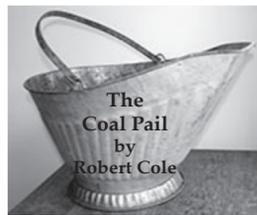


LOOKING BACK

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.nep.com



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.

10 YEARS AGO
April 30, 2008
North Main Grill will open its doors on May 5 at 1318 North Main Street, Forest City.

PJK's Restaurant, Main Street, Forest City, has decided to close its doors.

The Northeastern Pennsylvania Telephone Co. began installation of utility poles in the VISION 2000 Industrial Park.

Senator Lisa Baker visited the Forest City Regional Pre-K during the "Week of the Young Reader."

Forest City Beverage captured the 2nd Half Title in the Men's Bowling League.

Yoga classes will now be offered at Studio Be on Main Street in Forest City.

Deaths: Mary Roman, Forest City; Mary Lou Woytach, Dunmore; John F. Dorfingler, Waymart; Margaret I. Kurtz, formerly of Forest City; Casimir Lut-cavage, born in Forest City; Wayne D. Jennings, South Gibson; Clark Cable, Sr., Union Dale; William C. Murray, born in Richmondale.

20 YEARS AGO
April 29, 1998

A total of 18 students were inducted into the FCRS Chapter of the National Honor Society at Genetti's Restaurant. The principal speaker was Dr. William Conlogue, Assistant Professor of English at Marywood University.

The local Lions Club will mark their 50th anniversary of service to the area with a dinner at Montdale Country Club. Frank Gliha is the president of the organization.

What started out to be a local training session sponsored by the Browndale Fire Co. turned out to be a large showing of area fire apparatus. Over 25 pieces of fire apparatus were in attendance.

Deaths: Tracy E. Gotts, Forest City; Carmella M. Barrow Buonomo, Carbondale; A. Ray Fronduti, RR 1, Forest City.

30 YEARS AGO
April 28, 1988

Officials from the PA Dept. of Transportation met last week with the consultants selected to work on preliminary engineering and environmental studies for the proposed Lackawanna Valley Industrial Highway.

William P. McAndrew, a Certified Financial Planner, has been appointed to manage the Financial Planning Dept. of Community Bank & Trust Co.

The Hoagie Hut on Main Street will close on April 30.

A local group of individuals wants a second cable company in the Forest City area to compete with Commonwealth Cable.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Cerar, formerly of Vandling; Cleo McClelland, formerly of Pleasant Mount; Aurora Darling, formerly of Forest City; Kathryn Renczkowski, Forest City; Jack Roth, New York.

40 YEARS AGO
April 27, 1978

Sister Ann Patrice Murnock, of Sisters of St. Joseph, marked her Silver Jubilee in the Sisterhood.

Seven members of the Forest City Lions Club will be honored as 30 Year Members at the Club's 30th Anniversary Dinner-Dance this Saturday. They are: Dr. Philip Henstell, Abe Nudelman, Dr. Ward Jones, Joseph Miskovsky, Edwin Bloxham, Joseph Kameen and Paul Kameen.

Holly Gardner is named stage manager of FCRHS production "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."

Robert Konchar, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Konchar, elected president of the PreMed Honor Society of the University of Scranton.

Ed Monahan of Elk Mtn. begins weekly column on birds.

Local businessman William J. Kameen died Monday after a long illness. Other deaths: Michael Shaggy, Simpson; Julius Kolowitz, well-known amateur boxer and decorated WWII hero, died in Partin, N.J.

50 YEARS AGO
May 2, 1968

Ida Freedman, 61, a native of Forest City, and a New York City

motion picture press agent, was found dead Thursday, April 25th, in his apartment in New York City, the victim of a heart attack.

Miss Margaret Kane, Newark, N.J., a former Forest City resident, died Monday in City Hospital, Newark, as the result of injuries received in an auto accident a few days before in New Jersey. She was a daughter of the late Sylvester and Anna Cleary Kane.

Frances Bostjancic, a pharmacist at Kelly's Pharmacy for ten years, has assumed ownership of the business as of May 1, 1968. Paul Kelly, former proprietor, has accepted a position as pharmacist at the Veterans Hospital, Wilkes-Barre.

60 YEARS AGO
April 30, 1958

The Army Engineer Corps, in charge of the construction of the Stillwater Dam project, announces that several positions are now open for qualified and experienced persons.

Stanley A. Cimochowski, Brown Dale, graduated from Penna. State Police Training School, Hershey.

James Arrowsmith died last Thursday in St. Joseph's Hospital, Carbondale, where he was admitted the day before.

The Ruby Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Forest, City, honored Mrs. Louise Bayless, Worthy Matron, at a banquet held at Hotel American, Carbondale.

70 YEARS AGO
April 29, 1948

Spring primaries show Guy B. Robinson winner in the Republican State Senatorial nomination. Harold G. Wescott was elected Representative in General Assembly, and Wilson D. Gillette, Congressman.

Brown Dale Brownies completed negotiations with Hudson Coal Co. for use of Bill Gerdine Field.

Forest City Borough Council protests removal of State Unemployment Office from town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ostanek, Brown Dale, observe Silver Wedding anniversary.

Full military honors were accorded Pfc. Frank Moser at funeral services held Monday. Private Moser's body was returned home for burial. He was killed in France on D-Day.

80 YEARS AGO
April 28, 1938

The Brown Dale Hose Co. has come to agreement with Union Dale Borough relative to furnishing fire protection. The charge will be \$25 for a fire with a minimum of \$50 per year.

The Forest City Softball League has been organized with a ten team schedule to get underway the last week in May.

Vandling School District has received \$15,000 from the State fund to aid such distressed districts.

Work on the Freedman Theatre, long closed, shows progress. It is expected that the renovated movie house will be open by June 1st.

90 YEARS AGO
May 3, 1928

A titanic sleet and snow storm of midwinter proportion blanketed this region with several inches of snow on April 27.

Excavation for the new grade school building on Hudson Street is completed. Workmen are now progressing on foundation forms.

Postmaster W. L. Davies was re-appointed as postmaster of Forest City for another four-year term.

Martin Meka sustained a fractured skull when he was hit by a car while roller skating with a group of companions on the highway north of the borough last Thursday evening.

Theron B. Dimmick, 83, Union Dale veteran of the Civil War, died Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edson Reeder.

100 YEARS AGO
May 2, 1918

A compliment of twenty-one Mexican immigrants are living at the tenement house at 417 Delaware Street. They are employed by the Hudson Coal Co.

Lawrence Sapudiar is moving to his recently purchased farm near Dimock Corners in Herrick Township.

Union Dale High School commencement exercises were held Tuesday. The graduates were Sarah Carpenter, Dorothy Crane, Mary Reynolds and Raymond Tuttle.

The Class of 1918, Forest City High School, will hold graduation exercises on June 10th.

The Community was saddened by the death of Joseph F. Miskell, well known locally, who died in service in France.

110 YEARS AGO
April 30, 1908

A charter for the Tri-County Fair Association has been granted. The Association will hold its racing meet on July Fourth at the Union Dale Fair Grounds.

The school house at Richmond Dale is being taken down. The breaker, store and all but a half dozen of the red company houses have also been removed.

Charles Woods, one of Vandling's oldest residents, died Friday following an attack of pneumonia.

Holt and Box were awarded the contract to remodel the Borough Building and the petition to place a watering trough in front of the building was referred to a committee.

NO 110 YEARS AGO
120 YEARS AGO
April 26, 1888

Public school begins Monday for the summer session.

Coal of a very superior quality has been struck at a depth of 278 feet at the Clifford shaft.

H. E. Cooley, who for some time was employed by H. F. Aldrich, local hardware and plumbing dealer, has opened a tin shop in Montrose.

John Turnbull, 15-year-old son of Tom Turnbull, was fatally injured in the "Old Shaft" Monday when run over by a loaded car while at work as a driver.

Coming Events

May 3 - 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 6 - Union Dale Vol. Fire Co. chicken BBQ, Sun., take-outs only, \$9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., tickets pre-sold by any member or Tom Yale 570-679-2589. www.uniondale-fire.com.

May 13 - St. John's Russian Orthodox Church, Dundaff (off Route 247), annual Mother's Day Dinner, Sun., takeouts 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dinner servings noon until sold out, \$12 adults, \$6 children. 570-955-8758 or 570-585-8940.

May 15 - Clifford UM Church chicken 'n biscuit or ham dinner, Tues., 4-6 p.m., take-out or dine-in, \$9.95 includes dinner, drink & dessert.

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

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.



Week of May 7
Monday - Fish piccata, Italian green beans, tomato bisque, orzo pilaf, crackers, fresh fruit salad.

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

Wednesday - Sausage & peppers, tossed salad, steamed broccoli w/garlic, ww spaghetti.

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

Friday - Pepper steak w/ gravy, glazed carrots, brown rice, pineapple dream.

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

Forest City - Friday afternoon's Liberty Loan parade was a great success. The Forest City division, headed by the local police, the Forest City band, Grand Marshall, F. M. Gardiner and staff, and borough officials headed the line. They were followed by the Women's Liberty Loan committees and members of the Red Cross. The Boy Scouts were next in line followed by a soldier and sailor dragging an effigy of the Kaiser. The school children, of the public and Polish schools, over a thousand strong, each room accompanied by the teacher, made an inspiring division. The third division was the hose companies. A great patriotic demonstration, which included a parade in Vandling all totaled, according to the newspapers, 3,000 people in line. ALSO In the ripeness of vigorous manhood, Joseph Miskell, one of the best-known young men of this vicinity, paid "the last measure of devotion" to his country while serving the flag in France. He was a member of the 117 Signal Corps and was killed by an accidental explosion. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Miskell, former residents, and from infancy lived here until about two years ago.

Auburn 4 Corners and Dimock - Verdrie Hibbard and family have moved over [to] the creamery, as Verdrie is the new creamery manager. The creamery at Dimock has started up and the [Elk] Lake people are taking their milk there.

Montrose - Carl Smith, a local colored young man, was called to army service Monday, the lone soldier to go at that time, but the citizens of Montrose saw to it that he had a great send-off, just the same. A large number gathered, including the band and patriotic organizations and escorted him to the Lehigh Valley station and gave him the same attention as if he were a regiment. ALSO John Randolph Cooley, Civil War veteran and dean of Montrose businessmen, died Friday morning, April 26, aged 75 years. Deceased was the oldest businessman in Montrose, being actively connected with the present hardware firm 45 years. Although a veteran of the Civil War he refused the office of Captain, saying that others were better qualified to fill that position. He took an active part in securing the L & M railroad here and was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church. The G. A. R. and Sons and Daughters of Veterans attended his funeral in a body. He is survived by his wife and son, Harry E. Cooley, of Montrose.

Lenox - George W. McCarty, formerly of this place, who has conducted the Central Dairy, in Scranton, is now nicely located in his new store at 701 Quincy Avenue, and a handsomer business place it would be difficult to imagine. It occupies a corner location, and George keeps everything as neat as wax.

Harford - W. H. Richardson has purchased a fine Maxwell and his son, Clarence, is chauffeur. He was sighted in South Harford with it Saturday night and drives splendidly.

Susquehanna -Susquehanna has a Liberty Loan clock that was made in the Erie shops for the local committee and placed on Main street, opposite the post-office. The platform is draped with bunting and flags wave above it. ALSO The oldest man in this county, and one of the best known and beloved residents of this town, is Frederick D. Lyons, who lately passed his 99th birthday. He was born in Colerain, Mass., in 1819, in the home of his

grandfather, David Lyons, and remembers his grandmother telling the story of his grandfather participating in the "Boston Tea Party," evidence of this being, as she related it, that she found some of the tea in his shoes the next morning. Mr. Lyons came to Lanesboro in April 1848, where he engaged in the mercantile business. [In the collection of the Susquehanna County Historical Society is a painting, circa 1848, showing a part of Lanesboro and Mr. Lyons' store.] In 1858 he removed to Susquehanna, where he also carried on a large business. He married Mary A. Hull in 1851 and celebrated almost 60 years of marriage before her death in 1911. Because of failing eyesight Mr. Lyons has been incapacitated, but until three years ago he opened his place of business every morning.

Little Meadows - Lieut. Leigh Pendleton, of Camp Meade, is home on a 15-day furlough. ALSO W. D. Minkler, chairman of the Liberty Loan committee, reports that \$3,000 has been raised in this small borough.

Dimock - Pepper & Birchard, in Montrose, have just sold two fine touring cars to Percy Ballantine—a Dodge and a Nash Six. Mr. Ballantine, of Loudon Hill Farms, is an authority on motor cars and his purchase of these machines ought to recommend them to others.

Springville - The commencement exercises of the High school will be held in the M. E. church on May 10. The members of the class are Misses Ruth Strickland, Vivian Risley, Ralph Button and Erlis Smales. The Springville Methodist church will also celebrate its 25th anniversary on May 10. It was dedicated May 10 1893, the Revs. Austin Griffin and Thomas Harroun preaching the sermons.

Ham & roast Beef dinner Sat., May 5

Pleasant Mount Emergency Services will hold a ham and roast beef dinner on Saturday, May 5, from 4 to 7 p.m. The buffet will include ham, roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dinner rolls and cupcakes.

The cost is \$12 for an adult and \$7 for children under 10. The dinner will be held at the Pleasant Mount dining hall, 389 Great Bend Tpke., Pleasant Mount. For more information go to PMES28.com or call 570-448-2963.

Thompson Hose Co. Bingo on Every Sunday

The Thompson Hose Co. will hold a Bingo Every Sunday Afternoon until May 27. Doors/Kitchen Open at 12:30

Early Bird Starts at 1:15 and Regular Bingo at 2:00. Take Out of 16" Round Pizzas \$12, \$2 per topping, & Wings (Hot, Mild, Garlic, Honey Mustard, BBQ) \$10 doz. & \$5 1/2 doz. are available until 5:00

Call 570-727-2431 during Open Kitchen Hours.



Week of May 7

MON. - Chicken strips, dipping sauces, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrot coins, 3-bean mix-up.

TUES. - Turkey BBQ sandwich, oven crisp fries, green beans.

WED. - Penne Pasta w/meat balls, garlic breadstick, garden salad, steamed broccoli.

THURS. - Macaroni & cheese quesadilla, garden salad, two-toned peas & corn, frozen fruit popsicle.

FRI. - Pizza, salad, winter blend veggies.

Alternates (HS) alternates: Homemade pepperoni & cheese calzone, BBQ chicken wrap (E)le Cereal, turkey & cheese, sun butter & jelly

BREAKFAST
Monday - Cinnamon glazed toast sticks

Tuesday - Egg & cheese on croissant

Wednesday - Assorted yogurt w/Zee-Zeebar

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.

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