

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
June 25, 2008

Another early morning Vandling fire was ruled arson by the State Fire Marshall. It was on the rear porch of 502 Main Street. Forest City Regional School taxpayers with homestead/farmstead approval will see \$259 in school tax relief.

Three administrators at Forest City Regional School were granted pay increases. Patricia Chesnick, Donna Fortuner, and Mary Lee Martines received raises. Local Barber Paul Ferraro has been a barber in Forest City for 35 years this month.

On Monday, June 16, Community Bank & Trust Company's Forest City Branch office closed due to a failure of the equipment and communication lines to function between the Forest City Branch and the Bank's Operations Dept. in Clarks Summit.

Deaths: Harold J. McCusker Jr., Peckville; Ann "Nancy" Lavin, formerly of Carbondale; Anna E. Gamble, Forest City.

20 YEARS AGO
June 24, 1998

Forest City Regional School Board passed its final budget for the 1998-99 school year, providing a tax increase for all municipalities in the district.

Pleasant Mount plans to celebrate 200th anniversary at July 4th celebration.

Sarah Weber and Jennifer Trusky are selected as OHW Mardi Gras queens.

Julie M. Wilmont, Union Dale, received her pharmacy degree.

Laura Harvatine, daughter of Carl and Nancy Harvatine, received her doctor of medicine degree.

Deaths: Josephine Grum, Forest City; Domenica Minnie Szalzo, Carbondale; Anna C. Burshnick, Simpson; Patrick J. Rowland, Simpson; Edward A. Zaverl, Cape Coral, FL, born in Forest City; Zane A. Singer, Gunnison, CO; Elizabeth Yankauskas, Clifford; Judith Gursky, Scranton, born in Carbondale.

30 YEARS AGO
June 23, 1988

William Boyle of Carbondale has been appointed Manager of Community Bank & Trust Co.'s new Carbondale office.

The Forest City Regional School Board Passed a 10 mill tax increase for taxes to be levied in July.

At age 89, Byron Gummo, RD 1, Forest City, took his first airplane ride.

Community Bank & Trust Co. of Forest City conducted a groundbreaking last Friday for their new branch office in Lakewood.

Deaths: Joseph Wisniewski, RD 1, Forest City; Frederick C. Soete, Honesdale; E. Willis Avery, Beach Lake; Maggie Parker, Pleasant Mount.

40 YEARS AGO
June 22, 1978

The Forest City Regional School has taken a strong stand against drugs by adopting strict regulations against drug use by students.

Anne Warhola elected Le Chapeau of local 8 & 40 group.

State Trooper Joseph Shamro, formerly of here, presents flag which flew over Capitol to local Legion Post.

Frank Sheroshek, RD 2, Forest City, awarded Rensselaer Science Medal at Forest City Regional.

David Susco on dean's list at Duquesne University.

Toni Skarbez receives Ryder Award as leader in extracurricular activities at Drexel University.

Dr. LeRoy Gerchman, Allentown, caught a 60 lb. king mackerel off Cancun, Mexico, which exceeded the 1977 world record by 8 pounds.

Deaths: Mrs. John (Mary) Bodnar, Higgins St.; Ensign Varcoe, Curtis Valley.

50 YEARS AGO
June 27, 1968

The News gives Forest City Lions Club its congratulations on the 20th anniversary of their es-

tablishment. Our best wishes also go to the officers and members for the continued success of the fine group who work continuously for the betterment of this area.

Edward J. Kollar, assistant professor of anatomy and biology at the Illinois University, has been announced as a winner of the 1968 Llewellyn John and Harriet Manchester Awards, the nation's oldest prize for outstanding undergraduate instruction.

Miss Marilyn Kameen, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A.J. Kameen, Forty Fort, has been named to the Dean's List at Rosemont College, Rosemont, Pa.

60 YEARS AGO
June 28, 1958

The ninth annual reunion of the John H. Evans family was held at the Madison Hotel at Atlantic City, N.J., June 21-22.

Cadet 2/c Anthony Burshnick has recently been appointed Squadron Operation Officer of the 52nd Squadron of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Cadet Wing. As of the 2nd of August Cadet Burshnick will become Squadron Commander.

Army Nurse, Major Josephine M. Sever, daughter of Mrs. Mary Sever, 130 Grand Ave., was recently assigned to duty at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Frank Bostjancic, Hudson St., senior pharmacy student in Fordham University, is serving his apprenticeship at Kelly's Pharmacy, 517 Main St., under the supervision of Paul Kelly, proprietor of the local pharmacy.

70 YEARS AGO
June 24, 1948

Walkout of the Ames Plant — the plant closes after employees strike in union drive efforts. An aftermath of the strike, Burgess A.B. Cimochowski suspends Chief of Police Francis Mayers.

The Rev. Francis McGinley, pastor of St. Agnes Church since 1939, has been transferred to St. Thomas Church in Archbald. Rev. Thomas McCormick is assigned to Forest City.

Frank W. Gaydosch was re-named president of Forest City Lions Club.

Walter Mosher, Lakeside RD, Milford; a teacher in the Dickson School, has been ordained a Baptist minister in the Bridgewater Association.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fives, Delaware St., are observing their 40th anniversary on Sunday, June 20th.

80 YEARS AGO
June 23, 1938

Several local persons are said to have been duped when they purchased fake insurance policies from a woman alleged to have used an assumed name.

The Forest City High School Class of 1937, with forty-one members present, held a dinner-dance reunion at Narrowsburg Thursday evening.

Miss Mary Milota has accepted a teaching position in the Endicott High School.

90 YEARS AGO
June 28, 1928

The thirty-fifth anniversary of the St. Joseph's Branch of the KSKJ and the twentieth anniversary of St. Anne's Society were observed Sunday.

The Scranton Electric Co. has announced a cut from 10 to 12 percent in rates for this area.

Rates for water service to patrons of the Scranton Spring Brook Water Co. will not be raised before January 1, 1929.

100 YEARS AGO
June 27, 1918

William Sredenshek incurred a fractured left arm when the ladder he was using to fix sun shades broke and he fell from the front porch of the Forest House to the sidewalk eighteen feet below.

Sunday, the second day of the summer season, the mercury stood at two degrees above the freezing mark.

John Zebrowski, Hudson St., has been notified of the death of his brother, Stanley, who was killed in action in France.

Mrs. F.M. Gardner has been appointed District Deputy Grand Matron for the Order of the Eastern Star.

110 YEARS AGO
June 25, 1908

The injunction case of the Forest City Taxpayers Assoc. against the Borough Council has another hearing in court this week and will be continued.

The Bell Telephone is negotiating with the Northeastern Penna. Telephone Co. for a connection at Forest City.

The Union Dale Agricultural Society is planning a gala Fourth of July celebration at the Union Dale Fair Grounds.

120 YEARS AGO
June 23, 1898

Emory Mapes of Union Dale was fatally injured this morning when he was run over by a team of runaway horses.

Four local properties, seized in execution after the failure of Building and Loan Association, were sold by Sheriff Deuel.

Forest City hopes for manufacturing industries. With plenty of labor, coal at the nominal price and excellent shipping facilities in several directions, Forest City ought to be a big manufacturing town. She cannot much longer expect to depend solely on the coal industry. There ought to be ten factories to every coal breaker, says Whitney in a Susquehanna paper.

130 YEARS AGO
June 21, 1888

At a meeting of local citizens last night, a fire company was organized with 62 members. A committee was empowered to purchase hook ladders and buckets.

The clearing of the Forest City-Dundaff road was let to T. J. Pentecost for \$150. The road will be cleared sixteen-and-one-half feet on each side of the staked line.

The Green Fair festival and arts show held by the Baptists on Friday and Saturday was a decided success. Net proceeds were \$42.50.

Coming Events

June 29 - Fri., FCAHS concert, Old time Fiddlers, 8 p.m., \$5, under 12 free.

June 29 - July 1 - Family weekend, Ladore Lodge, Fri.-Sun., \$167 pp/sgl., \$107 pp/dbl., children 4-1 \$82, 0-3 free. Call 570-488-6129 for more info.

June 30 - Thompson Hose Co. Gun Show, Sat., 9am to 5pm & Sun., July 1, 9am to 3pm Promoted by Jaeger Arms Promotions

June 30 - All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, 7 to 10 a.m., Sat., Union Dale Church Hall.

July 4 - 7th Annual Fire Cracker 5K run/walk, Wed., Pleasant Mount Community Center, benefits Boy Scout Troop 407, Pleasant Mount, go to www.pleasantmountcc.com

July 4 - Chicken barbecue, Wed., Pleasant Mount Fire Hall. Sponsored by Pleasant Mount UM Church, Tickets adults \$10, children \$5. Serving noon until sold out.

July 7 - Shehawken United Methodist Women annual festival, rain or shine, Shehawken United Methodist Church, Dixie Highway & Scott Center Road, Starrucca, Sat., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Women's Mission Projects.

July 7 - Thompson Hose Co. Annual Independence Day Celebration, Sat. July 7th, Chicken BBQ 11:00am, Parade 11:30am, Keystone Jukebox 12p-5p, Lone Ryderz Band 6p-10p, Variety of Food, Games, Bounce House, Dunk Tank, Bingo, & Crafters, Fireworks @ 10p (Rain date Sun. July 8th @10p)

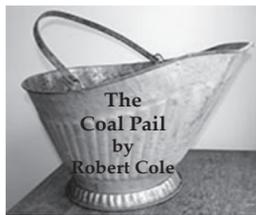
July 11 - Clinton Center Baptist Church trip to Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, \$105 includes lunch, Jesus production, Mike Dolph 570-470-5996, Janet Curtis 570-960-1166, Teresa Ursino 570-280-8640.

July 12, 13 & 14 - Union Dale Vol. Fire Co. annual picnic, Fri., Sat., & Sun., www.uniondalefire.com.

July 15 - St. Peter and Paul R.O. Church family style roast beef dinner, church hall, Belmont Turnpike, Union Dale, (Greek Settlement) Sun., noon to 2:30 PM., dance from 3:30-6:30 PM.

July 27 - Christ the King Parish picnic, July 27, 28 & 29, Betty & main Sts., Eynon, live bands, picnic opens 5 p.m.

Aug. 1 - Open house & veterans Appreciation Day, Ladore Lodge, flea market, classic car & motorcycle show, community lunch & music, America Legion Post 807 Hamlin memorial service, Call 570-488-6129.



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.

Chervink and I loved to hunt rabbits. He kept a hound dog or two to run the rabbits. Saturdays during hunting season were set aside to hunt. We would leave Railroad St. and walk down past the ball field toward Cow Town and let the dog loose. Instant howling from the dog. I just loved to stand there and listen to the baying of the hound. No sweeter sound in the world if you love to hunt rabbits like I do. Getting too old to walk in the briars and pastures anymore.

It makes me sad to think that I can't do it. I also hunted with my Uncle Dick Atkinson in Curtis Valley-Curtis farm on the top of the hill going out of Curtis Valley.

I had a 4.10 double barrel side by side. What a fun gun to hunt with. Uncle Dick and I liked to hunt squirrels. The farm had a hemlock patch that was loaded with squirrels.

FUN. I now hunt rabbits with a 4.10 over and under shotgun. WOW-- great rabbit gun.



Week of July 2

Monday - Oven roasted chicken, roasted red potatoes, green beans, biscuit, pears.

Tuesday - Marinated chicken thighs, buttered corn on cob, veggie medley, chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday - Centers Closed.

Thursday - Fiesta Pork Chop southern style, spinach, chuck wagon corn, Mexican rice, tropical fruit.

Friday - Meatloaf, mashed potato cauliflower & peas, dinner roll, fresh melon.

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

Thompson Hose Independence celebration July 7

The Thompson Hose Co. will hold its annual Independence Day celebration on Sat. July 7.

There will be a chicken BBQ at 11 a.m., parade 11:30 a.m., Keystone Jukebox noon-5 p.m., Lone Ryderz Band 6-10 p.m., a variety of food, games, bounce house, dunk tank, bingo, and crafters, fireworks at 10 p.m. (Rain date Sun. July 8th at 10 p.m.).

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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/100years

Hallstead - Several Montrose attorneys were over to Hallstead, Monday, to attend the trustee's sale of personal property in the bankruptcy case of Deemer Bros. Co. The personal property consisting of glass cutting machines, cut glass, office furniture, etc., brought \$900, approximately, the First National Bank of Hallstead and John E. Clune, who had claims, being the principal purchasers. Glass cutting machines, costing when new \$12 to \$15, were knocked down at \$3 to \$4. The real estate will be sold later.

Susquehanna - An auto bus line to Binghamton started last Tuesday, with headquarters here. The Star Co. under the management of Barney Denning, will put busses in service between the two cities: freight will also be carried and regular daily trips made. Beginning June 27th the round trip will be \$1.49. A thirty passenger bus will later be put into service. ALSO Dr. W. H. Brandt has received notice from Gen. Gorgas that he will be called into actual service very soon. Dr. Brandt was given a commission as lieutenant almost a year ago and has been awaiting the call since. He is a member of the well-known dental firm of J. S. & W. H. Brandt.

Dimock - July 9th has been appointed as general Clean-up Day at Dimock Camp Grounds. All stockholders and others interested are requested to be there on that date, with tools, teams and lunch to put the grounds in proper shape for the annual meeting.

Clifford - Particulars concerning the death of William Jones could not be obtained. The young man was killed at an aviation camp in Florida on Saturday, but government officials have not yet given out information concerning the accident. The young man's skull was fractured and his back broken, so it is supposed he met death in a fall. His body arrived at Elkdale on June 14th and the funeral services were held from the home of his father, David W. Jones. The flowers were many and beautiful. He was buried in the family plot in the Welsh Hill cemetery by the side of his mother. Services were in charge of the Sons of Veteran's from South Gibson.

Montrose - Capt. C. N. Warner, an alumnus of West Point, attended his class reunion. His first visit was to make a call on a classmate, General Tully McCrea, retired, who during his academy years was George A. Custer's roommate. During the time there he attended the conferring of the diplomas to the class of 1918. He visited the museum and saw many historic battle flags and a part of the staff from which flew the Stars and Stripes at Fort Sumpter. The last day of his stay was to have mess with the cadets. ALSO Miss Amelia Pickett, former librarian in Montrose and Wellsboro, has accepted a position at Painesdale, Michigan, where she will have charge of the Sarah Sargent Paine Library and three branch libraries.

Rush - Charles H. Davis is one of the best shoemakers in this section of the country and enjoys a large patronage. Many local people send their shoes by parcel post and are assured of quick repairs, excellent leather and workmanship, and reasonable prices.

Harford - Notices for bids for school [kid] wagons from Sweets, Harding and Reed schools are now being considered by the school board.

Springville - There will be a meeting in the basement of the M. E. church, when a demonstrator from the Home Economics department will give a practical demonstration of canning and how to use the various wheat substitutes. Every housewife in the township is expected to be present at this meeting, as it is planned by the Food Administration for your especial benefit. Hon. H. A. Denney, food administrator for the county, says: "After July 15th the strictest observance of the use of substitutes and sugar will be made. Until then we will allow the women to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the use of the substitutes. I want every woman in the county to attend these meetings."

Gibson - The 4th of July will be

celebrated here with a parade at 3 o'clock. Several of the Red

Cross societies of the surrounding towns will take part in the parade, and the following characters will be represented: A marshal, Washington and Lafayette, with their aides, mounted on ponies, carrying the flag; music; Joan of Arc, Red Cross girls singing "America," Liberty, Betsy Ross, "Spirit of '76," Uncle Sam and John Bull, Canada, France, Italy, Greece, stretcher carried by four soldier boys, red Cross nurses, wounded soldiers, soldiers and sailors, service mothers, and service sisters, carrying flags. A community supper will be served in the M. E. church, with ice cream for sale. After supper an entertainment will be given for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid and the Red Cross.

Forest City - J. J. Driscoll was at Garden City, NY, to see his brother who is a member of the aviation corps. Mr. Driscoll was greatly amazed at the preparations for embarkation of thousands of soldiers for somewhere in France. Many planes were soaring over the place, darting higher and thither, up and down and eagerly watched by soldiers and civilians. All was hustle in the camp, with recruits coming in and trained men leaving for action. We saw hundreds of soldiers in the rooms of the U. M. C. A. and the K. of C. Many were sending messages to loved ones at home before leaving.

Thompson - A gentleman's pocketbook, containing money, was found somewhere between the watering trough and C. E. Leach's blacksmith shop. Owner can have the same by calling on Mr. Leach. ALSO The graduates of Mansfield from this place were the Misses Edna Wright, Helen Clark and Doris Crosier.

Uniondale - John Zelinsky found a horse and buggy near his place in Herrick township on Monday morning. The horse was hardly able to travel as the result of hard driving and lack of feed. Mr. Zelinsky got in touch with J. P. Murray, of Forest City, who informed him that the horse belonged to Fowler & Williams, liverymen, of Carbondale. A man named Wayman had hired the horse on Sunday to take him home from Carbondale and a man named James A. Minor went along to drive the horse back. It seems that Minor came back to Carbondale and then drove to Crystal Lake, from thence to Thompson and then returned as far as Herrick Center, where he shipped his valises to Bainbridge, N. Y. He then turned the horse loose and jumped a north bound freight train. The police at Bainbridge were notified to look out for him, where he was arrested. The man had an honorable discharge from the Canadian army and claimed he had been severely wounded in the head while fighting the Huns.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Gazette, June 21, 1818.

*Died - In This village on Monday last in the third year of her age, Agnes Ann Post, daughter of Maj. Isaac Post.

*William Tellott, Dyer, (from London, England) Most respectfully informs the inhabitants of Susquehanna County that he intends Dying and Dressing Bombazetts, Cotton, Velvets, & whole pieces of silks, black and all other colors—ladies silk gowns and silk shawls, Bombazetts, and ribbons, dyed black, and all other colors; gentlemen's coats, and pantaloons, dyed for mourning on the shortest notice—Cotton dyed light and dark blue, red, and all other colors—linnen and tow yarn dyed dark blue and warranted not to boil out—whole pieces of Silk ribbon dyed the most fashionable colors—woolen yarn dyed red, blue, green and all other colors—ladies bombazette gowns dyed black & all other colors to look as well as new—kerseymeres dyed to any pattern and dressed—silk, cotton and worsted stocking dyed black and other colors on the shortest notice. All orders directed to Wm. Tellott, Dyer or to Capt. Sweet, Harford, will be duly attended to. Reference can be given to the above by applying either to Mr. Kingsley, Clothier, or to Mr. Whitney, Clothier, Harford.

Harford, June 10, 1818.

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