



UNION COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



STUDENTS SELECTED FOR AWARDS



L to R: Tatiana Dilollo, Elizabeth Miller, Richard Esperon, Charles Shallcross, Heavyn Kamora Foster, Amelia Moraghan, and Joanne Rajoppi

On Sunday, May 15th, the Union County Historical Society again held its annual Student Awards Presentation.

The Society sends applications to every public and private high school in the County, inviting Seniors to apply for this award. The Selection Committee, headed by former U.C.H.S. President Charles Shallcross and U.C.H.S. Board Member Richard Esperon, evaluated the responses and selected the top four applicants.

This year's recipients included Tatiana Dilollo (Rahway H.S.), Heavyn Kamora Foster (Rahway H.S.), Elizabeth Miller (Union County Magnet H.S.) and Amelia Moraghan (Mother Seton H.S.).

Each student spoke about their achievements and future

plans. They received awards including a special certificate, a commemorative poster showing the history of the U.C. Court House, two Society publications and a check from the Society.

"Many thanks to the hard-working Selection Committee," UCHS President Joanne Rajoppi stated. "We congratulate the exceptional young winners, their families and their teachers and wish them well in their future endeavors."

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

After a two-year hiatus, The Union County Historical Society was once again able to hold its popular and well-regarded Annual Luncheon.

The 2022 Luncheon was held on Sunday, April 10, at

the Garden Restaurant in Union. A fine turnout of members and guests shared an enjoyable afternoon of good company, delicious food, and a excellent presentation by one of our favorite guests, renowned scholar, author, and



speaker, Dr. Jonathan Lurie.

Prof. Lurie's interesting and thought-provoking talk was entitled "What Has Happened to Our Commitment to Honesty? A few Strictly Non-Partisan Observations." Dr. Lurie's keen historical analysis and present day comparisons provided fascinating and perceptive insights into this important political and social concern.

Dr. Lurie presented several examples illustrating the connections between the past and present relating to the topic discussed.

An active and informative question and answer session followed.

Also featured and on display, was a 1771 Ogden family Bible recently acquired by U.C.H.S. Vice-President Charles Shallcross. The Bible contains dates and information on many Ogden family members, including New Jersey Governor, Aaron Ogden.

Thoughts About the Last 100 Years by Bill Frolich
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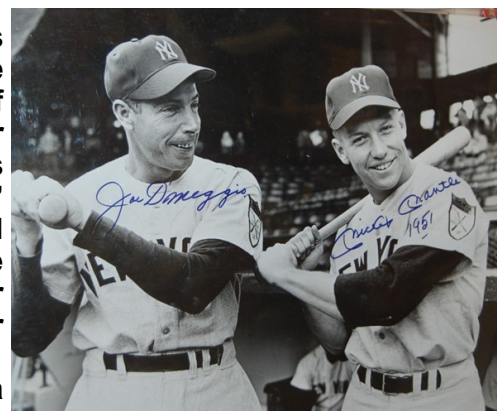
Comic strips had been a feature of most newspapers for several years by this time, and in the twenties we enjoyed reading about the adventures of "Reg'lar Fellows", "Ella Cinders", "The Katzenjamer Kids", and "Barney Google". There was the Toonerville Trolley that met all the trains, driven by an oddball skipper, and Happy Hooligan, who wore a tin can as a hat. There was Buck Rogers, a veteran of the World War, who, while on duty exploring a cave, was trapped inside by an earthquake. A mysterious gas held him in suspended animation, until another earthquake set him free, five hundred years later, to return to a world of rocket ships, jumping belts, rocket pistols, and interplanetary travel. Although still in the army, apparently he never received longevity pay. It would have been substantial.

Athletic events, such as football and baseball, were broadcast on radio, with announcers describing the action on the field. Red

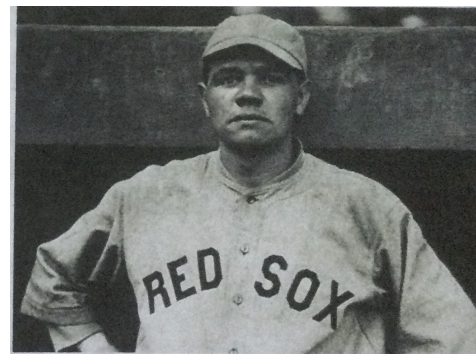
Barber did the Brooklyn Dodgers, and was quite impartial about good plays by either team. The Newark Bears, a Yankee farm team, played mostly night games, with the Ballantine Brewing Company as their sponsor. Mel Allen, the announcer, bragged about a Bear home run as a Ballantine Blast, while a home run by the enemy was just another run. Later he graduated to the New York Yankees as that team's reporter, with very little change in his delivery.

Back in those days the names of prominent ball players were household words, but today, if you mention Joe D'maggio or Mickey Mantle, the re-action is apt to be, "Who ya talkin' 'bout?" Babe Ruth is still remembered for his many home runs, but how many remember that he was a pitcher for Boston?

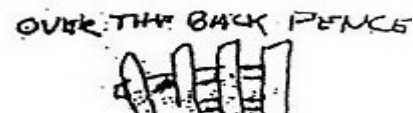
College football became a Saturday afternoon event with various commentators, if the game was not rained out, while Sunday afternoon was taken over by the professional football teams. Their games were played in snow, rain, or mud, and rarely postponed.



Joe D'maggio and Mickey Mantle



Babe Ruth



Here's the pitch.
There's a drive hit
deep to right.
That ones gone!
How about that?!