current drive. The area quota was \$5,000.

The Chief of Police has issued strict orders against ball playing on the local streets.

Rev. T. A. O'Malley, curate of St. Rose Church, Carbondale, has been appointed pastor of St. James Church, Pleasant Mount, succeeding the late Rev. Thomas J. Croghan.

Frank Puchnick and Fred Gun-sauls have arrived safely "Somewhere in France", according to word received here by their parents.

110 YEARS AGO
May 28, 1908

The First National Bank of Forest City is third in the state and seventy-fourth in the United States on the Roll of Honor of banks with \$25,000 capital whose surplus exceeds their capital.

Saturday, May 30th, will mark the dedication of the new Sacred Heart Church.

The Forest City quarries, northwest of the borough, is a beehive of industry preparing for an enterprising season.

Tuesday's severe electric storm played havoc with the local telephone company's switchboard and lines.

120 YEARS AGO
May 28, 1898

The interior of the Christ Church has been wired and will be lighted with electricity hereafter.

Four young ladies, Misses Elizabeth Harting, Isabel Johnson, Kate Garres and Ida Mae Peasnell, graduated from Forest City Public schools at exercises last evening in Davis Opera House.

Fell Township School Directors are considering plans for a new school house in Vandling.

Assessors note that there are 196 voters and 219 children between the ages of 6 and 21 in Vandling, and in Richmondale 138 voters and 212 children.

130 YEARS AGO
May 24, 1888

Bishop O'Hara, together with Father Coffey of Carbondale, was in town Thursday and inspected the proposed site of the new Catholic Church on the corner of Dundaff and Delaware Streets. The Bishop expressed his approval of the site selected. The building of the edifice will proceed at once.

The Baptist Society has purchased a lot opposite the site chosen for the Catholic church and will erect a building thereon during the summer.

Pleasant Mount has been made a money order and postal note office.

The negro laborers in this vicinity will give a concert Decoration Day. They have given samples of their music on Sundays and pleasant evenings to scores of visitors.

Dr. Niles of Pleasant Mount was professionally engaged here Sunday.

Coming Events

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

June 2 - Clifford Vacation Bible School committee car wash Sat., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lenoxville United Methodist Church, Rte. 374. \$5 hand wash, \$5 vacuum or both \$10.

June 2 - Clinton Center Baptist Church yard sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 1000 Rte. 296, Belmont Turnpike, Waymart, bake sale.

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.

June 7 - Barking Cupcake, cupcake decorating class, Thurs., 6:30 - 8 p.m., Forest City Historical Society, 570-785-2343 to reserve your spot.

Senior MENU

Monday - Beef stroganoff, broccoli & carrots, ww noodles, rice pudding.

Tuesday - Centers Closed.

Wednesday - Open hot face pork sandwich, chicken veg rice soup, mashed potatoes, apple bread pudding.

Thursday - Sausage & peppers, tossed salad, steamed broccoli w/garlic, ww spaghetti, choco-vanilla pudding.

Friday - Chicken verona, savory spinach, herbed potatoes, ww roll, sorbet.

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, 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.

I can remember growing up as a recycler. All of the boys of Railroad Street used to pick junk at the dumps. Soda bottles to take back to the store for the deposit and also we took all of the iron and steel, brass and copper that we found and would save it until the SHEENEY, that is what we called the junk man, came to town to buy the stuff we saved. We received a few \$ for what we stockpiled.

I also recycled beer. I guess I thought that it was my job to recycle all of the beer that I could drink into Pee. I had alot of help with the BOYS. I can remember going up to Michelitis's Cafe, which was where Wivey's Place was on Main Street. Knock on the back door and she would open it. We would say that our Dad sent us up for 3 qts. of beer. They were 3 for \$1.00. All pooled their \$ to get up enough \$. She would go back in and come out with a brown bag with the beer.

We would go down the lumber yard and split it up. 6 or 7 kids and 3 qts of beer. WOW. Also remember one time, Chervink, Geno and me got a hold of a case of Gibbons Cans-24 in the case. It was warm and we took it to the tunnel above swinging bridge to put it in the cold water and chill it. Wow 3 into 24 is 8. No need to tell what happened. Ask Geno if you want to know.

Maybe he does not remember but I bet he does. I still love to recycle beer.



Week of June 4

MON. - Chicken & Cheese Hoagie, lett. & tom., Smiley fries, Calif. blend veggies.

TUES. - Mini Turkey Corn Dogs, oven crisp fries, seasoned green beans, 3-bean salad.

WED. - Rotini w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, salad, steamed broccoli, strawberry cup.

THURS. - Breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrot coins, roll.

FRI. - Pizza, salad, BBQ cauliflower.

Alternates (HS) alternates: Chicken quesadilla, hot wing hoagie, BBQ chicken wrap (E) Cereal, turkey & cheese, sun butter & jelly

BREAKFAST

Monday - Pancakes w/syrup
Tuesday - Cheese omelet w/donut holes

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.

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.nepnews.org

Montrose - Roger Spaulding was seriously injured Tuesday evening when an automobile ran him down as he was driving on the outskirts of town. Mr. Spaulding was severely cut about the head and badly bruised and shaken up by the collision and his carriage demolished. The horse also showed signs of hard treatment. The injured man stated that he heard no sound of an approaching machine and did not know anything until he was catapulted through the air, landing on the bank alongside the road. He was dazed but managed to get into a sitting position and saw an automobile vanishing without making any effort to assist him in his plight. He was brought to his home on Cliff street by passersby who found him lying in a semiconscious condition. He will recover. ALSO There will be no fireworks on the 4th of July. The output of every fireworks factory in the United States has been purchased by the War department and will be used in supplying the army with flares and signal lights.

New Milford - E. B. Norris, of Mexico, Wis., is visiting his twin sister, Mrs. Eliza B. Burdick, of New Milford. These remarkable twins are 85 years old and in excellent health considering their age.

Susquehanna - R. Frank Cowell, for some time employed at Owen's Hardware Store, has just purchased the Imperial restaurant of H. E. Pooler and has taken possession. He will devote his entire time to the interests of the new business which he has undertaken.

Rush - Lee Garrison, a Rush young man, employed on the Squires farm in Springville township, was struck by a bolt of lightning during a shower, bringing instant death. The young man had been plowing, and as the rain fell faster unhitched his team and started for the barn. While going through the open field, and not being in the vicinity of any trees, the bolt fell. His cap was shredded into fragments, a shoe torn from his foot, and the body badly burned. A horse in the team was also killed outright and the other seriously injured. Lee was nearly 21 years of age and a son of Mr. and Mrs. William Garrison, of Rush. He was a fine young man and his sad death has brought gloom to the hearts of his friends.

Springville - Mrs. Ruth M. Welch, of Lynn, is one of the county's oldest ladies. Mrs. Welch celebrated her 93d birthday on May 17. She is the oldest person in Springville Township.

Jackson - Word has been received that Corporal Floyd Waters had been wounded in France. Cpl. Waters, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Waters, is 18 years of age and has been in the service nearly a year.

New Milford - O. C. Whitney, whose crate factory at New Milford was recently destroyed by fire, has rented the tannery building and is installing his machinery there. He expects to be making crates again very soon.

Hop Bottom - Two automobiles collided just below the Hop Bottom bridge, Sunday evening. The largest machine took a flying leap down the bank into the creek. Boy Scouts were first to the rescue and assisted the three lady occupants out of the water. That the driver and ladies were not injured was truly miraculous. The machine was put in running order at Rynearson's garage. ALSO A large concourse of people were in attendance at the funeral services of the late Ed Smith, held from the Universalist church, May 18. Mr. Smith was a G. A. R. veteran and a very highly respected citizen.

Gibson - One of the saddest accidents that has occurred in Binghamton in years resulted in the death of Florentine Benson, formerly of this place, on Sunday afternoon. The child, who was 15 years of age, had alighted from a street car. As she was going to the curb a swiftly moving

automobile struck her, and the child clung to the machine desperately in an effort to escape falling. The driver of the car apparently, as soon as he realized he had hit the girl, put on more speed and after she had clung to the car for about 50 ft., she was obliged to release her hold. The wheels of the machine passed over her, crushing the skull and causing instant death. The driver sped on without waiting to see the result of the collision. The funeral was held in the Universalist church in Gibson and burial was in the Gibson cemetery.

Forest City - Architect J. J. Howley, of Scranton, has prepared plans for the enlargement and strengthening of St. Joseph's church. An addition of 36 feet will be made. Work, however, will not be started at once but will be started when St. Agnes' church is completed.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Gazette, May 30, 1818.

*LOST. Between the subscribers and Montrose on the 28th inst. 1 note of \$6 given to Mr. Huffman signed Edward Fuller, one of \$2.50 given to the subscriber signed Ezkl. Griffiths, one of \$2 given to the same signed Olcott Worthington, one of \$2.50 given signed Saml. Whited. I hereby caution the drawers of said notes against paying them to any person except myself. ITHAMER MOTT. New Milford, May 28, 1818.

*FRANCIS FORDHAM RESPECTFULLY informs his customers and the public in general that he has just received from New York and is now selling a general assortment of Dry

Goods & Groceries, likewise an assortment of Medicines, which he offers for sale cheap for Cash, Produce or Credit, (to those that have paid up all old accounts.) Those indebted on accounts, of long standing, must expect to find him very indifferent about trading more with them, until they have paid off the old score. He has lodged this day notes to the amount of between four and five hundred dollars with the justices, for collection, & will leave more shortly, unless they are settled. He has likewise a large amount on book that must be settled without delay. There is a time for all things: There is a time to go to meeting and a time to stay at home, a time to get trusted and a time to pay; a time to live and a time to prepare to die. And NOW is the time to settle up your accounts, & perhaps thereby save troubling another person with the settlement of them. Cash, Goods, Book accounts or notes paid for Skins or Hydes.

HYDROPHOBIA. A melancholy instance of this dreadful disease occurred in Richmond a few weeks ago—a boy of 14, who was bit in the hand, was attacked with all the symptoms of the disease about 6 weeks after the wound was entirely healed. He died in the greatest agony upon the fourth day. The India stone, generally applied in such cases, was placed upon the wound a few hours after the accident happened, and other medical remedies were also given. He appeared to experience no uneasy sensations from the time he was bit until the symptoms of the hydrophobia appeared; but attended school as usual. This furnishes another proof to many others, of the inefficacy of the India stone which has frequently sold for several thousand dollars.

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