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As than was anticipated from the Board of Education, the Board of Education has been in session since the meeting of June 22, 1939, at the close of this fiscal year. There will not be a financial deficit in our moderate budget. The Board of Education has maintained their schedule of bond interest in keeping with the regular program and has also been able to meet current interest payments when due. Teachers' salaries were increased moderately for the school year just passed, however, no additional staff was added.

**Parent-Teacher Associations**  
A summary of the school year would not be complete without a word concerning our Parent-Teacher Associations. The Parent-Teacher Council has been active in promoting the welfare of the six Parent-Teacher Associations in the community. This year, in the past, a group has taken an active interest and subscribed to the Community Recreation Program. The year of the year has been "Know Your Schools." The great values deriving from this work is to have the parents and teachers interested in the program of the schools, thereby becoming more familiar with the assistance of the school. The parents are to ultimately benefit the child. Several top speakers have addressed different groups and before the school year. One noteworthy point of long standing is the furtherance of the program of the children. Three of the Associations have this as one of their aims.

In concluding, the school year is shown distinct progress and growth. In the field of the curriculum, the school has been able to ultimately mean better education for all. Several studies are still in progress and reports and recommendations can come only at the conclusion of the studies. The school is offering the junior schools are badly needed but it is given only when there is adequate finance to support such program. Textbooks have been provided in the elementary school field of language work. These are a welcome addition to the field of elementary school education. Home room procedures and the administration of a group of children is much improved. The teacher has a definite interest in her work and with rare exceptions, is attempting to meet the challenge of improved schools in this community.

Parents, then, have the responsibility of first knowing what the schools are attempting to do and assist in the program where possible. Only when the schools and home have a complete understanding and a complementary relationship in working out the problem of education for the youth of our efforts be rewarded by reasonable success. It becomes a challenge to the parents to have every possible educational advantage to all of its youth.

**Too Professional**  
"Doctor Pellett is certainly the most absent-minded man I ever saw."

**Where Job Was Lax**  
When Job began to drop and pine, And notice here and there a hole, He should have watched his vitamins And taken lots of castor oil.

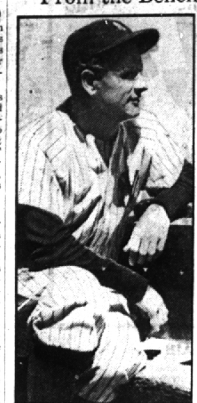
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Gehrig Watches From the Bench



His playing career ended by force of infantile paralysis, Lou Gehrig now can only watch his New York Yankees play. He is shown in Yankee Stadium dugout after return from examination at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

DISCIPLINE

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School was another idea brought out. A student should be held when he has a deadline in a subject to meet, that deadline will not be met, and reports and recommendations can come only at the conclusion of the studies. The school is offering the junior schools are badly needed but it is given only when there is adequate finance to support such program. Textbooks have been provided in the elementary school field of language work. These are a welcome addition to the field of elementary school education. Home room procedures and the administration of a group of children is much improved. The teacher has a definite interest in her work and with rare exceptions, is attempting to meet the challenge of improved schools in this community.

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PLAY

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Smith, Jean Kelly, Wendell Davis, Donald Ritter, Bill VanDevil, Skippy Kearns, Bob King, Norman Schwalbe, David Waddell, and Max Cornell. Tests for advanced swimmers will be given Tuesday evening beginning Monday. Those enrolled in the life-saving class include Wynona Reiter, Elaine Jones, Phyllis Jones, Ann Ledwidge, Geraldine Flynn, Helen Allison, Shirley Howard, Lois Brown, Bud Aiken, Bob Drummond, John Goodwin, Earl Behard, Bud Wooden, Bill Dwyer, Bob Murphy, Gene Smith, Gordon Deaneau, Jane Fletcher, Henry Dahlquist, Arthur Reiter, R. Shaughnessy, Gene Hadjisky, Betty Thurman, Paul Pells, Harriette Heimiller, Barbara Fox, Lucille Peck, Clayton Murren and Joy Wanger. This course is free and is still open to those interested.

**An Extravagant Start**  
The Nurse—It's twins, sir. Young Husband—Good heavens! And I told my wife we must begin in a small way.

**Ready to Tackle Bobby Jones**  
A golf professional hired by a golf department store to give golf lessons, was approached by two women. "Do you wish to learn to play golf, madam?" he asked one of them. "Oh, no," she said, "it's my friend here who wants to learn. I learned yesterday."

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COUNTY

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Committee and the assessed valuations as determined by the local courts. The difficulty can be summed up in a simple question: What are you going to do when the taxes are assessed? The attached chart gives a picture of the situation. The sources from which it has been prepared disclose certain figures to which your attention should be called. The following tabulation shows the sources received by the County during the past four years from this exhaustible well of "extraordinary income."

1935—\$384,485.17	Delinquent Taxes	\$225,658.18
	Bank Stock Sold	10,465.10
	Bank Settlements	4,866.71
	Bank Dividends	143,595.18

1936—\$466,338.29	Delinquent Taxes	\$267,631.40
	Bank Settlements	120,427.16
	Bank Dividends	10,132.63
	Transfer from General Sinking Fund	68,147.09

1937—\$361,709.13	Delinquent Taxes	\$213,291.88
	Bank Settlements	24,592.79
	Refunds from Court Road Funds	8,824.46
	Sinking Fund Loan	\$2,000.00
	Treasurer's Loan	60,000.00

1938—\$345,295.96	Delinquent Taxes	\$295,382.47
	Bank Dividends	59,544.57
	May Tax Sales	1,657.89
	Transfers (Net)	28,800.43

Total 1935-1938 \$1,507,817.95  
As of January 1, 1939, the General Fund contained a balance of \$119,848.05  
As of December 31, 1938, there was a deficit in the General Fund of \$122,381.21  
It will be necessary to use about \$400,000.00 to pay appropriations made last fall.

What is the balance of delinquent taxes outstanding? As of a recent date, the records of the County Treasurer show balances of "operating taxes" outstanding uncollected as follows:  
1937 Tax \$230,000.00  
1938 Tax 193,000.00  
1939 Tax 100,000.00  
1933, 1934, 1935 336,000.00  
1932 and Prior Years Taxes Not Available

As how much will be collected from this source and at what rate can only be a guess in any event. Substantial income from this source is definitely nearing an end.

There are but two possible solutions:  
First: Increased taxes. That would not only be unpopular, but practically impossible to accomplish, in sufficient amount. The city and townships cannot be expected to provide the necessary increase in assessed valuations.

Second: Reduced expenditures. The immediate reaction to this thought would be an inquiry as to how this can be done when almost 60c out of every tax dollar has been provided for health and welfare purposes.

The auditors have submitted an estimate of expenses for 1940 which totals \$1,144,210.00. To this must be added an amount as yet unknown to be furnished by the County to meet the requirements of the "Welfare Act" recently adopted. (Estimated to be in excess of \$200,000.00.)

Within the next few months your Board must determine the budget for the coming year and plan to raise the money for its payment. With the knowledge that current income has been insufficient to pay expenses and that delinquent tax collections will not continue indefinitely to overcome deficits, we earnestly recommend that every item of proposed expenditure be given most careful consideration. The County is not a body of no activity that is not essential. If there is any overlapping of functions, the overlap should be eliminated.

A solution to this problem is the immediate question confronting your Board. Acknowledgment must be made of the difficulty. There is no such thing as a "Home Rule" as some requirements are beyond the control of your Board. The form of County government is established by the Constitution and by statute. Certain activities and payments are made mandatory by law. It may be that approach to the Legislature for relief is necessary.

Inspiration

Compiled by Clarence W. Hamilton  
We all need inspiration to make us improve, think harder and be more efficient. These messages by men and women who have overcome difficulties are intended as an aid to your success and happiness.

YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TODAY

It is to you young people that America must look for the future development of the country," said Walter P. Chrysler in speaking to a group of sons of Chrysler employees, but his words apply to young people everywhere.  
"It is up to you to make something of your country and yourselves. You have certain opportunities and do not believe anyone who tells you differently."

"There never was such a chance for up-and-coming young fellows as there is today, but no one other than yourselves can develop the future for you. There is no stopping the progress of America and you young people are the most important factors in making this kind of country it can and should be."

"The opportunities today are as great as they ever were. I remember when I was a boy of your age, people also said there were few chances for a young fellow who wanted to go places and get somewhere. I was a poor boy and had to work hard. I did not make much money for a good many years. That, however, may be a good thing for a young fellow."

"I certainly never thought in those days that I would be the head of a great corporation nor that I would have the opportunity of erecting a large structure like the Chrysler building. It just shows that you can do if you try hard. Remember that to be successful in any line of endeavor you have to put a real effort into it."

"Furthermore, if you don't get something to the other fellow, you cannot expect the other fellow to help you or give you anything in return. Give of yourself, put all you have into your activities, whether they are sports, studies or work, and you will find that your efforts will be amply repaid. So keep smiling, don't get discouraged and always do your best."

Historic Hoaxes

By Elmo Scott Watson

**The Cardiff Giant**  
IN THE late sixties a Chicago tobacconist named George Hull heard a clergyman express the belief that men of gigantic stature once lived on earth. It gave him an idea. Out of a 12-foot block of stone he carved the figure of a man which he shipped to the farm of his relative, William C. Newell, near Cardiff, N. Y. There it was buried for a year to "age."

Next Newell hired some of his neighbors to dig a well for him and behold! the well-diggers "discovered" the giant. Four dollars were called for town, examined it and agreed that it was the petrified remains of a prehistoric man. A Syracuse antiquarian declared it was a statue "probably made by early Jesuit missionaries" at least 300 years ago and offered Newell \$10,000 for it.

Within a short time the "Cardiff Giant" was one of the wonders of the modern world. Newell began charging people 50 cents each to see it, and business was so good that a group of Syracuse business men bought a three-quarters interest in it for \$30,000. But such good fortune could not last always. A Yale professor examined it carefully, found too marks on it and other evidence that it had not been buried long.

When it seemed that the hoax was about to be exposed, the statue was shipped to New York. But P. T. Barnum, who had failed in his efforts to buy it for his museum, suspecting that the giant was a hoax, had one of his own made and began exhibiting it. This led to public suspicion that Newell's discovery was also a fake and the Yale professor confirmed that belief. So the "Cardiff Giant" soon became just another "forgotten man."

One Lily Makes a Big Bouquet

Not a tree, but a lily! Largest of that flower family, the "Big Bouquet" was exhibited at county fair in California. Plant blooms some every five years, sometimes reaching height of 25 feet, being sent as a constructive criticism of what is happening and not in a spirit of fault-finding. The County auditors provided access to the reports and records of their office, and we are appreciative of their helpful cooperation.

Very truly yours,  
OAKLAND CITIZENS LEAGUE, Inc.

Film Folk

Dolly Haas, who has been in this country for two years and who has not appeared in a picture, has at last been assigned to an important role. It is the feminine lead in James Hilton's "We Are Not Alone," playing opposite Paul Mun...

Helen Fortney Reynolds, former wife of Julian Reynolds, tobacco heir, has a contract with RKO. Her first picture will be in Carole Lombard's "Vigil in the Night."

Marlene Dietrich sailed Wednesday on the Normandie for Paris where she will make "The Image," for Forrester Farrar. Her husband and daughter met her in New York and sailed with her.

The production of "The Mikado" will experiment with encores during the early showings of the picture. The musical numbers which are loudly applauded will be repeated by switching to a change over projector which can't duplicate print.

Sinclair Lewis' "It Can't Happen Here," has been shelved again but this time it is because of disinterest on the part of customers to propaganda films. In 1935 a reported \$75,000 was paid for the screen rights but because of the objections of foreign governments it was not produced at that time.

"Twenty Mile Train," a story of North Valley, will be filmed with Wallace Berry, and Mickey Rooney having the principal parts. Mary Martin, who two years ago tried to get in films but was unsuccessful, is under contract to report for work at Paramount. The Martin, who made such a hit in the "Leave It to Me" troupe, singing "I'll Stay Belong to Daddy," will again quote Allen Jones in "The Life of Victor Herbert."

Errol Flynn is trying to interest his studio in a script he has prepared, "The Wild, Wild West."

Increase Forecast in School Enrollment

As a forecast of 92 students in the Birmingham public schools when they open in September was forecast this week by Howard D. Crull, superintendent, when he met with the Board of Education at its monthly meeting Tuesday night. The expected roster totals 3390 students, 1820 boys and 1570 girls. This is 92 more than when school opened last fall. A year ago the roster was 37 more than the previous year.

According to statistics gathered in May by school officials, the number of boys and girls for the respective ages from 5 to 19, inclusive, within this school district is as follows:

Age	Boys	Girls
5	85	80
6	106	93
7	102	109
8	118	118
9	104	107
10	131	102
11	132	115
12	127	102
13	125	105
14	139	116
15	134	104
16	111	98
17	197	87

Gene Autrey is to appear in a million dollar epic soon entitled, "In Old Montgomery." Targan Finds a Son has three children, including the taste of the exhibitor it can end happily, unhappily or just medium happily.

15-year-old Brenda Joyce lost eight pounds during her first three days of screen work. It seems that the "Dead End Kids" are through. One of them, just married recently and away from the camera, and extremely so preceding her broadcasts.

Some people doubt that Joan Crawford will appear on the stage. She is nervous on appearing before the camera, and extremely so preceding her broadcasts.

Universal is preparing a Western to star Mac West and W. C. Fields.

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