

# LOOKING BACK

## 10 YEARS AGO

January 7, 2009  
William Pentecost Hall, located on the third floor of the Forest City Borough Building, is the only memorial here to the founder of Forest City.

Our longtime religion columnist Dorothy Walsh, Forest City, underwent an operation last week at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, Baltimore, for a brain tumor which began affecting her very recently.

Paul Lukus, Forest City, has been re-appointed to another term on the Susquehanna County Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

The Forest City Lions Club held their 60th Anniversary dinner Nov. 10 at Crystal Pines Restaurant.

Valerie Durko Goddard, Forest City, recently finished a 9 month deployment to Provisional Reconstruction Team Khost in Khost, Afghanistan.

Deaths: Anna Kost, Forest City; Joan Thiede, Forest City; Teresa E. Bonacci, Carbondale; Ceil Sklanka, Union Dale; and Nigel P. Dilley, Forest City.

## 20 YEARS AGO

January 6, 1999  
Susquehanna County Commissioners cut taxes for the second year in a row.

Community Bank & Trust made a donation of \$350 to the Fraternal Order of Police.

Holly Wells was promoted to 1st Lt. at Fort Hood, Texas.

Tiffany Butler, Vandling, was the 1st place winner in the final week of the Sunday Times Christmas Coloring Contest.

Walter Matis (Wildcat O'Connor), formerly of Richmondale, fought in over 200 fights and only lost in about 20 of them.

Deaths: John R. Painter, Richmondale; Bertis Matechak, Scott Twp.; Angelo M. Garofola, Carbondale; Sally A. Miller, Brown Dale; Paul J. Sredenshek, Vandling; Marie T. Sammon, Jackson.

## 30 YEARS AGO

January 5, 1989  
John Gudaitis recently received the Prisoner of War Medal for his services in WWII.

We learned recently that Forest City was the birthplace of Harry G. Lumley, former outfielder and manager of the Brooklyn National League baseball team.

The annual membership campaign has recruited 988 joiners thus far for Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association.

Wildcat O'Connor, or Walter Matis as he is known around here, became a professional boxer on the urging of Richmondale tavern owner Andrew Pelick, according to reports.

Deaths: Ann Oncavage, born in Forest City.

## 40 YEARS AGO

January 4, 1979  
St. Joseph's Parish will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee during 1979.

Miss Kathleen Suponic, Susquehanna St., has been licensed as a cosmetologist by the state.

Joseph J. Seney has completed Air Force basic training and is studying air traffic control at Keesler AFB, Miss.

Robert J. Conway has announced his candidacy for Wayne County Judge.

Deaths: Paul Opeka, Johnson City, NY.

## 50 YEARS AGO

January 9, 1969  
A former Forest Citian, M. Ferd Connolly, East Orange, NJ, wrote a letter to the editor of The News suggesting the formation of a club of former Forest Citians now living in New Jersey.

He suggested that a phone call to himself, Jim Coggins or Pat Cleary might get the idea off the ground.

The PA Supreme Court has approved the establishment of three Magisterial Districts in the county. The Eastern District would be composed of Forest City and Susquehanna School Districts.

The fire siren on the Borough

Building was out of commissioner for three days. It was repaired by Paul Jones and Frank Gliha.

Staff Sgt. Fred Mellow is spending a leave at home before reporting to Craig AFB, Selma, Alabama.

The FCR School has begun a program for selling lunch tickets for use in the cafeteria.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graytock observed their 30th wedding anniversary recently.

Vandling Borough has set an 11 p.m. curfew on snowmobiles.

Deaths: Thomas Saver, Delaware St.; Mrs. Lawrence Sapudar, Tafton, PA; Patrick Caviston, Newton Lake; Gayle Ross, Ararat; John Rudgunas, Middletown, NJ; Calvin Derr, Bloomsburg.

## 60 YEARS AGO

January 8, 1959  
The fifth annual Christmas Home Decorating contest, sponsored by the Forest City Lions Club, has again proven to be highly successful.

The top award homes were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Baron, Susquehanna St.; Charles Cyzeski home, Dundaff St., and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Langseth, Susquehanna Street.

Dr. and Mrs. Philip Henstell, 627 Delaware St., announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Marion, to Ben Levine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Levine, Scranton.

Deaths: Joseph A. Garrick, former local postmaster and assistant superintendent of highways in Susquehanna County, died yesterday morning at the family home, Main Street, following a long illness; Dr. Lloyd C. Wedeman, a practicing physician of Reading, PA, for 25 years, died suddenly, a victim of a heart attack on Sat., Jan. 3.

A native of Union Dale, he was the son of the late Charles A. and Mary S. Wedeman.

## 70 YEARS AGO

January 13, 1949  
A total of \$3,725 has been raised thus far to aid David Cookson, five-year-old Pleasant Mount township lad who lost both hands in a farm accident.

Enterprise Hose Company officers installed were President, John S. Obelonus; vice president, George Lauriha; financial secretary, Arnold Swetter; recording secretary, Rudolph Smith; treasurer, Donald Zalesky.

A budget of \$29,190 was adopted by council.

A plane piloted by Duane Johnson made an emergency landing in the field of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bock, Maple Grove.

John Bronchella is now stationed with the army at Camp Pickett, VA.

## 80 YEARS AGO

January 12, 1939  
The Lake and Forest Sportsman Club was organized last week by William Rozina as president.

Permanent officers of the Forest City Industrial Development Association will be elected Wednesday evening.

William Bayliff and William Bazil received injuries Friday when caught under a fall of roof in the Volpe mine. Frank Derbin died at his home in Vandling Friday morning.

John Mozeleski, 28, former resident, died in the Mid-Valley Hospital on Tuesday.

## 90 YEARS AGO

January 10, 1929  
The First National Bank increased capital stock to \$150,000, pays stock dividend, and added the following new directors: George C. Bartholomay, Olin Yale and Joseph M. McCormick. The present board is John Lynch, Emil Feldman, Theodore Piatkowski, W. J. Maxey, F.T. Gelder, Patrick Cleary, Dr. B.E. Costello and Dominick Franckeski.

Andrew Kilonsky, age 27, died at the home of his mother Thursday, following a short illness.

Paul Ravnika resumed his studies at Beckley College, Harrisburg, after spending the holidays at the home of his parents.

## 100 YEARS AGO

January 19, 1919  
Father Wendolowski is named new pastor of the Sacred Heart Church.

Temperatures reached 10 below zero here on Sunday.

The practice of coasting on Dundaff Street has been forbidden by an order of the Burgess.

Section hands on the O&W Railroad met with a reduction in wages beginning the first of the year. The new rate has been set at 38 1/4 cents per hour.

## 110 YEARS AGO

January 14, 1909  
Local citizens are making announcements for nominations at their respective party caucuses to be held next week.

George W. Maxey was administered to the bar of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court at Philadelphia last week.

Miners will receive a seven per cent increase according to the sliding scale in operation.

## 120 YEARS AGO

January 12, 1899  
The people of the borough will vote at the next election on the question of a bond issue to erect a borough building.

A branch of the Ladies Christian Benevolent Association was organized here last week with Mrs. Daniel Regan as first president.

Fire from a defective chimney broke out in the Dunn block on Dundaff Street yesterday afternoon.

Earl Pentecost has resigned his position with F.J. Osgood. Albert Buckland has become his successor.

## 130 YEARS AGO

January 17, 1889  
L. H. May has been appointed superintendent of the local water company.

T.G. Watkins has completed the work of driving the slope to the bottom of the Clifford shaft and last Monday the breaker was started with the first coal run sent through. The shaft is 100 feet deep and the slope is driven 400 feet to meet it.

The laying of the cornerstone of the Baptist Church will take place Thursday, January 24.

A Merchant's Protective Association has been formed in town.

Council passed an ordinance that \$3 a head will be charged for all horses used in carting and hauling.



### Week of Jan. 14

Monday - Open Face Hot Roast Beef on ww, coleslaw, corn chowder, crackers, cherry jello

Tuesday - Chicken Thighs, mashed potato, mixed veggies, dinner roll, margarine, warm spiced peaches

Wednesday - Fish Almondine, parsnip potato, snap peas, dinner roll, margarine, orange

Thursday - Swedish Meatballs, creamy pasta shells, broccoli, apple cobbler

Friday - Baked Pork Chop, boiled new potato, warm beets, dinner roll, margarine, pineapple chunks

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



### Week of Jan. 14

MON. - Chicken tenders w/dipping sauces, potato wedges, steamed broccoli, three bean salad, dinner roll, fruit.

TUES. - Grilled cheese, tomato soup, smiley fries, winter blend veggies, fruit, yogurt.

WED. - Penne pasta w/meatballs, garlic breadstick, salad, seasoned green beans, fruit.

THURS. - Chicken & gravy over biscuits, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, fruit, sherbert.

FRI. - Mickey's pizza, garden salad, peas and carrots, fruit.

Available Daily: Chef or Caesar Salad, Sunbutter & Jelly, Turkey or Ham Hoagies or Wraps, and various Grab-n-Go Specials.

### BREAKFAST

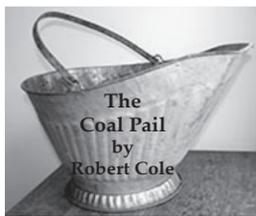
Mon. - Sausage, egg, & Ch. on a Croissant.

Tues. - Egg & Ch. on a Croissant

Wed. - Bacon, Egg & Ch. on a Croissant

Thurs. - Ham, Egg & Ch. on a Croissant

Fri. - Egg & ch. on a bagel



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.

As I got older I realized that the stupid things that we did as the Railroad Street Boys were doing nothing but just getting us in trouble with all of our families and it was time to stop doing all of the stupid stuff.

It was about 1954 and the country had just come into the Rock and Roll era. I loved the music and can remember all of the songs and people that performed them. Bill Haley and the Comets--Fats Domino--Little Richard--Elvis--The Everly Brothers--Chuck Berry--Carl Perkins and so many more.

We went to the Sugar Bowl and sat in the booths that had a juke box on the side that for a nickle it would play a song. All of the young people would come every night and hang out, drink cherry cokes and listen to the music. I can remember Butte (Jim Cawley) and Bevo (Barbara Beautz) they were a couple at that time. Deloris Shema, Rose Mary Graytock and others that hung out.

On Saturday night there was TEENTOWN over the top of the Boro Building on Main St. that all of the teens could go and dance to the music. Also every day on TV was BANDSTAND. We all waited for the next show to see the people dance and watch Dick Clark. What a time to grow up. The music influenced our life.

I still love the 50's music but now prefer the 70's and 80's. It was a time that my children grew up and played it all of the time. I still play Classic Vinyl on my Sirius radio. My daughter played the guitar and son was a drummer. What an influence on the music like now. ALL GREAT.

## Coming Events

Jan 13, 20, 27 & Feb. 3 - Bingo, Thompson Hose Co. Doors & Kitchen open at 12:30 regular bingo 2:00

Jan. 26 - Free Community Meal Christ Church Delaware St. Forest City details and times to be forthcoming

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Feb. 3 - Wing & Pizza Sale Thompson Hose Co. Noon to 6 p.m. Pre-orders 570-442-1107 or 570-442-1208 day of sale 570-727-2431

Feb. 8 - Blood Drive Brown Dale Fire Hall 1 to 6 p.m.

Feb 23 - Free Community Meal Christ Church Delaware St. Forest City

Feb. 24 - Ladore indoor yard sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 287 Owego Tpke., Waymart, Spaces available \$10. Call 570-488-6129.

Mar. 2 - Christ Church Spaghetti dinner Delaware St. Forest City

## 100 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items from the Independent Republican, Montrose Democrat and The Weekly Journal Submitted by Betty Smith, Susquehanna County Historical Society, Montrose. Back issues of 100 Years Ago can be accessed at www.susqcohistory.org

Theodore Roosevelt died suddenly in his sleep. The former President succumbed to rheumatic attack, which had given him trouble for nearly a year. Roosevelt was intensely human. He was what he was. There was none of the artificial mannerisms about him. His smile was the smile of a man who enjoyed life--his swinging of the cowboy sombrero was a naturalness of a man who has ridden the bronco of the plains or signaled in a friendly way the chance meeting with a hunter on a trail. His deeds are known to us all; his life was a wide-open book; he did not "pussy-foot" nor "speak softly," but whenever a wrong lifted its horrid head he swung the "big stick" with a lusty stroke. He had accomplished that work which his Creator intended him to do.

Harford - The Harford Band is playing especially good, showing that girls, as musicians, are superior to boys when they try. It was certainly unlike anything we have ever heard before. We hope they continue in practice. ALSO Winter is here now. Twelve degrees below zero. Some go with sleighs and some with wagons, but we are told that the "wood-shod sleds" go best, and quite a few of them are seen around town.

Susquehanna - G. P. Kuhn has been awarded \$1,311 for the loss of a foot, by the State Compensation Board, which was injured in the Susquehanna yards of the Erie last December, and the following March he submitted to the amputation of the injured foot.

New Milford - M. M. Frasier, of Friendsville, was here last week, making arrangements for a public sale of the furnishings of the Carpenter hotel, according to an item appearing in the New Milford Advertiser. Mr. Frasier recently sold his hotel, widely known as the Jay House, to the temperance people of New Milford. W. E. Carpenter, who for several years has conducted this hotel, has closed its doors and gone to Buffalo, where he has accepted a position.

Rush - The funeral of Thomas Wheatcroft, of New York city, was held in the church here. Thomas was born in England in 1849 and came to this country with his parents. He had a mercantile store at Rush where he remained for 20 years. After selling out his business he gave scope to his inventive faculty and produced for retail stores an automatic machine for selling hot peanuts in the shell, creating an entirely new industry. He joined the historic Plymouth church in Brooklyn, N.Y. Here he won the respect and esteem of those high in the church.

Clifford - The people of our town are very much interested in the subject of good roads at present. Two meetings have been held and on Monday a delegation, viz., Messrs. George Gloom, O. C. Jones, N. Johnson, A. R. Bennett and E. C. Greene, went to Harrisburg to interview the powers that be in regard to the completion of the stone road from Carbondale to Clifford.

Forest City - Edward Callaghan, of Dundaff Street, arrived home Saturday. He left here for Camp Meade and after a few weeks landed at Brest, France. He was attached to the 304 Pioneer Engineers, a regiment that won fame and distinction on the field of battle. Mr. Callaghan was at the front for 27 consecutive days and

then was relieved. The second time proved disastrous to him for he was gassed and laid on the battle field all night and was picked up the following day and removed to base hospital. He states that tongue cannot describe the horrors to be seen on the battlefield. It is beyond description. He was sent home on the Martha Washington, which held about 600 wounded and gassed, and landed at Newport News. ALSO Harry Lumley, a native of this place and one of the best known baseball players in America a few years ago, has taken a position as clerk in John W. Murphy's hotel inn Oakland. He played with the Brooklyn team during his last days in the major leagues and then came to Binghamton as manager of the State league.

Elkdale - Archie McAlla, one of the best-known young men of Clifford township, died at his home on Tuesday night of pneumonia. He was born here 30 years ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McAlla. He is survived by his wife and one child.

Thompson - On New Year's morning people were glad to see G. W. B. Tiffany, of Kingsley, get off the early train and begin loading apples. He has loaded two cars of hand-picked apples and is now loading a car of potatoes. He is well pleased with his helpers, two of our young men, Clyde Crosier and Leon Stone. Mr. Tiffany is well impressed with our town, the farmers and businessmen, but regrets that so many of our bright, young men, are addicted to the cigarette habit.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Gazette, January 9, 1819.

\*ACADEMY. Public Notice is hereby given, that the Susquehanna Academy, in the village of Montrose, is now open for the reception of scholars from abroad. The Trustees having completed the building for the accommodation of a number of scholars, and having obtained a competent number of good teachers, the principle of which is Wm. Jessup, a graduate of Yale College, flatter themselves that from the healthy situation of the village, the moderate price of board and tuition, the attention that will be paid to the morals of those young Ladies and Gentlemen whose education shall be entrusted to this Seminary, that it will receive a liberal patronage from an enlightened and intelligent public. The price of tuition for the higher branches of the Mathematics and the learned languages 4 Dls. Per quarter--for English Grammar and Geography 3 Dls. Do. For reading, writing & common arithmetic 2 Dls. Do. And for reading and spelling \$1.50 ct. By order of the President. J. W. Raynsford, Secretary. Montrose, Jan. 9th, 1819.

News Brief: The old saying, "A green Christmas and a full graveyard," has no reference to death, although nearly everybody has come to regard it that way. The saying originated in the old country, where Christmas was celebrated by general gatherings in the cemetery, where festivities were carried out. If snow was deep, few came out, but if there was no snow, the churchyard would be full of people. Hence the allusion to a green Christmas, which people in this country have come to regard as ominous. There is nothing in the notion that a white Christmas is more healthful than a green one.

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## WMH Auxiliary Spreads Holiday Joy to Patients



A tradition which began in the 1970s continues to date as members of the Wayne Memorial Hospital Auxiliary distributed holiday plants and good tidings to nearly 200. Plants were gifted to hospital patients in Honesdale as well as residents of Wayne Woodlands Manor, Wayne Memorial's long-term care home in Waymart. Arnold "Dutch" Holland, 86, a patient at Wayne Memorial-Good Shepherd Inpatient Rehabilitation Center, is shown with Auxilian Dottie Wilcox. Holland looks forward to enjoying his plant at home when he's discharged just in time for Christmas with his family.

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