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"Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed. Consequently, those who would make public sentiment go deeper than he who enacts statutes or pronounces decisions. He makes statutes and decisions merely of paper; he cannot be censured."  
—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

## OUR PLATFORM

### FOR WHITE PLAINS

Make White Plains the First City in Westchester County.

Support the City Plan.

A school survey to determine the facilities needed.

Purchase of needed parks and playgrounds.

FOR WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Adoption of uniform traffic code.

Completion of Parkway program.

Elimination of grade crossings.

Extension of trunk sewer system.

Uniform system of assessment.

## MR. SULLIVAN REPLIES

Supervisor Sullivan of Yonkers, minority leader of the board, who questioned the wisdom of the purchase of White Plains property for a county office building, has replied to the challenge issued to him by the majority to produce the facts upon which he based his charges of excess valuations.

Taking a plot on Grand street, Mr. Sullivan declares that a title search reveals this parcel was purchased by the present owners in 1925 for \$20,000. The only mortgage of record against the property, according to Sullivan, is \$40,000. The property stands on the White Plains assessment roll for 1930 at \$68,000. Sullivan's appraiser puts a value of \$75,000 on the property. The county has voted to pay \$160,000 for it.

When Sullivan declared before the board that the value of this parcel was \$75,000 he was ridiculed by other members of the board, and Edward P. Barrett of Bedford, chairman of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, stated that the gentleman from Yonkers was in error for the plot now under scrutiny was mortgaged for \$85,000.

As Mr. Barrett was the gentleman who conducted all the preliminary negotiations for the purchase of this property and was the only public official so far as the public record reveals who knew all the details leading up to the presentation of the proposal to the Board of Supervisors it was assumed that he knew what he was talking about.

The issue between Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Barrett on this plot, at least, is now joined. If Mr. Barrett was misinformed as to the amount of the mortgage on the plot he owes it to the people of Westchester County to tell who misinformed him. On the other hand, if he can produce the record which will reveal an \$85,000 mortgage to actually exist on parcel No. 6 the incident will be automatically closed.

It will be recalled that the White Plains assessor declared in regard to all of this property that the county was paying highly speculative prices. The statement did not appear to fit parcel 6 which, according to the figures of Mr. Barrett, was selling for less than double the reported mortgage. Under Mr. Sullivan's contention, however, the property brings four times the mortgage. Such a variance between mortgage and sales price would seem to confirm the city assessor's views.

But it remains for Supervisor Barrett and the majority of the Board of Supervisors to set the record straight. Mr. Barrett was either right or wrong when he stated the mortgage on parcel No. 6 was \$85,000. Mr. Sullivan is either right or wrong in stating the mortgage is \$40,000.

What the taxpayer wants to know is, who is right?

That settled, other questions may be asked and answers demanded.

## INCOME TAX REFUNDS

In two years the refunds to Westchester County from the State of New York of the state income taxes has grown almost a million dollars. In 1927 the first refund payment was \$1,311,180 while in 1929 it has just been shown to be \$2,274,325. This

approximately 85 percent of the total payments for that year. It is reasonable to assume the proportion will stand.

These figures, if not properly assumed, show that the incomes paid by Westchester residents have increased in like proportion.

The refunds are not made by the state on the basis of the amounts turned in by each county. Westchester might turn in twice the amount of state income taxes with no variance whatever in the amount the state would pay back to the county.

The distribution is made instead on the county's assessed valuations and here it is that Westchester has gained for assessed values of realty in this county have grown enormously. Figures made public from the state department of taxation and finance recently showed that the assessed valuation of Westchester had grown at a faster rate than any other county in the state outside Greater New York.

Here is one more reason why Westchester should seek to assess its realty at full value. At present the county is registered as assessing at 84 percent of the true value, a credit enough showing in view of the fact that this percentage is slightly higher than the average of all other counties throughout the state.

If, for example, Westchester had been assessing at around 100 percent of the true values the past year, the county would have received approximately 15 percent more state income tax refunds from the state, or, in round numbers, an additional \$350,000. Since the income tax refunds are distributed to the various towns and cities this would have made a tidy sum to each town and city above that actually received.

And since the towns and cities also receive from the county their pro rata shares of this refund from the state, as they increase their assessed values will they in turn receive more.

In other words, the more valuations we admit we are, the greater the acceptance of this assertion by the state authorities.

The fallacy that low assessments in an economy was exploded years ago when equalization tables were invented. The town or city or county which continues to operate on that presumption is only fooling itself.

## BACK ROADS

The Westchester motorist who keeps his car in the garage on Sun days because of the heavy traffic on the main thoroughfares, will find a great deal of pleasure in seeking out the little known back roads which connect our older centers of population.

With rare exceptions these roads are in good condition, so far as their surfacing is concerned. They are winding and in many places the grades are steeper. But the turns and grades are more than compensated in the beauty of the scenery.

There is no incentive to speeding on these roads. Rather there is the incentive to drive slowly and drink in the clean air that comes laden with the scent of flowering shrub or new mown hay. And every now and then there is a surprise in a quaint tea room or refreshment house where meals are served informally beneath the trees in the open and at a moderate cost.

Here and there we run across an antique shop far different from those mingled along with better known highways. And because competition is not so keen, prices are more reasonable.

There are inviting fields and woodlands along these little used roads where the family may picnic undisturbed, and those who frequent these roads are taking full advantage of this opportunity.

Do a little exploring over the week-end. Get out of the city and stay away from the crowded beaches. Take any of the trails which lead off from the main roads and you will find a series of surprises which will compel you to adopt such trips as a regular form of recreation. You can't get lost in Westchester or the neighboring county of Fairfield today. And you can have a lot of fun in both.

## MEHLHORN'S VICTORY

Wild Bill Mehlhorn, professional at the Fenimore Country Club, White Plains, is the new Metropolitan Open champion. His 288 over the stiff Lido course surprised everyone. It is just the kind of golf that Mehlhorn has in him if he can keep in the fairway for 72 holes.

Mehlhorn is one of those golfers who is either very, very good or very, very bad. He had a chance at Winged Foot for the big prize of gold, but just as Sarazen did and many others. But he just couldn't keep out of trouble when trouble was costly. Westchester is quite used to having champions, but Mehlhorn's victory should be extremely popular. He is old enough not to let the honor turn his head and he is young enough to try again next year for the \$25,000 crown.

# NEVER HAPPENINGS

By Trent



Out-of-town host who suggested lawn mowing instead of golf.

## About People 'N Things

By T. C. B.

At a school commencement.  
Not long ago.  
And a very large class.  
Of graduates.  
And a very hot day.  
And a crowded room.  
There was introduced.  
A gentleman.  
Who introduced his coat.  
And straightened his collar.  
And pulled it down.  
And fondled one ear.  
And told a story.  
That got a laugh.  
And then started in.  
And for an hour.  
And fifteen minutes.  
Told all the boys.  
And all the girls.  
What they had been hearing.  
At the breakfast table.  
And in between.  
For all the years.  
They've been big enough.  
To understand.  
What was said to them.  
That they shouldn't be.  
And should work hard.  
And be diligent.  
And he turned it around.  
And told it again.  
In another way.  
And while he talked.  
I watched the class.  
And it twisted and turned.  
And some of it giggled.  
And some snickered.  
And others sat.  
Just as I was thinking.  
And I knew very well.  
That they were thinking.  
Just as I was thinking.  
How nice it would be.  
If they could walk up.  
And grab his throat.  
And hold it firmly.  
For quite a time.  
And drop him down.  
In the orchestra pit.  
I want to know.  
Is why in the world.  
They do this thing.  
When the day should be.  
A happy day.  
For boys and girls.  
And for their parents.  
Who come to see.  
I thank you.

## THE SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Editorial Expressions Taken From Westchester County Newspapers

One of the most delicate County Lands and legally technical cases which has been decided by Supreme Court-Justice Bleakley of Yonkers since he was promoted from County Court to the higher court in January of last year finds the Yonkers jurist sustained by the Appellate Division an unanimous affirmation of the findings of the lower court.

At the Kenilso Park Putting, is taboo again. In fact anyone who is caught at an ancient and re-stopped it owes a summons and must appear in court. The petters, this year, are the rubber-soled shoes and the car without being heard. Then he flashes a light into the bewildered countenance of the two young things and presto—pleasure turns into quick dimmy.

## Today

Board of Education meets.  
Keith Albee Theater, Sea Carol in "Follies of 1929."  
Loew's Strand Theater, Richard Dix in "Nothing But the Truth."  
Loew's Strand Theater, Monte Blue in "No Defense."

## Tomorrow

Governor Club reception at District Rotary.  
Mrs. Frederick Wilson's bridge club meets.  
Keith Albee Theater, Sea Carol in "Follies of 1929."  
Loew's Strand Theater, Richard Dix in "Nothing But the Truth."  
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## Westchester First

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North Pelham officials are engaged in a very lively scrap over the subject of withholding news from newspapers. They have been having a police investigation there and Mayor Harder insists that the reporter be essential to the village's welfare but, in this particular instance, the voters should be kept informed of every detail regarding the investigation.

More than 250 racing yachts are to be assembled at the Yacht Club to participate in the events of the Annual Race Week which has long been sponsored by the club.

The event opened auspiciously on Saturday and for the week Larchmont will be the yachting center to which all yachting devotees will flock. The week is not only dedicated to yachting events but is made the occasion for numerous gala functions, private parties and dinners.

Putting at the Kenilso Park Putting, is taboo again. In fact anyone who is caught at an ancient and re-stopped it owes a summons and must appear in court. The petters, this year, are the rubber-soled shoes and the car without being heard. Then he flashes a light into the bewildered countenance of the two young things and presto—pleasure turns into quick dimmy.

## Our Inquiring Reporter

Each Day He Asks Three Persons a Question

The Question  
Will Tommy Loughran ever amount to a heavyweight, threat, in your opinion?  
Where Asked  
Aronson.  
The Answer  
George L. S. Praver, Shapam Court Apartments: "No. He is too light. Even if he were heavy enough he has not shown possession of a real punch. These are two handicaps which no aspiring heavyweight can ever overcome."  
Flowers, Glen, street.  
Loughran will never be more than a light heavyweight. In spite of the fact that I like his style of fight, I don't believe he can ever get to the top of the list.

# A Practical Plan

MANY people find it difficult to invest a large sum of money at one time. But everyone can manage to put aside a few dollars every week or every month.

Saving in a bank account is a practical plan for systematic thrift. It enables you to deposit small amounts at your convenience, with the additional advantages of compound interest.

Start an Interest Account  
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JUST FOLKS LOCAL POEMS  
By EDGAR A. GUEST

After Storm  
Though the clouds are dark and gray  
And the rain falls through the day,  
Still the morning sun is there  
And tomorrow may be fair.

After the chills  
Still the sun will shine again,  
Though we may not see its face  
It stands steadfast in its place.

There are joys we soon may find  
Unto which we now are blind,  
Glorious things we cannot see  
Shall the future bring to us.

THE FIRST GREAT advertisement was the rainbow—advertising no more floods. THE DAILY PRESS is the colorful medium by which the merchants of White Plains may give out their message at the lowest possible cost.