DO YOU REMEMBER the Rifle Club pictured here on May 30, 1924. In front are Ben Domaleski and Mickey Krushana; standing, Bill Minahan, Harold Harr, Henry Dillman; on horse, Henny Houser.

DO YOU REMEMBER when the cornerstone of the Ukrainians Polish Baptist Church on South Center Street was laid on November 10, 1940? Impressive ceremonies were held despite the cold weather. The founder of the church was Michael Dobazowski of South Railroad Avenue. The history of the local congregation, the day’s program, names of clergy and prominent visitors was placed in the cornerstone. Rev. N. Shelpuk was the Pastor.

DO YOU REMEMBER when People’s Trust Company of Frackville was closed on November 4, 1931 and all depositors were reimbursed with a payment of 20 per cent on April 22, 1932; second payment of 7½ per cent on August 31, 1932; and a third payment of 5 per cent on April 13, 1933? A. Hower Glock was the special deputy agent for the State Department of Banking. The bank had deposit liability of $957,792.28 when the banking department took it over.

DO YOU REMEMBER when Miss Street was the correspondent for the Evening Herald in 1928. DO YOU REMEMBER when the Kau United Shows pitched their tents on the Burchill field at Pine and Sixth Streets? DO YOU REMEMBER when 200,000 Pennsylvanians were employed in sweatshops and women worked for $1.30 a week and men worked for five cents an hour? According to Stephen Raushenbush, of the Bureau of Industrial Relations, “This deplorable situation is responsible for the 1.96 silk dresses, 3 for 10 cent cigars, 39 cent hosiery, $10 suits and topcoats, and the 25 cent shirts and neckties.” People worked fifty to ninety hours a week for these wages.

DO YOU REMEMBER the first girls’ basketball team in 1915-16? Boys rules were used for these games. This was the only team in town, they had no substitutes and if a girl was slightly injured she still played in the game. Games were played between towns and the team often went to Minersville, Tremont, and Pottsville by horse and wagon. Mr. Miller, of town, was a coal hauler and offered the use of his coal wagon to transport the girls. They used straw and tarp to cover the floor of the wagon and in the winter used blankets to protect themselves from the cold and snow. Ella Kaup remembers one night when they went to Minersville for a game and they were caught in a blinding snow storm. Their driver made the wrong turn and they got lost in the Heckscherville Valley and had to stay overnight at a restaurant there. Their return home was dreadfully when they didn’t return home until the next morning but as all youngsters Ella said they had a lot of fun. Members of this team were: Ella Wagner Kaup, Guard; Beatrice Murphy, Center; Myrtle Forney Miller, Guard; Lillie Dudley Evans and Alma Berger Marshall, forwards. Coach for this team was Asst. Principal D. J. Hoppes.

DO YOU REMEMBER the 8th annual ball of the Good Will Hose Co. No. 1 of Frackville? This was held in the Berkshire Hall on May 1, 1933. A parade before the ball was witnessed by hundreds of people. Chief Marshall Daniel Frack; Frackville Band, Prof. Arthur Dillman, director; apparatus of the Humane, West End and Citizens Fire Company, Mahanoy City; Continental Fire Company, Gilberton; Columbia, and Phoenix Fire Company of Shamrock; Friendship Fire Company of Englewood; Good Will Hose No. 1, town marched in line. Music was furnished by the Sweeney orchestra.

DO YOU REMEMBER when Frackville acquired its first ambulance in August, 1948 or when the Frackville Library opened on November 13, 1929? DO YOU REMEMBER when the State Police Barracks was located in the “Barker House” on the corner of Oak Street and Lehight Avenue in September 1935 or when they were located on the corner of Oak and Nice Streets as of August 1, 1947?

DO YOU REMEMBER when the Frackville Rotary first organized on March 20, 1928? Their first President was E. H. Souder; Vice President, George Burchill; Secretary, Rev. W. H. Egge; Treasurer, Robert G. Garrett; and H. Curtis Kalbach, Sgt.-At-Arms.

DO YOU REMEMBER when the William Kirlewicz Building at 64 North Nice Street was the Moose Building in the early 1900’s?

DO YOU REMEMBER when H. T. Evans Drygoods Store was located at 56-58 North Nice Street? This is now being used as an apartment building.