

"Remember When" By: Mark Regulski

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Since this is the last issue of The Greater Nanticoke Leader, I would like to take this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to my readers. I have been writing this column for nearly two years and I hope that you have enjoyed reading them as much as I enjoyed writing them.

For my final column, I decided to share with you an article that I came across in the March 10, 1906 issue of the Wilkes-Barre Record, dealing with the sale of the Nanticoke Dam. The removal of the Nanticoke Dam from the Susquehanna River has caused strife in this valley since 1901. The dam was sold by the owners and was said it would be utilized for one of the largest power-producing plants in the State of Pennsylvania.

Two deeds were filed disposing of the property. One deed was made by the Pennsylvania Canal Co., which had sold the dam and adjoining property to Harry E. Fauser for \$30,000. The new purchaser evidently purchased the property for another concern, the Nanticoke Power Co., of which he was a stockholder or officer, as he too filed a deed, conveying the property to the Nanticoke Power Co. for a consideration of \$1. By the deed of the Pennsylvania Canal Co. to Harry E. Fauser, the new owner was released from any indebtedness which might have arisen through the \$5,000,000 mortgage that was held against the canal company.

The sale included the Nanticoke Dam and its approaches, inlets and outlets, inter lock, lock house and lot and all buildings on the land sold, also that portion of the Wyoming division of the old Pennsylvania Canal, located in Plymouth Township.

This property was originally owned by the Wyoming Valley Canal Co. which was merged with the Pennsylvania Canal Co. on January 2, 1869. The dam was located near the site of the old rope ferry that once operated on the river. In modern times, the location of the dam would be best described as slightly downstream from where Harvey's Creek enters the Susquehanna River.

The purchase also included the old canal bed for a distance of 1,425 feet east from the bridge of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. at that point. The sale was first taken up late in 1900, but was not sanctioned by the directors of the canal company until April 1901. The site of the dam was eventually abandoned for whatever reason. Many people in the valley were against having a dam located at Nanticoke and blamed it for causing more extensive damage during times of flooding. This was due to the fact that we had no dikes along the river at this time, and they felt that the dam would hold back most of the floodwater, causing more damage to the area.

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30 years ago -1972

Nanticoke Redevelopment Authority announced that, due to the flood, certain schedules for project improvements were revised. The contractor's equipment was commandeered by the State Department of Highways for emergency use.

Nanticoke City Council approved a contract with the federal government designating Nanticoke Redevelopment Authority to provide housing for Nanticoke victims of the flood disaster.

Leventhal's, 20 E. Main St., Nanticoke, held a July clearance sale.

Approximately \$387,500 in damages resulted from the flood in the Lower Broadway section of Nanticoke City.

40 years ago -1962

"The House on Haunted Hill" played at the State Theatre.

Instructors at Lincoln Playground conducted a scavenger hunt with approximately 40 children participating.

Honey Pot A.C. edged out a victory over a much-improved Hanover Teeners by a 3-2 score.

Joseph's Furniture Store, Nanticoke, was holding a moving sale.

Royal Ladies' Shop, 69 E. Main St., Nanticoke, held a July Clearance Sale.

Gem Furniture Store closed its Main Street store and relocated to 154 South Market Street.

50 years ago -1952

A picture of Louis Testaguzza, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Testaguzza of Newport Center, appeared on the front cover of the June issue of the "Forces Review," publication of the Department of the Air Force.

A meeting of teenage residents and members of the Lake Silk-worth Protective Association was held at the Lake Silkworth Firehouse.

Nanticoke Fire Department extinguished two chimney fires. The fires caused only slight damage.

60 years ago- 1942

Crowds estimated at more than 40,000 witnessed a parade sponsored by the Armed Service Club of Nanticoke. Included in the parade were soldiers, tanks and many floats.

Not a single section of Luzerne County was overlooked in the Diphtheria Prevention Campaign, sponsored by several groups in the hope that every child in the county might be immunized. In all, 7,948 children were immunized.

75 years ago -1927

The Hanover Crescents won a hard fought game with the Nanticoke Broadway Giants by the score of 7-5. The game was played on the Hanover diamond.

Anthony Wintergaras, 34, of East Washington Street, a miner for the Bliss Colliery, received fatal injuries by being caught beneath a fall of rock. He was survived by his wife and two children.

The Nanticoke Police were making a drive on reckless speeding and charged a 21-year-old man of speeding and injuring someone. He was given a hearing before Mayor Daniel F. Sakowski and was discharged upon paying a fine and costs. He was also ordered to pay the doctor's bill for injuries to the victim.

The pyrotechnic display of fireworks held at Lincoln Stadium was witnessed by thousands of people who came from various parts of the valley. The stadium was packed to capacity.

100 years ago -1902

A game of baseball was played at Hanover Park (later known as Sans Souci Park). The Sunsets of Scranton defeated the Nanticoke team by a score of 5-4. "The game, by all means, should have been ours, had it not been for several costly errors which netted the visitors two unearned runs."

It was evident that a glorious celebration of the Fourth of July was held at Nanticoke from the fact that when the Street commissioner ordered Main Street cleaned on the following day. Several wagonloads of the remnants of firecrackers,

Roman candles and skyrockets were gathered up.

An interesting game of ball was witnessed by a large crowd on the Powder House Field between the Links and a juvenile team from Wilkes-Barre, resulting in a victory for the Links by the score of 22-15.

Quite an exciting event occurred on Main Street as the borough officers were at work catching dogs. A net was used for catching the canines and they succeeded in catching a wagonload.

Posted on July 4, 2002

30 years ago -1972

A major clean-up operation was underway in the entire area following the Agnes Flood.

40 years ago 1962

The 40th annual Slovak Day for Luzerne County was held at Sans Souci Park.

"Spartacus" played at the State Theatre.

Nanticoke City Council awarded a contract to Oplinger Coal Company, Nanticoke, to furnish the city with approximately 150 tons of anthracite at a bid of \$14.95 per ton for No. 1 buck and \$15.50 for pea coal. oplinger's bid was the only one received.

William Connell reported to Nanticoke Police that his brother, John Connell, 67, Kosciuszko Street, had been missing from home for four days. A description was given and State Police at Wyoming were also notified.

Nanticoke State General Hospital admitted two people in the same day for injuries that occurred during two area baseball games. Frank O'Donnell, 27, of Larksville, collided with another player at Weineck Park, Newport Township. Edward Piontkowski, 3, of Garfield Street, received injuries to the head when struck by a pitched ball at the Honey Pot Diamond.

50 years ago - 1952

Raymond Wasenda, 26, of Hunlock Creek, was admitted to Nanticoke State Hospital with injuries to his right arm. He fell while attempting to stop a runaway automobile.

Police Chief Simon Kupinewicz issued a warning on the use of certain fireworks. He stated that cap guns and sparklers were permissible and persons setting off any other items would be prosecuted.

60 years ago -1942

An announcement by Carter Bache of his retirement from the meat and grocery business meant the closing of an important Nanticoke store that housed a business in the Bache name for a continuous period of 62 years. The store was founded by T.C. Bache, grandfather of Carter. The Bache store was located at Hanover and Broad Streets, with the exception of a brief period when it was located at Slope and West Main Streets. Bache planned to continue his dairy business from his Maywood farms.

"Bring the family and spend the day at the playground of Wyoming Valley" was an advertisement for Sans Souci Park.

An Independence Day parade was sponsored by the Nanticoke Armed Services Club.

75 years ago -1927

Safe-Sane Fireworks were sold at Rees' Confectionary Store, East Broad Street (on the square).

Joseph Cherby, 5, of Shickshinny, met with a painful accident by being kicked in the face by a horse. He was admitted to Nanticoke State Hospital. His condition was reported as fair.

"Spend the 4th at Sans Souci Park - dancing afternoon and evening. Music by Gilligan's Orchestra."

The annual shoot of the Tilbury Rod and Gun Club of West Nanticoke was held at its grounds in the vicinity of the D.L.&W. Railroad Station.

100 years ago -1902

Our public park was crowded to overflowing with those eager to hear the fine concert music rendered by the popular Stickney Band.

All dogs found on the streets of Nanticoke were captured and placed in the pound unless they had collars bearing the names of the owners.

Tom Reese had on display in his window a crow and an owl. Crowds of people flocked about the window to witness the menagerie. After all had gone, the two birds entered into combat and the owl came out the victor, making the crow's feathers fly in all directions. The crow sank helplessly in the corner and breathed its last.

There was a runaway horse on Locust Street. It dashed down the street and did some damage, tearing an iron pole from under a shed and breaking a large window. The driver was uninjured during the incident. Another runaway horse the following day ended with the horse running into a pole with no harm done.

Posted on June 27, 2002

30 years ago -1972

There was a Big Dollar Day Sale at the Leader Store.

A 24-year-old Nanticoke man was treated at Nanticoke State General Hospital for facial injuries sustained in an altercation with another man. He was treated for facial lacerations and released.

Numerous homes in Newport Township were without electrical power for nearly a half hour when a conductor broke and fell from a pole. UGI restored the damage.

Heavy rains, associated with the northward passage of Tropical Storm Agnes, continued to drench Northeastern Pennsylvania, causing major flooding in the entire area.

40 years ago -1962

After 31 years, Penn Flour and Feed announced it would operate on a cash and carry basis only.

"King of Kings" played at the State Theatre.

Simon Kupinewicz, police chief, announced that persons selling or discharging fireworks within the city limits would be prosecuted. The chief also requested persons leaving on vacation notify the police department as to when they were leaving and on what date they would return to their homes.

Parishioners and friends of St. Mary's Church, Wanamie, attended the blessing and dedication of the newly-constructed picnic grounds and stands adjacent to the church on the corner of Vandermark Road and Bellas Road.

50 years ago -1952

A sprinkler system and wading pool were under construction at Lincoln Playground, Kosciuszko Street.

Nineteen representatives of Nanticoke Fire Department made the quarterly fire inspection of Nanticoke State Hospital.

The Holy Name Society of St. Mary's parish held a communion breakfast with more than 200 men present.

Two brothers and a sister, separated since the death of their father in 1932, were reunited in Nanticoke. When the Lee Park man passed away, his three children were placed in private homes.

60 years ago -1942

Stanley Lipsky, 62, former postmaster of Glen Lyon, passed away due to a heart attack. He was a native of Poland and lived in Glen Lyon for 40 years. He served as postmaster of the borough for six years.

Michael Kaplan, 39, Nanticoke, was fatally injured in a fall of rock at Bliss operation of the Glen Alden Coal Company.

William Goodman, 15, Field Street, fell from a swing in a field near his home and suffered head injuries. The youth lost his memory for a period of time and wandered about. He was reported to be in good condition.

75 years ago -1927

Athletes of Newport Township High School were honored at a chicken dinner held at Ruth's dining parlors, Nuangola

Hundreds of people of Newport Township and Nanticoke attended the formal opening of Prushinski's new furniture store at Glen Lyon. The new store was located at 176 Main St. in the Trotsky building and was said to be one of the finest in this section of the valley. Prushinski also owned a large furniture store in Mocanaqua.

100 years ago -1902

The Nanticoke baseball team defeated the strong Cutlery works team of Lee Park. It was a well-played game with a final score of 9-3.

A large crowd gathered at the corner of Main and Locust Streets, indicating that something "beyond the ordinary" had happened.

One of the Susquehanna Coal Company's deputies had displayed his firearms on a streetcar. He arrived from Wilkes-Barre on the car. When the car arrived at Nanticoke, he drew his revolver. Before long, 100 people were gathered at the corner. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest.

Excavation was begun on the new First National Bank site. Three teams and two single horse carts were kept busy and much was accomplished. The new bank was to be patterned after the East Stroudsburg Bank.

Posted on June 20, 2002

30 years ago -1972

"Tales From the Crypt" and "Zachariah" played at the State Theatre.

A large cement truck was "ditched" by its driver when the brakes failed while descending the steep Alden Mountain grade in Newport Township and burst into flames. The driver, Joseph Maczuga, of Mocanaqua, walked away from the accident without a scratch. The cement truck was owned by Shawnee Ready Mix of Larksville. Rather than trying to ride the truck to the bottom, the driver decided to "ditch" the vehicle in an unpopulated area. The truck traveled

approximately 105 feet into the woods along the highway, striking and shearing off several large trees, including one that fell onto the roadway. The truck's fuel tank ruptured, burst into flames and engulfed the vehicle. The truck was totally destroyed.

40 years ago -1962

A wood and refuse pile near the old Wanamie breaker at the eastern end of East Main Street, Wananiie, caught fire and had to be doused with water by truck driver Jack Skamarakas of Wanamie Hose Co. No.2.

"Cape Fear" and "The Colossus of Rhodes" played at the State Theatre.

Glen Lyon Cafe was located at 121 E. Main St.

Newport Township Police apprehended several teenage drivers for reckless driving. A drive was being vigorously carried out on an all-out basis to eliminate the "hot rodders" from the township streets. State Police also arrested several juveniles for motor vehicle violations and were patrolling the township regularly.

50 years ago -1952

Eight playgrounds were opened for the season and would remain open for approximately 10 weeks. Instructors were at West Side, Quality Hill, St. Mary's, Honey Pot, Hanover, Riverside and Lincoln playgrounds. Activities planned were boys and girls softball, volleyball, basketball, Lions Club baseball, tennis, hopscotch, marbles, knothole games, hikes and other events.

A coal shed at the rear of 252 E. Noble St., Nanticoke, owned by Harry Smith, was damaged slightly by fire. A booster line was used to put out the blaze.

James Milliner, 7, of Rd. No. 2, Hunlock Creek, suffered injuries of the left leg and the left index finger when he fell from a hay mower. He was admitted to Nanticoke State Hospital and was reported to be in good condition.

60 years ago -1942

In the Mid Valley League, the Good Will Club, of East End, scored a 6-5 victory over the Honey Pot Pirates on the victors' diamond at Pine Ridge.

Charles Adamski, one of the oldest Polish settlers of Nanticoke, a fire boss for the Susquehanna Collieries Co. for 30 years, died at his home, 16 W. Ridge St. Mr. Adamski was born in Poland and was a resident of Nanticoke for over 60 years.

Forty six selectees from Nanticoke were among 113 men from Luzerne, Pike, and Tioga Counties accepted at the U.S. Army Induction and Recruiting Station for service in the nation's armed forces.

75 years ago -1927

A fire was discovered in two lumber piles in the yard of the Susquehanna Lumber Company. Stickney, Lape and Hook & Ladder companies responded. The blaze was extinguished but the firemen experienced some difficulty in getting at the bottom of the burning piles. The damage was minimal.

Much attention was attracted by the film projector in the windows of the People's Saving and Trust Company. The flight of Col. Charles Lindberg across the Atlantic and his subsequent reception in France was shown. This was an automatic moving film projector.

Edward Nork, 8, of East Main Street, Glen Lyon, was admitted to Nanticoke State Hospital, suffering from scratches and slight abrasions to the face. The youngster was attempting to cross the street near his home when struck by an

automobile. His condition was reported to be good.

100 years ago -1902

There was an effigy case at Alderman Donohue's. One of these figures was found hanging at John Nash's home in Nanticoke. When Nash came out of his home, some woman, it was alleged, remarked that he was coming out to look at himself. This angered Nash and he called the woman a name. A Mr. Evans said his wife was called the name and had Nash arrested. The alderman gave Nash a reprimand and told him that, although he was free to work, he was not justified in calling women names. He fined Nash \$1 and costs or 30 days in jail. Nash took an appeal and entered bail.

During a severe storm, lightning struck two places in this vicinity and the fires that followed did much damage. The home of Mr. Weiss of Glen Lyon was struck and damaged heavily by fire. All occupants escaped without injury. The other place struck was the barn of Mr. Bellas of Sheatown. Three valuable horses were "roasted" in the flames and the barn was completely gutted.

Posted on Thursday, June 13, 2002

30 years ago -1972

The swimming pool at Sans Souci Park was opened for the season.

"Klute," "Summer of 42" and "National Velvet" played at the State Theatre.

Nanticoke City presented the Wyoming Valley Concert Orchestra in the first concert of the 1972 summer season at Central Park. Steven P. Cottrino directed the concert.

40 years ago -1962

"Safe at Home," "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" and "Rome Adventure" played at the State Theatre.

A total of 36 juniors at the senior high school of the Newport Conyngham Joint School System completed the student driver's course, which called for 36-40 hours of theory and 6-8 hours of actual driving, as required by the state. There were 11 boys and 25 girls, in the class. Walter Serowicz was the instructor of the course.

Ridge Ice and Coal was located at Mill and Arch Streets, Nanticoke.

A 30-year-old Nanticoke man escaped serious injury when he lost control of his car and crashed into some guard posts and a telephone pole on Route 935, five miles west of Hunlock Creek. The car was demolished.

50 years ago -1952

Nanticoke launched its first community-sponsored factory building when groundbreaking ceremonies were held in preparation for actual construction. The low bidder to build the factory was Raymond R. Hedden, whose base bid was \$183,000.

Juveniles from Nanticoke and Reading, who escaped from KisLyn Industrial School, were taken into custody at Kelley's Field, Newport Township by Newport Township, Nanticoke and state police. The two boys were charged with eight burglaries in and around the Nanticoke area. The boys ended up walking into the police station after several days of being away from the school. They said that steady rain and lack of food made them surrender.

60 years ago -1942

The Honey Pot Pirates defeated Hanover A.A., 3-2, in baseball. The Honey Pot team included Kunricki, Huller, Bonner, Dudeck, Antonik, Kobylarz, Zdarski, Molley, Kuligowski, Kotch and Levandowski.

75 years ago -1927

Plans for a new river bridge at Retreat, mainly for the benefit of the asylum and almshouse employees and visitors were presented to five judges as court en banc for approval. The project did not seem to meet with the favor of the court and some of the judges criticized the project as being too expensive and unnecessary. The Central Poor District was urging the erection of the structure to replace the ferry and to provide a safe means of reaching the institutions from the West side. They also wanted to eliminate the grade crossings on both sides of the river. The estimated cost was placed at \$250,000. The plan was not approved and a bridge was not built at that location until 1951, using structural steel from the "old" Carey Avenue Bridge.

100 years ago -1902

A game of ball was played on the Powder House Field between the Nanticoke team and Edwardsville and was anything but spirited. The playing of both teams was poor and the large crowd present soon grew weary of the contest. Garman pitched during the first part of the game for Nanticoke. So poor was his showing that he was replaced by Hoar, who also seemed somewhat tired and did not play in his usual good form. The game, however, resulted in a 16-15 victory for Nanticoke.

The people living on the hill were without water, owing to the shutting down of the pumps. Many came to the public park carrying pails so they could carry water to their homes.

Ambrose West and a number of workmen were in town stringing wires and erecting poles so that Nanticoke may enjoy competition between the Nanticoke Electric Light Co. and the West Light Co. of Plymouth.

Posted on Thursday, June 6, 2002

30 years ago -1972

"Mark of the Devil" and "Mash" played at the State Theatre.

Nanticoke Area Junior Women's Club held a bazaar at the Nanticoke Armory.

Nanticoke Housing Authority vice chairman John J. Marchinkowski presented a check totaling \$1,011,700 to Raymon R. Heddon, a partner in Nanticoke Turnkey Developers. The check was a partial payment in the first three phases to the developers.

Florek's Cafe, 200 W. Church St., Nanticoke sold 8-ounce lobster tails for \$3.75. They also had chicken dinners for \$1.25

40 years ago -1962

"The Day the Earth Caught Fire" and "Magic Boy" played at the State Theatre.

An "Old Fashion Family Picnic" was held at Glen Grove Grounds, West Main Street, Glen Lyon. A mine refuse (culm) bank, located between Glen Lyon and Wanamie, near St. Nicolas Cemetery and the township dump site, caught fire during a forest fire.

Polish National Alliance dancing classes rehearsed each Saturday at Kubera's Hall, West Church Street, in preparation for a performance that was to be presented at Sans Souci Park.

50 years ago -1952

Loyalty Class of First Methodist Church held a covered dish picnic at Sans Souci Park.

President Charles Roman announced that all preparations were ready for the opening of the local Little League at West Side Park.

A film on Boy Scouting was shown at a meeting of the Nanticoke Rotary Club.

Two Glen Alden laborers were injured in separate accidents and admitted to Nanticoke State Hospital. Andrew Ostroshani, 56, and Joseph Kurk, 39, were injured in rock falls at separate collieries.

60 years ago -1942

GAR made a 3-2 triumph over Nanticoke before a large crowd at Mayflower Field, winning the Luzerne County League championship. Those on the Nanticoke team included J. Hiller, Kozloski, Florkiewicz, Deschak, Brunn, Maddy, Kuligowski, Lohman, C. Hiller, Chesko and Brokus.

John Chesko, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Chesko, Park Street, received a contract to pitch for the Curtiss-Wright baseball team in New Jersey. He formerly pitched for Nanticoke High School, having a no-hit, no-run game to his credit.

A cigarette tossed by a passing motorist through the open window of the parked auto of William Anthony, Main Street news dealer, was thought to have caused a blaze that damaged the upholstery of Anthony's vehicle. Lape Hose Company extinguished the blaze.

75 years ago -1927

The pupils of the Nanticoke School of Dancing, under the direction of Peter P. Riley, gave their annual dance review in the auditorium of the Nanticoke High School. A large and appreciative audience attended this annual musical comedy review.

More than 5,000 people visited the new store of Voss Sales, at 102 5. Market St., Nanticoke, in the "Kanjorski Building" on the opening day.

Four hundred and fifty coal salesmen were entertained at a dinner by the officials of the Susquehanna Collieries Co. of Nanticoke at the Nanticoke State Armory on Broadway. The sales force came from all parts of the country, marking the first time that such a gathering of men such as these was ever held in Nanticoke.

100 years ago 1902

The Nanticoke baseball team added another game to a long list of-victories when the strong Parsons team was taken in by a score of 7-3. Several thousand spectators witnessed the performance.

The Y.M.C.A. rooms of Nanticoke were opened with a large attendance and an interesting program was rendered. Hon. P.L. Drum delivered an address that made a deep impression among his listeners.

The firemen and pump runners of Nanticoke joined a strike and not a single piece of machinery was in operation - not even the pumps that supplied the town with water. The people of town were notified to draw a supply of water because the pumps were about to be shut down. Without the water pumps, the fire alarms could not be sounded and there would be no lights for the town because there would be no steam in any of the boilers without water. The mines would not be pumped out either and would fill up with water.

Posted on Thursday, May 30, 2002

30 years ago - 1972

"The Hot Rock" and "Taste the Blood of Dracula" played at the State Theatre.

Galli Seafood Market, 120 W. Church St., Nanticoke, was badly gutted by fire. Smoke and water caused heavy damage as well. The blaze was believed to have started in the basement. The structure also housed three families.

The grand opening of South Street Meat Market was held.

The old Newport Theatre, located in the heart of Glen Lyon's West Main Street, was being razed.

40 years ago - 1962

A square dance festival, sponsored by the Anthracite Valley Callers Association, was held at the Nanticoke State Armory.

"Don't Knock the Twist," "The Three Stooges Meet Hercules," "The Innocents," and "Madison Ave." played at the State Theatre.

Kata's Cafe was located at 520 S. Walnut St., Nanticoke.

George Sabanas, 64, of Main Road, Lee, Glen Lyon, was treated at Nanticoke State General Hospital for injuries he sustained when his automobile hit a service pole near the Glen Lyon breaker.

50 years ago - 1952

The May dinner meeting of the St. David's Society of Wyoming Valley was held at Bethel Congregational Church, Nanticoke.

Every Wednesday was "Big Nickel Day" at Sans Souci Park.

Hill Paint and Wallpaper Store was located at 184 S. Market St., Nanticoke.

Cherly Gasewicz, 5, Coal Street, Glen Lyon, suffered injuries to the nose when a baseball bat hit her. She was treated at Nanticoke State Hospital and released.

60 years ago - 1942

There was some flooding in the area.

Coordinating with other agencies of the Community Welfare Federation in the war effort, St. Stanislaus Institute at Sheatown had a prominent part in a blackout test when Newport Township Fire Department responded to a "mock fire" at the institution.

The famous Polka Dots and Lew Noble and His Dance Band performed at Sans Souci Park.

By defeating Coughlin in two extra frames, 3-2, Nanticoke moved into a first place tie with the Grenadiers for top place in the Luzerne County League.

75 years ago - 1927

Roth Service Station was located in West Nanticoke.

Eddie Gilligan's Orchestra performed at Croop's Glen, Hunlock Creek, and at Sans Souci Park.

Sans Souci Park opened for the season.

Julia's Beauty Parlor opened for business at 316 Kosciuszko St.. Julia Davis was the proprietor of the newly-opened business.

One of the big events in the history of Nanticoke State Hospital took place in the Nanticoke High School auditorium when a class of 13 student nurses was graduated. A large and appreciative audience enjoyed the affair and remained for the luncheon, reception and dance, which followed in the high school gymnasium.

100 years ago - 1902

In a one-sided game of ball at Parsons, our boys defeated the team of that place by the score of 20-8.

Memorial Day exercises were held in the Broadway Opera House. The Junior O.U.A.M. was in charge of the affair.

Posted on Thursday, May. 16, 2002

30 years ago - 1972

"The French Connection" and "The World of Hans Christian Anderson" played at the State Theatre.

An authentic replica of the "Nanticoke #7 Colliery, #7 Shaft, 4th Drift, Bottom of Red Ash Seam, West South Dip Gangway" was opened to the public by the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society in Wilkes-Barre.

Members of the Greater Nanticoke School Board and City Administration inspected the newly-installed blinking lights on Kosciuszko Street near Lincoln Elementary School.

Rick Volk, defensive back for the Baltimore Colts, was the principal speaker at Rotary Recognition Night held at the John S. Fine High School.

40 years ago - 1962

"Moon Pilot" played at the State Theatre.

Nanticoke Beer Distributor was open every night until 9 p.m.

The proposed jointure of Wyoming Valley VNA with Nanticoke Visiting Nurse Association was the subject of a talk by Carroll D. Colby, executive director of Welfare Planning Council, at a meeting of the local group.

Comic books, magazines and ice-cream were sold at the corner of Market and Union Streets, Nanticoke.

Newport Township defeated Nanticoke, 5-0, in baseball.

50 years ago - 1952

The musical revue "Stars on Parade" was presented at the Harter High School, West Nanticoke. It was for the benefit of the Tilbury Volunteer Fire Co. Building Fund. Proceeds were to go toward the cost of erecting a firehouse.

George Shupski, 7, East Grand Street, Nanticoke, was treated at Nanticoke State Hospital for a laceration of the right finger, suffered when he caught it in a lawn mower.

In baseball, Shickshinny defeated Nanticoke, 9-3 and Tunkhanock defeated Harter High School, 11-4.

Helen Grabowski, 18, Lower Broadway, was injured when the automobile she was riding in collided with another car at College and Main Streets. Her condition was reported as fair at the Nanticoke State Hospital. She was a passenger in an automobile driven by Robert Krynick, 26, of Walnut Street. The other driver was reported as Raymond Rudnitskas of

Lee Park.

60 years ago - 1942

Director James A. Thomas was voted a leave of absence "for the duration of the war" by his colleagues on the Nanticoke School Board. This was the first action of its kind taken by a school district of the Wyoming Valley regarding officials who leave for armed service.

Registration for gas rationing was held in all the elementary schools. School teachers were the registrars. Registrants were asked to bring their automobile owners cards.

Coughlin defeated Nanticoke, 11-1, in baseball.

Frank Lape, 56, a member of one of Nanticoke's oldest families, passed away. He was born in Nanticoke and was the son of Alvin and Amelia (Young) Lape, prominent residents. His mother passed away in 1940 at the age of 99.

75 years ago - 1927

Ready-mixed paint, all colors, sold for \$1.89 a gallon at Baicker's Wallpaper Store, Nanticoke.

The Palm Restaurant, 29 Broadway, announced that it would be relocating to Main Street, next to the State Theatre.

Scureman's Drug Store announced a one-cent sale.

Considerable excitement prevailed on Market Street when a Chevrolet sedan, owned by Reuben Lewis, started down the hill without the driver. Mr. Lewis was in a nearby store making some purchases, leaving his 5-year-old son seated in the car to await his return, but in some unknown manner, the car started down the hill gaining much speed. "Ski" Graboski, who was passing at the time and noticed the speed of the car, jumped on the automobile and succeeded on putting on the brakes but not until it had smashed into another car, owned by Andrew Hudack, of Plymouth. Both cars were damaged, but the child escaped uninjured.

100 years ago - 1902

A strike that was in progress at #7 breaker was settled satisfactorily to both sides.

A musical was held in the Presbyterian Church. Admission was 25 cents for adults and 15 cents for children. Refreshments were served after the entertainment.

The members of the Stickney Band were practicing music that was to be rendered at their great dance, at Powder House Grove.

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30 years ago - 1972

West Nanticoke Boat Club represented the lower part of Wyoming Valley in the annual Cherry Blossom Festival Raft Race.

"The Hospital" and "Chitty-Chitty Bang Bang" played at the State Theatre.

Kentucky Fried Chicken was located at Colonial Village Shopping Center in Nanticoke.

Newport Township Patrolman Albert Forgach apprehended two juveniles from Newport Township, charging them with committing a series of burglaries over a period of two months.

Edward Kearney, 13, Nanticoke, was reported to be in fair condition at Nanticoke State General Hospital, where he was

treated for injuries suffered after being struck by an automobile in the Shickshinny area while riding his bicycle.

40 years ago - 1962

In baseball: Nanticoke defeated Dallas, 5-1; Northwest defeated Newport Township, 7-6.

"Ben Hur" played at the State Theatre.

Approximately 75 WWI veterans from Nanticoke-Newport met at the Moose Home and organized a local barracks of the Veterans of World War I of the USA, Incorporated.

Nanticoke Taxpayers Association held a special meeting at the City Building. The president of the association gave his opinion that the proposed new elementary school in Nanticoke was not needed.

50 years ago - 1952

"Bugles in the Afternoon" and "Singing in the Rain" played at the State Theatre. "The Kid From Amarillo" and "The Magic Face" played at the Rex Theatre. "Pete and His Tune Toppers" performed at Carl's, 140 E. Main St., Glen Lyon. "Viva Zapata" played at the Family Theatre, Glen Lyon.

National Hospital Day was observed at the Nanticoke State Hospital. There was an open house for the general public to inspect the grounds and the departments of the hospital with the many improvements that had been made.

60 years ago - 1942

Nanticoke scored its second victory in the Luzerne County scholastic baseball loop when it defeated Exeter, 10-7, in three extra frames on the losers' diamond. The victory kept the Nans in a first place deadlock with GAR.

Newport fans were treated to a thriller when their baseball team defeated Larksville, 2-1.

GAR took over undisputed leadership of the Luzerne County scholastic league when it handed Nanticoke its first setback of the season. The final score was 3-2.

Nanticoke Police announced that drastic steps would be taken to halt thefts of license plates. The announcement was made with reports that six sets of license plates were stolen in one weekend.

75 years ago - 1927

Large and appreciative audiences attended the physical culture demonstration given in the Pulaski gymnasium by 50 pupils of the Glen Lyon schools in observance of Child Health Day. The program was arranged by Miss Anna Mulherin, instructor in physical education in the Newport Township schools.

Challenger's Apartments were available to rent at \$25 to \$55 per month.

The Sterling, "Nanticoke's most up-to-date barber shop," opened for business. Richard "Dick" Gingher was the proprietor.

The first track event of the season took place at Lincoln Stadium when the boys of Nanticoke High School competed against the Plymouth High School students in their annual track meet.

100 years ago - 1902

Two trick horse riders gave three exhibitions on Main Street. They were experts in their class and pleased a large audience at each performance.

The newly-organized Nanticoke baseball team played the Black Diamonds of Plains on the Powder House field.

It seemed likely that construction would begin on the Nanticoke-Hanover Railway.

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