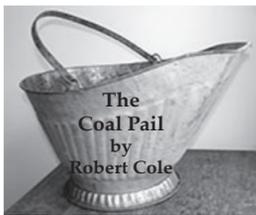


LOOKING BACK

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
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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 grandparents' house on Railroad Street. His grandparents were Richard and Jessie Atkinson.

Forest City - The Gordon Coal company has a force of men employed in loading culm at Richmondale. It is being shipped to the Winchester Arms Co., Hartford, Conn. The men came here from Honesdale where they have been loading culm for some time. ALSO Our schools opened with an enrollment of 1196 and this number will be greatly increased during the next two weeks. Twenty-nine out of town students have enrolled.

Uniondale - Twenty years ago D. W. B. Jones taught the Lyon Street school and on Monday he again began his duties as teacher there. He is one of the best teachers in this vicinity and one of the oldest.

With "Our Boys" in the Field. Lt. Wm. E. Park, of New Milford, recently wounded in France, is recovering. A letter to his wife stated that he had been burned quite badly by an explosion of gas while on the fighting front. He expects to be in active service again. Stephen Button, of Springville, is among those reported as wounded in action, but the extent of his injuries are unknown. Ernest Champluvier is on the list of wounded. He and brother, Leon, were formerly of Auburn and both are in France. Their parents were natives of Belgium, coming here about 40 years ago. Raymond Lee, of Middletown, is a stretcher-bearer at the front and recently, when he made a brief visit to the base hospital, he was surprised and delighted to find among the nurses, his sister, who had volunteered for work with the Red Cross. At the time, neither knew where the other was. Lt. Arthur S. Richards, South Montrose, writes that he has been in the midst of the recent big drive and for three weeks his command has been among those forcing the Huns back. Heavy rains have been falling, but the men would lie down in their wet uniforms and let them dry on them. A short time ago Max Freedman and Robin Kelleher, of Forest City, enlisted in the Naval Reserve. They were called Monday and left yesterday for Newport, R. I., where they will undergo training. Sgt. Braton R. Gardner, Montrose, was dismissed from a base hospital and sent back to his company. He is a member of Co. D of the now famous 109th Infantry of the Iron division—a name which our Keystone boys, the 28th Division, won for themselves during the first days of the ill-fated German drive in July. Sgt. Gardner writes that it is impossible to adequately describe it all, and would not be fit reading were it written.

News Brief: With the receipt of a contract from the government, Henry Ford has begun the filling of an order calling for many thousands of small tanks of the "whip-pet" style. It will be possible to turn out these tanks at a rate of 1,000 or more every 24 hours. ALSO Susquehanna County young women are offering their services as nurses in army hospitals in gratifying numbers. Among the more recent to enlist in this great work of caring for the wounded soldiers are Misses Gertrude Southworth and Enola Webster, of Lawsville and Miss Hazel Scott of Springville. Miss Jessie Pritchard, formerly of Springville and Montrose, is now in the service at Otisville, N. Y. and Miss Bessie Downer, a Montrose young lady, who has had a number of years' experience in hospital service, has gone to New York with the intention of entering upon this work. ALSO Youths of 19 and 20 years and men from 32 to 36, inclusive, will be the first called under the new draft law.

10 YEARS AGO
September 10, 2008
Several Main Street businesses have had storefront improvements over the past two months including Zazzera's Supermarket, Dr. Carl O'Hara, Paul Ferraro's Barber Shop and The Forest City News.

GFCI President Bob McGraw received an award for the most active industrial development group in Susq. Co. from the Susquehanna County Commissioners at the annual meeting of the Susq. Co. Economic Development Board.

Police protection for Herrick Township was discussed again by the Supervisors. They currently use the State Police.

Over 200 runners ran the D&H Rail Trail Half Marathon from Forest City to Herrick Center and back.

Deaths: Katherine "Kitty" Myskiew, Thompson; Olgie Edwulbin, Forest City; Atty. Paul Peterson, Carbondale.

20 YEARS AGO
September 9, 1998

Once again the Forest City Community responded to the Red Cross Bloodmobile, and 77 pints were collected.

Forest City Council learned last week that it has two avenues to pursue in order to help the borough solve the problem of sewage outflows on the old D&H railbed. Council learned that a \$30 million federal grant program is already making plans to look at the Forest City problem.

Patrick Melvin, Michael Skubic and Michael Sterchak have become members of Orders of the Arrow, a fraternity within the Boy Scouts of America.

Deaths: Mary Rose Supko, Stratford, CT; Mary A. Staudt, Simpson; Dale Robert Chapman, CT.

30 YEARS AGO
September 8, 1988

Over 100 volumes of issues of The Forest City News were moved from the News Office last Friday for microfilming. The issues dated back to the first edition of December 7, 1887.

The PA Game Commission has given final approval to a proposal under which, in certain counties, it will be possible for a hunter to purchase a bonus antlerless deer tag and legally harvest two deer.

Pleasant Mount Welding & Fabrication, Pleasant Mount, has received a grant for \$27,486 from the North East Tier Ben Franklin Technology Center to develop a CAD-based design estimating program for the fabrication of steel components.

Deaths: Frances Tomazic, Forest City; Grace Kimmel, Hawley; James Poppo Sr., Lakewood; Vincent Stinavage, Binghamton; Rexford Spoor, born in Union Dale.

40 YEARS AGO
September 7, 1978

Joan Monahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson, New York, has been commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduating from Officers Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Thomas G. Burnakis, Vandling, has recently joined the staff at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia as a clinical pharmacist.

Miss Michelle Ponczek was recently named Grand Champion in the Start Stitching category of the 4-H Club.

Robert J. Keating, RD 1, Union

Dale, has been appointed part-time varsity tennis coach at Marywood College.

50 YEARS AGO
September 12, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Walter I. Davies, 521 Delaware St., Forest City, mark their 40th wedding anniversary today, September 12. The couple was married in the M.E. Church, Forest City, by the Rev. W. Falls Hunter. Mrs. Davies is the former Miss Margaret Maxey, daughter of the late Atty. and Mrs. W.J. Maxey. Russell Kehren was best man and Miss Maude Vipond was maid of honor. Mrs. J.M. McMillen, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. The couple has three children: Paul, Newport Beach, Calif.; Rebecca, also of California, and Mrs. Robert Gould of New Jersey.

Thomas J. Molanda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Molanda, 1101 North Main St., Forest City, has received a bachelor of arts degree with a concentration in mathematics from East Stroudsburg State College. He was one of 87 to graduate with honors.

Airman Joseph J. Lederer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lederer, RD 2, Union Dale, has been named an honor student in his class at the Reciprocating Engine Aircraft Course at Shephard AFB, Texas. Lederer is an Aircraft Maintenance Specialist.

60 YEARS AGO
September 11, 1958

The Forest City Joint School Board meeting in regular session at the high school Monday Evening, September 8, voted unanimously to stay with the State Public School Building Authority in financing the new junior-senior high school. At the meeting it was agreed that at the present time the State Authority plan would be better.

The Forest City Borough Council, in preparing to renew their contract with the Penna. Power & Light Co. for street lighting in the borough, is making provisions in the new contract to replace the present system of street lights on Main Street from Grand Avenue south to William Penn School.

The president and founder of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank has expressed confidence that Substations soon will be established in the area. Forest City Lions Club, was represented by Lions Club president E.A. Bloxham and Edward Kagler.

70 YEARS AGO
September 9, 1948

Miners Pension Plan will begin September 15, with \$100 monthly payment to eligible men over 62 and 20 years of service.

Several local streets previously stone-based by the WPA are being resurfaced with amacite.

Thomas Stratford, former local president and retired mine foreman of the Hudson Coal Co. died Monday at his home in Avoca.

Rev. John Onesko, former administrator of St. John's G.C. Church here, has been assigned to a pastorate at Hammond, Indiana.

The newly organized Belmont Fire Co. of Pleasant Mount is holding a demonstration in Pleasant Mount, Herrick and Union Dale to acquaint firemen with pumping techniques.

80 YEARS AGO
September 8, 1938

The Forest City 50th Anniversary Day Parade was held Saturday and viewed by thousands. The Firemen's Parade on Monday

will bring to a close the anniversary week celebrations.

Merle Stone, well-known mailcarrier of Thompson, died of injuries yesterday, received when gored by a bull on his farm.

Dr. A.J. Kameen has opened offices at 626 Main Street to practice medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Krasovec, who recently returned from Nicaragua, are visiting his parents in Vandling.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Williams and Fred Owens of Union Dale are attending the Toronto Fair.

90 YEARS AGO
September 13, 1928

Local collieries have resumed operations after only working eight days during the month of August.

The Lincoln School is nearing completion and every effort is being made to have it ready for occupancy next month.

The First Aid Team of the Forest City Colliery, captained by David J. Evans, participated in the contests held Saturday at Inkerman. The following members of the team making the trip were: Kenneth and Bronlow Mayers, Raymond Meddleton, Joseph and Michael Mechok,

Miss Hazel Westgate has enrolled at the Brooklyn Methodist Hospital School of Nursing.

100 YEARS AGO
September 12, 1918

The Winchester Arms Co. of Hartford, CT, is having the culm of the Richmondale Breaker shipped to its plant in Hartford.

Local merchants, after October 1st, will charge a small nominal fee for delivery of orders as the result of a government order.

William Sredenschek Jr., Joseph Muchitz, Anthony Planinsek and Patrick Sheridan left Friday for State College only to return not knowing that the opening of the college had been postponed for two weeks.

The Red Cross has equipped a surgical dressing room on the third floor of the high school.

110 YEARS AGO
September 10, 1908

Work on the installation of the new sewer system for the borough was started on Monday. About three months will be required to complete the entire local job.

The new fire hydrants purchased by the borough have been installed under the direction of L.H. May, of the Water Company.

Leith Temperton has enrolled in a college of pharmacy at Philadelphia.

G. Jannicelli, North Main Street, is having his dwelling raised and greatly improved.

A.J. Lilje and family visited in Honesdale on Sunday. Alex says Honesdale is sure a dry town; even the soda fountains are closed down as the Maple City residents are kicking against the quality of water furnished by the Honesdale water plants.

120 YEARS AGO
September 8, 1898

Dr. W.R. Blakeslee and family will leave shortly for Western New York, where the doctor will practice medicine.

Bids ranging from \$3,481 to \$7,200 for the erection of a new borough building were received by Council. No contract has been awarded, pending study of the bids.

Rev. M.J. Fleming, of Aldenville, was ordained into the priesthood Wednesday by Bishop M.J. Hoban in St. Peter's Cathedral.

The town has been without power for the past four days. An armature at the local plant burned out. A new one was shipped from New York and power was restored.

130 YEARS AGO
September 6, 1888

Judge McCollum, of Susquehanna County Court, has approved the incorporation of Forest City Borough and has fixed September 1 as the date for electing officials.

The Hillside Coal and Iron Co. shipped 14,397 tons of coal last month from the local mines.

J.J. Williams has accepted the call of the pulpit of the Baptist Church here.

The store of H. Joseph, Union Dale, was burned to the ground on Sunday, complete with all its contents.



Week of Sept. 17
Monday - Steak Diane, parsley boiled potato, roasted beets & carrots, crackers, pears & apricots

Tuesday - Asian chicken salad, sweet & sour soup, fresh veggies, dinner roll, pineapple pudding parfait

Wednesday - Picnic day special: Cheeseburger, potato salad, house coleslaw, corn on the cob, chocolate brownie

Thursday - Crispy baked fish, potato au gratin, broccoli & cauliflower, dinner roll, vanilla ice cream

Friday - Pork marsala, sweet peas, orange-glazed carrots, ww noodles, margarine, cinn rice pudding

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

Coming Events

Sept. 15 - McAndrew Memorial Golf Tourney 1 p.m. Sat. Memorial Links Golf Course. 570-448-9200.

Sept. 15 - All you can eat Breakfast Forest City Historical Society \$8.7-11 a.m.

Sept. 16 - Round/ Square dance. 4 - 7 p.m. St. Peter and Paul Church Hall Union Dale.

Sept. 22 - Bus trip Brown-dale FC fundraiser. to Yuengling Brewery & Cabela's. Sat. 7:30 a.m. depart. \$55 pp 570-499-4908 or jdoyle@nep.net

Sept. 27 - Eat & greet St. John Church, 15 E. Church St., Susq. Reservations by Sept. 25. For info call 1-800-634-3746.

Sept. 29 - 2018 Suicide Awareness Walk, Sat., For more information Michelle Valinski at 570-253-9200.

Sept. 29 - Comedy Night at FCAEs. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 8. Tickets are \$15. Call 570-785-5025 to order.

Sept. 30 - Buddy Caffery Memorial Golf Tournament. For info call 570-448-2817 or 570-448-2201

LIBRARY TIDBITS

by Nancy Narma

The 11th Annual Author's Luncheon, sponsored by the Novel Woman Book Club, will be held on Wednesday, September 26th at the Elkview Country Club at Crystal Lake. If you have not attended one of the Author's Luncheons in years past, you will have a chance to meet a local Author, perhaps discover a new genre, and enjoy fun, a great meal, and fellowship with other Readers. This year's featured Author is Barbara J. Taylor who was born and raised in Scranton, Pa. Having a Masters Degree in Fine Arts from Wilkes University, Ms. Taylor taught English in the Pocono Mt. School District for many years before writing her debut novel, "Sing in the Morning, Cry at Night", which will be discussed at the Luncheon. It was a Publishers Weekly "Best Book of Summer 2014" This work, and her second book, "All Waiting is Long", even though both wonderful "Stand-Alone" stories, they will be combined to create a trilogy. The Author is currently

working on book three. The Luncheon starts with a Hospitality time which gives all attendees a chance to meet and greet old friends as well as be introduced to new friends at 11:30 AM. A delicious lunch will be served at 12:15 PM, followed by Author Taylor speaking to the group. An opportunity to have your book signed by Ms. Taylor will be available, followed by the ever-popular raffle. The admission price is \$25.00 per person and checks may be made payable to the Forest City Library (All proceeds from this event will go to your Forest City Library Location) and mailed to: 531 Main Street, Forest City, Pa. 18421. RSVPs must be made by September 20th. If you have questions or need information, please call the Library at 570-785-5590. Please don't miss this chance to meet a local Author and learn about her novels—You'll be supporting someone in Pennsylvania as well as helping one of our Library Branches.

We hope to see you there!

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