

# LOOKING BACK

## 10 YEARS AGO

July 23, 2008  
Forest City Regional has instituted a new dress code for students. It does not mandate school uniforms but is written with many dress options.

Forest City Regional School Board approved annual increases in salary for the Administration and Support Administration personnel.

There will be no food tickets this year if you plan to buy food, drinks and games at this year's Forest City Old Home Week.

The 60th annual Clifford Picnic sponsored by the Clifford Volunteer Fire Co. will be held on July 24, 25, and 26.

The former O'Neill's Store on Rte. 247 will get a new life as "Daisy May's."

Deaths: Charlotte A. Smith, Montrose; Virginia C. Browder, Carbondale; Joseph M. Burnis, Simpson; Rachel A. Clark, Lenoxville; Andrew Seman, formerly of Burnwood; Floyd F. Manzer, Nicholson; Anna Vitza-kovich.

## 20 YEARS AGO

July 22, 1998  
Forest City Regional School will introduce breakfast for students in both elementary and secondary grades in September. Lunches for elementary and high school will increase by 25 cents.

Jeffrey R. Swegel has been promoted to the rank of Major in the U.S. Air Force.

Don Teague participated for the fourth time in the Annual PA Senior Olympics held at Shippensburg. He came in 4th place in the 1500, 3rd place in the 800 and 2nd place in the 5000.

The Forest City fire siren has been silent for some time, due to mechanical problems.

Deaths: Ruth S. Moon, Carbondale; Rosalie R. Luisada, Crystal Lake; Stella C. Meka, Forest City; Destiny Marina Hadley, Union Dale; Lorraine Snutes, New Jersey.

## 30 YEARS AGO

July 21, 1988  
Monday's experimental pick up of recyclables resulted in a collection of over double the amount brought in at the regular Saturday drop-off.

Miss Judy from WNEP's morning show, "Hatchy Milatchy", will be Grand Marshall of the 1988 OHW parade.

If the local Headstart program is to continue in the Forest City area it must find a new location. It will no longer be housed at the local school.

Vincent W. Welicka graduated recently from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Lansing, Michigan. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Vaverchak, Union Dale.

Deaths: Richard Bloxham, RD I Carbondale; Edward Ruddball, Elkdale; Donald Eroh, Pleasant Mount; James T. Brown, Forest City, and Anthony Drassler, Forest City.

## 40 YEARS AGO

July 20, 1978  
The Roberts Brothers three ring circus, a live tented circus, will erect its canvas at Forest City Regional High School grounds on Thursday, for one day only.

Lou Zefran and Tom Ferraro were champs of Wivey's Golf League during its annual tournament at the Panorama Golf Course.

Miss Sheri Lee Krasovec was awarded the Father Godfrey Memorial Award at Villa' Victoria Academy, Trenton, N.J.

A head-on collision on Rte. 247, Pleasant Mount, on Tues., July 11, claimed the life of one and left two teenagers in serious condition.

Deaths: Lee Caffery, RD Pleasant Mount; Thomas Kigerl, Vandling.

## 50 YEARS AGO

July 25, 1968  
Susquehanna County Commissioners have announced the appointment of Ulric J. McHale, Forest City, as county solicitor.

Mrs. Rose M. Connor, owner of DeFazio Florist, Forest City,

was formally accepted as a member of Florafax Delivery Inc., one of the world's largest flowers-by-wire organizations.

Helen Wasileski, 523 Railroad St., was elected first lady vice president of the Greek Catholic Union of the U.S.A. at the 30th Supreme Convention recently held in Detroit, Mich.

## 60 YEARS AGO

July 24, 1958  
Judge Edward P. Little, of the Susquehanna County Court of Common Pleas, who has been a patient in Memorial Hospital, Auburn, NY, for the past month is now at his home in Montrose. Judge Little suffered a heart attack at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David M. DeShong of Aurora, NY.

Three local young men, all graduates of the Class of 1958 of the Forest City Joint High School, have enlisted in the U.S. Navy. They are Paul Benarick, Russell G. Dilley and Robert Pristavec.

Army Pfc. Thomas Jacques, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rexford Jacques, Hallstead, formerly of Forest City, recently participated in field firing test conducted by the V. Corps 57 Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, near Todendorf, Germany.

## 70 YEARS AGO

July 22, 1948  
Robert Wirts, 357 S. Main St., was fatally injured Monday in an automobile accident near Creamton.

First & Farmers National Bank of Forest City institutes new teller system with the elimination of former passbook system.

Anthony Bozich, former Second Ward Councilman, died Sunday in St. Joseph's Hospital following a short illness.

Maynard Miller has resigned as chief game protector for Wayne County to become manager of the Johnson Farm at Crystal Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stone, Thompson, observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary last Saturday.

## 80 YEARS AGO

July 21, 1938  
Plans are underway for the observance of the fiftieth anniversary observance of the St. Agnes Church. The cornerstone was laid August 26, 1888.

Dr. Lafayette Avery Craft, 88, who practiced medicine in Herick Center for the past 54 years, died Tuesday.

Private Anthony J. Verboys graduated from a course in Radio Aeronautics from the Army Air Corps Technical School of Chanutte Field.

Frank C. Walker, president of the Comerford Theatre, inspected the newly reopened Freedman Theatre during the past week.

## 90 YEARS AGO

July 26, 1928  
A summer camp for the boys and girls of St. Agnes Parish is being erected on the John White farm at Cottrell Pond.

Miss Pearl Guard has accepted a position in the Ossining Hospital, Ossining, NY.

John Kamin has resigned his office as secretary of Vandling Borough Council to accept a position in Sidney, NY.

Forest City Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Dr. H. R. Bell, will spend the next week under tents at Dunns Lake.

## 100 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1918  
A branch of the Forest City Chapter of the Red Cross has been organized at Welsh Hill.

The Forest City Girl Scouts are camping at Spruce Lake under the guidance of Mrs. L. W. Edwards.

William Sredenchek has returned home from the Scranton State Hospital where he underwent treatment for injuries received in a recent fall.

The George F. Horton family has returned home after an enjoyable two-week auto trip to the southern states.

## 110 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1908  
The Forest City Borough Council was given permission by

the State Board of Health to install a sanitary sewer system.

Edward Stratford is representing Local 61, U. M. W., of Lentos Colliery at the miner's convention.

Honor Guard of Union Dale incurred serious injuries when he was attacked by a bull on his farm.

John S. Evans has returned from a trip to England, where he visited his former homestead.

## 120 YEARS AGO

July 20, 1898  
William Wolfert incurred fractures of both legs, above the knee, when caught in a fall of roof in the Clinton Mine in Vandling.

The O&W Railroad has started Sunday excursions to Lake Poyntelle.

Thirteen languages are being spoken in Forest City. This does not include the one by some who miss the train.

Benjamin F. Maxey has accepted the position of apothecary at the Vanderbilt Clinic of the Roosevelt Hospital, New York City.

## 130 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1888  
T. J. Pentecost is nearing completion of clearing the Forest City to Dundaff road.

Workmen are busy excavating for the foundation of the new St. Agnes Church.

Lou Allen of Prompton has bought out the general store of W. J. Bates.

Rev. R. D. Hammond has resigned his pastorate at the Baptist Church here.

## Coming Events

July 26-27-28 - Clifford Fireman's Picnic, Parade Thursday, Fireworks Friday, Chicken BBQ Saturday.

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.

Aug. 3 - Old time Fiddlers, Friday, August 3, 8PM, Jeffersonville Fire Hall, 4903 St Rt 52, Jeffersonville, NY

Aug. 4 - Forest City Trail Town Festival & Celebration of 250th anniversary of Anthracite, Sat., 8 a.m.-10 p.m. w/Coal Cracker race, biking on Rail-Trail, exhibits, programs & ethnic foods at Forest City Area historical Society Museum.

Aug. 4 - Chicken BBQ, Sat., noon until sold out, Gibson Grange Hall, Gelatt, to reserve dinners call Evelyn 570-727-2995 or Nancy 570-756-2958.

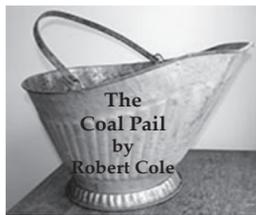
Aug. 5 - Open house & car cruise, Cranker's Collection of mechanical marvels, Sun., 1012 Creamton Drive, Honesdale, Rte. 247 Pleasant Mt., Music by Mickey Z, noon-4 p.m., 570-253-0545 evenings.

Aug. 5 - Music in the Park, Sun., Clifford Firemen's Fairgrounds, Rte. 106, Clifford, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 10:30 a.m. worship service, refreshments available.

Aug. 5 - Old Time Fiddlers, Sunday, Aug. 5, 2PM, Moscow Country Street Fair.

Aug. 11 - Sat., St. John Vianney Parish chicken BBQ & 50/50, St. Pius X Church, 3615 SR 106, Clifford Twp., \$10 per meal, \$10 per ticket. 570-254-0502.

Aug. 25 - Andrew Mazza chicken BBQ at Creekside Grove.



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.

About 1953 or 1954 Bopie used to go to the Forest City News office to pour pigs?? They were lead bars that went into the Linotype Machine that my Aunt Verna Romich set type for the paper. It would put out a line of type that we called a slug. I know this because I was a Union Printer for 44 years. I started in Vo-tech in 1958.

Graduated from Trenton Vo-tec in 1959. I saw that the letterpress would soon be obsolete. I started to run Offset presses-5 and 6 color 40 inch presses and 50 inch 4 color presses.

I went to Graphic Arts Management School. Graduated with a degree in Printing Management and managed a company with over 100 employees. I attended Rochester Institute of Technology for 4 color process. The company that I worked for printed art reprints-- Nat Gallery-Met Museum in NY and Chasford Gallery in PA. I met many of the curators of the Museums and created many friendships. I had to entertain them when they came to the Company for press ok's on the art prints. I got to see and know printing color very well. I think that I still have a good eye for color. It is a process that you have to know what color to take away to achieve what you want.

Only 4 colors in the process--Yellow- Magenta-Cyan and Black. What happens if you remove a small amount of 1 color?? You have to know how much it will change. You had to get an OK from the people from the gallery-- a signed sheet. We had to send them 6 sheets for approval after the run. I grabbed 10 sheets from the run of the signed sheet and wrapped them for the gallery. Worked well.

WHAT A RIDE.

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Bridgewater Twp. - Ruel D. Warriner, of Fernheim Farm, with a score of 205, has been awarded the Marksman medal and diploma offered by the Winchester Junior Rifle Corps, a recently formed national organization to promote shooting among the boys and girls in America. His sister, Eloise, made a score of 203.

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road opposite a steep bank where the plaintiff's wagon went off the road and caused him to fall from his wagon some 20 ft. down the bank.

Harford - It is a self-evident fact that some of our young men are not acquainted very well with the cigarette law. They had better look it up and beware, for there is a penalty for giving those poisonous, vile things to children and minors. ALSO Three Fresh Air girls, from New York City, are being entertained by Mrs. Sophia, Mrs. Shannon and Mrs. Mack.

Hallstead - Mrs. S. S. Craft has been notified that her son, Private Sherman Craft, was severely wounded in France on May 28. He was a comrade of Private Mark O'Neill, who was killed in action a short time ago. Other Hallstead men who arrived overseas are Sergeant A. Lynn Merrell, Privates William J. Kirby, Archie Tanner and musician, Jack Connors.

Silver Lake - There was an exciting time in St Joseph, Sunday afternoon, when our Laurel Lake ball team defeated the Middletown boys by a high score.

Parkville, Dimock Twp. - It looks fine to see Jay Tingley, of Dimock, out with his meat wagon, selling meat again to his many customers.

News Brief: The government is about to assume control of the entire medical profession in the United States to obtain sufficient number of doctors for the fast growing army and at the same time distribute those remaining to the localities for service where they are most needed for civilian work. ALSO A large cargo of relief supplies, principally food stuffs, clothing and medicine, is to be dispatched to Russia by the American Red Cross at the earliest possible moment. A special ship will be used for the purpose and the cargo will be accompanied and distributed by a group of Red Cross representatives who will work under the direction of the American Red Cross Commission now in Russia. ALSO The death of Quentin Roosevelt, son of former President Roosevelt, has been confirmed by the Germans. He was buried where he fell with military honors. The German report said he died fighting, his dash and daring causing him to be cut-off by enemy aviators and surrounded by greater numbers he was brought down. Major Theodore Roosevelt was also wounded in the leg while leading a charge at Chateau Thierry.

200 Years Ago, from the Montrose Gazette, July 25, 1818.

\*HAIL STORM. On Sunday afternoon last, we were visited by a hail storm, more severe than is in the recollection of the oldest inhabitants. The cloud approached from the northwest, and seemed to hang over the adjacent country for some time before it burst. The hail was generally about the size of cherries, though some were much larger. On the Plains one was measured which was five inches in circumference--in Kingston many fell the size of a hen's egg, & in Exeter, one measured eight inches in circumference, and another ten inches. The hail was generally, in the centre, white like snow, and on the outside as clear as ice. There was no wind of any consequence, while the hail was falling, but notwithstanding, there were a number of window glass broken and the grain somewhat injured, though much less than could be expected, from the size and quantity of the hail that fell. The lightning was incessant, and the flashes very vivid descending from the clouds to the earth in one continued stream of fire. From the Susquehanna Democrat, July 17, 1818. (Possibly Wilkes-Barre, PA)

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### Week of July 30

Monday - Swedish meatballs, broccoli, ww noodles, tropical fruit.

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

Wednesday - Franks & beans, oven roasted potato, yellow squash soup, cottage cheese & berries.

Thursday - Rotisserie turkey, sweet potato, steamed broccoli, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday - Fiesta pork chop, southern style spinach, chuck wagon corn, Mexican rice, tropical fruit.

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