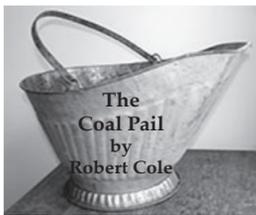


# LOOKING BACK

## 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.

### 10 YEARS AGO September 17, 2008

The Forest City Police Department now has a new three year contract.

Fifteen people attended a meeting in Forest City to establish a Neighborhood Watch group to "take back our streets."

Karwan Construction was the low bidder to build a new pavilion in Vandling at the soccer field.

Joseph Castrogiovanni, a retired North Pocono School District Principal, was introduced as the new acting principal at Forest City Regional High School.

Guy Valvano has written a book "Winning Ways" which documents the coaching careers of four area basketball coaches including Julius Prezelski of Forest City.

Deaths: Capt. Norman Wenger, Newton Lake; Nicholas P. Lahoda, Herrick Center; Eugene J. Benarick, Forest City; Loretta R. Tomazic, Forest City; Mary Dailley, Johnson City, NY; Paul Bebla, Vandling; John Kolcun, Simpson.

### 20 YEARS AGO September 16, 1998

Forest City Council has begun planning for the disruption which will be caused by the installation of a new water line on Main Street starting in two weeks.

About 2,000 runners are expected at the October 11th Steamtown Marathon which starts at the Forest City Regional School.

The 1999 Forest City OHW committee decided that the event will be held August 1-8, 1999. A Haunted House will be the first fund-raiser. Carol Sponic and Rose O'Brien are chairpersons for the event.

Angie Poloniec celebrated her 90th birthday with a surprise party at the American Legion Hall.

Deaths: Eugene J. Yorke, formerly of Forest City and Brown-dale; Rev. Joseph A. Saltry, a priest of the Diocese of Scranton; Leo J. Vizakovich, born in Pleasant Mount; Evelyn Ross, formerly of Richmondale; Laura Telesha, Dickson City.

### 30 YEARS AGO September 15, 1988

Harry Heck, one of Forest City's premier golfers, won the 1988 Club Championship at Elkview Country Club on September 4th.

Community Bank & Trust Co. of Forest City has joined the MAC electronic banking services network.

The dairy farm of Kenneth Medved, RD 2, Forest City, was one of 94 farms designated Pennsylvania Dairies of Distinction for 1988.

Mary Pribula was installed as president of the Auxiliary of Charles & Martin Skubic Post 524 American Legion, Forest City.

Deaths: Mrs. Dorothy Risner, Brown-dale; Anna Dutchman, Forest City; John Salansky, RD 1 Union Dale; William Turano, RD Carbondale; Boles Skrocki, formerly of Forest City; Robert Brown, born in Forest City; Blanche Viney, born in Alden-ville.

### 40 YEARS AGO September 14, 1978

Gerald B. Franceski has been selected to join the staff at Community National Bank, Forest City and Simpson. He will be named Vice President and will head a team of officers to mold successive management.

F. Henry Payne of the Forest City Fire Dept. was awarded the Federation's President's trophy for being the oldest active fireman in the line of march of the convention parade which was held in West Pittston.

Tom Allen, Forest City, was the trophy winner in the final season shootoff of the Brown-dale Sports-men.

Four men were hurt when a scaffold collapsed on a Vandling home on Thursday morning. The four were engaged in putting a roof on the home of Tom Fitzsimons, 425 Clinton Street.

Deaths: Leo Andrew Allen, Lenoxville; Mrs. Monica Stancavage, formerly of Forest City.

### 50 YEARS AGO September 19, 1968

Dr. Edward J. Kollar, son of Mrs. Mary Kollar and the late Ignatz Kollar, is presently lecturing at Royal Holloway College at the University of London in Surrey, England.

Tom Karmin of Vandling and Tom Trusky of Forest City captured top honors in the Dr. L.A. McAndrew Memorial Golf Tournament at Lake Lorain Golf Course on Sunday. Trusky, with a net score of 70, captured the handicap division with a match of cards with Doug Phillips and George Garrick.

Paul Petrus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Petrus, Delaware Street, has accepted a position with Saunders Security Corp. in Boston, Mass.

### 60 YEARS AGO September 18, 1958

Paul Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davies, 521 Delaware Street, is bringing the principle of rocket flight to the classroom. Mr. Davies, president of Abacus, Santa Monica, CA, visits classrooms and explains the principles of rocket flight and discusses various scientific theories. Mr. Davies is a graduate of Forest City High School and Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Another progressive step was taken by our Borough Fathers when it was announced last week that a contract is in the making for a new and modern street lighting system in our borough.

Miss Rebecca Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davies, has been awarded an \$1800 scholarship to attend graduate school. Miss Davies, who is now residing in Los Angeles, CA, will enter the University of Southern California this month to study for her masters degree in social work.

### 70 YEARS AGO September 16, 1948

St. John's Parish will mark the Golden Jubilee of the Church dedication with fitting services on September 26.

Dr. William R. Dutchman, North Main Street, has been notified that he has successfully passed the Ohio State Medical Board examinations.

Rev. Dr. Francis McGinley, former pastor of St. Agnes Church, has turned over \$20,500 as part of \$50,000 funds raised by relatives and friends for the construction of a minor seminary in Uganda, British East Africa.

Deaths: former Street Commissioner Louis Pike; Barney Ferry, Railroad St.; Bruce Belcher, South Gibson; Anne Varcoe, formerly of Clinton; Stephen Balog, Brown-dale.

### 80 YEARS AGO September 15, 1938

Because of the high cost of installation, the Forest City Borough Council has postponed the matter of installing traffic lights on Main Street.

The 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Agnes Church will be observed Sunday, Oct. 30th, with Bishop W.J. Hafey officiating.

Hillside Hose Co. Bowling League has reorganized for the coining season.

### 90 YEARS AGO September 20, 1928

Rev. M. Volkay, pastor of St. John's Church, has been transferred to McKees Rock.

August Podboy and Tommy Costello have enrolled at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Albert Corey, 84, Union Dale, passed away Sunday at the family home.

Six members of the Bechy families of Forest City narrowly escaped serious injury Sunday when the car in which they were riding overturned near Stillwater Dam.

### 100 YEARS AGO September 19, 1918

The Derry Silk Mill girls will sponsor a benefit show at the Plaza to raise funds to purchase going away presents for young men going into the service.

The local schools opened with an enrollment of 1196 and this number will be greatly increased

during the next two weeks, as 29 out-of-town students have enrolled.

Vandling School opened Monday with J. Gordon, principal, and the following teachers: Misses Margaret McLean, Emma Murray, Ada Llewellyn, Mary McDonald, Agnes McDonald, Freda Bartholomay and Rebecca McCabe.

The congregation of Morgan Abraham, with Rabbi Miller officiating, observed the festival of Rosh Hoshana last weekend with fitting services.

### 110 YEARS AGO September 17, 1908

The boys of Forest City High School have organized a football team.

A prolonged drought has hit this area. Petitions for rain were offered in several churches on Sunday. The water company is planning to shut off the water every other hour.

Benjamin Maxey and Joseph Kmett have been named directors of the First National Bank.

The new \$60,000 washery at the Hillside Coal & Iron Co. is nearing completion.

### 120 YEARS AGO September 15, 1888

Prof. J. Morgan is organizing a juvenile choir for the presentation of seasonal cantatas.

The local market quotations report the following: fresh eggs, 16 cents a dozen; butter, 16 cents lb.; potatoes 50 cents bushel; sugar 6 cents lb.; and flour, \$4.90 for 50 lb. bag.

Owen Jones, employed as a driver in the D&H Mine at Vandling, incurred serious injuries on Friday that necessitated the amputation of his foot when a car jumped the track and pinned him.

### 130 YEARS AGO September 14, 1888

John McLaughlin, Jermyn, is building a new hotel here. The new structure will be 36 x 30, four stories high.

A Cleveland Thurma Club has been organized here. The Harrison-Morton Club has been flourishing here for sometime.

On Tuesday occurred the first official election here, after a premature election several weeks ago, due to the misunderstanding of the court order. The new officers will hold their office until February; which is regular election time.

A hot fight waxed the elections. Officers elected were: Burgess J.D. Caryl; Councilmen, Benjamin Maxey, Myron Woodmansee, JR, Harkins, Thomas Brown, George Knapp and H.W. Brown; School Directors, W.J. Davies, J.R. Budd, W.J. Gilchrist, John C. Brown and John L. Harris.

I remember in the early 1950's, 1952 or 1953, that our school class would go on a trip to Rocky Glen Park. All of the class would meet in the parking lot of Wm. Penn School and board a school bus for the trip.

I used to bring a lunch because it was cheaper than buying it at the park. It also gave me more \$ to spend on the fun. Mom was real generous and would give me \$5.00 to spend for the day. WOW. I knew that we did not have a lot of money but she took care of us.

It was nickle day at the park and you could get 20 tickets for the rides which all took 1 ticket. I would get 20 tickets when we arrived and go on all of the rides that I liked: roller coaster, swings, caterpillar ride and the dodgems--my favorite ride. We spent all morning riding and then had lunch.

In the afternoon, we would rent roller skates and skate for a few hours. I made sure that I saved enough \$ for rides after skating.

My sister Carol Cole Hawkins, from Winlock, Wa. said that she used to go every year on their class trip. She said that the tickets were 25 cents for the rides in her junior year trip. She said that our sister Linda Cole Cross wanted to see how many times she could ride the roller coaster and she rode it 54 times in 1954. Must have been fun.

Then the ride home in the dark bus. A lot of kids sat with their girl and smooched all the way home.

I delivered the Scranton Tribune and won a trip to Rocky Glen with the newspaper. Drove to Scranton with our branch manager and rode the local train to the Glen. Lots of fun.

I guess Rocky Glen is gone now but so many memories.

## Coming Events

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 Cafery Memorial Golf Tournament. For info call 570-448-2817 or 570-448-2201

Oct 6 - Judy James Cabaret Concert 7 p.m. Hotel Anthracite Main St. Carbondale For Tickets \$25 570-282-0385, 570-282-1690 or 570-282-4633

Oct 6 - 8 - Artist open house weekend throughout Susq. County. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 570-278-2332

Oct 13 - Fall Pork Dinner Christ Episcopal Church

Oct 20 - Harvest Dinner E. Ararat U.M. Church.

Oct. 20 - FCAES Meat Raffle 5 to 9 p.m. For more info call 570-785-5025 or 570-785-3226

### Senior MENU

### Week of Sept. 24

Monday - Honey mustard chicken, steamed garlic spinach, mashed potato, dinner roll, angel food cake

Tuesday - Penne w meat sauce, ital green beans, ital wedding soup, sorbet

Wednesday - Swedish meatballs & ww noodles, broccoli, tropical fruit

Thursday - Oven fried chicken, roasted red potato, green beans, biscuit, pears

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

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

### School LUNCH MENU

### Week of Sept. 24

MON. - BBQ Chicken, onion rings, summer squash, carrot & raisin salad, roll, fruit.

TUES. - Walking tacos w/ all the fixins, brown rice, corn, black bean salad, applesauce, fruit.

WED. - Stuffed shells, garlic bread stick, salad, green beans, strawberry cup, peaches.

THURS. - Chicken smackers, mashed potatoes, blended veggies, roll, carnival cookie, fruit.

FRI. - New York Style or Buffalo Pizza, salad, glazed carrots, cuke & tomatoe salad, fruit.

Available Daily: Chef or Ceaser Salad, Sunbutter & Jelly, Turkey or Ham Hoogies or Wraps, and various Grad-n-Go Specials.

### BREAKFAST

Mon. - Sausage & Ch. Croissant

Tues. - Egg & Ch. Croissant

Wed. - Bacon, Egg & Ch. Croissant

Thurs. - Ham, Egg & Ch. Croissant

Fri. - Egg & ch. on bagel

\*Choice of assorted fruit or juice, milk

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he lost about 20 swarms last winter, has a large yield of honey this fall, having approximately 1500 pounds.

Montrose - Rev. Dwight Safford, widely known as "The Cane Man," wishes us to announce that he will preach from the Court House steps, next Sunday afternoon, at four o'clock, and promises some good gospel singing. Rev. Safford's canes will be held in increased esteem should they be used in the rout of the devil. ALSO Friends will regret to learn that Lieut. W. Beck is in a hospital at Newport News, suffering with Job's comforters. [One who discourages or depresses while seemingly giving comfort or consolation.]

Forest City - A mass meeting of Polish residents was held in the Family theatre Sunday afternoon. The exercises were opened by devotional services followed by singing of "America," by the choir of Sacred Heart church. Lieut. Piec, of Pittsburg, who has been instrumental in securing many recruits for the Polish army in training at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada, spoke for over an hour. His coupling of the Stars and Stripes and the banner of Poland was vociferously applauded. The program was brought to a close by the singing of a Polish national hymn.

News Briefs: The ten million imprisoned people in occupied Belgium and France are facing shame, suffering, disease, and some of them death, for lack of clothing this winter. A clothing drive is called for. ALSO Lieut. Robert E. Lee, U. S. A., grandson of Gen. Robert E. Lee, commander in chief of the armies of the Confederate states during the Civil War, is fighting for the United States. He has the mark as a military leader set by his famous grandfather as the goal of his efforts. Gen. Lee's fame as a soldier is secure, for he is rated by military experts as one of the greatest commanders the world has known. If Lieut. Lee inherits his military skill there will be no question about his chances of being rated a military genius. Maj. William Fitzhugh Lee Simpson, a grand-nephew of Gen. Lee, recently died while on duty in France. He was in charge of the American school of machine gunfire in France.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Gazette, September 19, 1818. \*DIED in this township [Bridgewater], on the 17th instant, in the 67th year of her age, Mrs. Betsey Brewster, wife of Nathan Brewster. \*MARRIED, On the 15th inst., at New Milford, by Joshua W. Raynsford Esq., Mr. Linus Foot to Miss Laury Palmer. \*MARRIED, In this township [Bridgewater], on Sunday evening last, by D. Post Esq., Mr. George Mauger to Miss Sally Case. \*MARRIED, In Waterford [Brooklyn] on Tuesday the 10th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Doolittle, an itinerant preacher in the Methodist connexion [connection], Mr. Thomas Garland to Miss Judith Teuxbury [Tewksbury], both of that place.

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## Harvest Dinner in S. Gibson Oct. 6

A harvest dinner will be held on Sat., Oct. 6th from 3-7 p.m. at South Gibson United Methodist Church.

Menu includes roast turkey, stuffing, all the sides & homemade pies! Take-outs available. \$12/adult \$5/child 6-12 5 & under free. Browse the Bazaar Table!