

IT HAPPENED IN 1939

NOTABLE:

- Popular songs: “Deep Purple,” Larry Clinton Orchestra; “You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby,” Bing Crosby; “And the Angels Sing,” Benny Goodman Orchestra; “Over the Rainbow,” Glenn Miller Orchestra; “South of the Border,” Shep Fields Orchestra.
- Goldfish swallowing and roller-skating are the year’s fads.
- The World’s Fair opens in Flushing Meadows, New York.
- Movies: “Goodbye, Mr. Chips,” “Stagecoach,” “The Wizard of Oz,” “Gone with the Wind,” “Mr. Smith Goes to Washington,” “Wuthering Heights.”

COST OF LIVING:

- The cost of first class postage is 3¢.
- A two-slice automatic Toastmaster toaster sells for \$16.00.
- Oranges are 65¢ per dozen.
- A woman’s sweater costs \$3.50.

SPORTS:

- The first televised Major League Baseball game is aired, featuring the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers.
- Lou Gehrig sets the Major League record by playing in his 2,130th consecutive game.
- The Baseball Hall of Fame opens in Cooperstown, New York.
- Little League Baseball is founded.
- The Green Bay Packers defeat the New York Giants, 27-0, to win the NFL title.
- Byron Nelson wins the PGA golf tournament.

HEADLINES:

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt declares the U. S. neutral in the fighting in Europe.
- Germany invades Poland, which sets off World War II.
- King George VI and Queen Elizabeth are the first British royalty to visit the U. S.
- FDR asks Congress for a defense budget of \$1.3 billion. The entire government budget totals \$9 billion.