5,000 File Past Lou Gehrig's Bier in Riverdale Church

SORROWFUL CROWD IN FINAL TRIBUTE

Civic Leaders, Sport Notables and Fans View Gehrig's Body, Lying in State

SIMPLE RITES ARRANGED

Only Close Friends Will Be Admitted to Services at 10 O'Clock This Morning

Passing in silent tribute to the memory of one of baseball's greats, 5,000 men, women and children paid their respects to Lou Gehrig last night as the body of the former Yankee first baseman lay in state in the Christ Protestant Episcopal Church at Riverdale. From all fields of endeavor they came in sorrow for a final glance at their idol. For, following funeral services at 10 o'clock this morning, the body of Gehrig, who passed away Monday night at the age of 37 after a brave two-year battle against a form of progressive paralysis, will be cremated at the Fresh Pond A FINE AMERICAN, Crematory in Middle Village, Queens. The funeral ceremony, with the Rev. Gerald V. Barry officiat-

ing, will be simple and private. For three hours during the afternoon the body had been at the Church of the Divine Paternity, Central Park West and Seventysixth Street. Hundreds visited the midtown church to pay their respects. The original plans had called for no one to he admitted, but so many persons clamored for a view of their idol that the ban was lifted. Mrs. Gehrig also made the concession whereby the public was admitted to Christ Church last

Crowd Waits at Church

An hour or so before the Riverdale church doors were opened to hours, from 8 o'clock to 10, it was estimated that 5,000 streamed in and out.

Ruth, who broke down, and Mrs. Ruth: Mrs. John McGraw, Arthur Huggins, brother of the late Yankee sergeants, were on hand to control

the crowds. This morning there will be 169 patrolmen and ten sergeants to insure order during the funeral services. Since Mayor La Guardia will not be in the city today, he will be represented at the funeral by Dep-

uty Mayor Rufus E. McGahen. Only intimate friends will attend the services today. The honorary pallbearers will be Mayor La Guardia, Parole Commissioners John C. Maher and Mary Fraschi, Manager McCarthy, Bill Dickey, the Yankee catcher who was Gehrig's roommate; four physicians from the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Paul O'Leary, Dr. Henry Woltman, Dr. Bayard T. Horton and Dr. Harold C. Harbein; Christy Walsh, who syndicated Gehrig's writings; Dr. Caldwell B. Esselstyn and John Kieran.

Barrow Among Ushers

The ushers will be headed by Edward Grant Barrow, president of the Yankees. The others will be five baseball friends, Lou Hartman, Mort Landsburg, Billy Rolfe, Pitzy Katz and Milton M. Eisenberg.

McCarthy left Detroit by plane at noon yesterday and arrived last night, while Dickey departed by plane after yesterday's game to keep a pact he had made with his former colleague.

"Lou and I had an agreement that, whoever went first, the other would see him off." Dickey said. He came in shortly before midnight. It was a stunned sports world that greeted the news yesterday of Gehrig's death. His intimates had known for weeks that the end was not far off but so gamely had Lou fought against his affliction that no sports writer printed even

a hint that the battle was a losing The flags at both the Polo Grounds and at Ebbets Field yesterday were at half staff and President Will Harridge of the American League announced that all flags in the circuit would be lowered today. Because Gehrig also had served as a parole commissioner, all flags on public buildings yesterday were at

half staff. At Cooperstown, N. Y., where baseball's Hall of Fame is a monument to the sports immortals, the plaque bearing the name of Gehrig was draped and will remain that

way for the next thirty days.

School Team Visits Bier A strange group of admirers sought admittance to the Church of the Divine Paternity in the afternoon. A New York fireman, about to go on vacation, had held off his trip for a last look at his "favorite ball player"; a couple of laborers who were turned away early in the CONNIE MACK, owner of the afternoon came back later, and nine youngsters from a class baseball team at the High School of Commerce, the school from which Gebrig started his climb to diamond fame, were among the

visitors. George Ruppert, vice president of the Yankees and the brother of the late Colonel Jacob Ruppert, owner of the team during the years of Gehrig's greatest success, also

arrived to pay his respects. In three cities last night tribute was paid to Gehrig's memory over the NBC red network. In New York former Postmaster General James A. Farley, Bill Klem, chief of staff of the National League umpires; Carl Hubbell and Mel Ott of the Giants and Timmy Sullivan, Yankee batboy, participated in the

broadcast. From Detroit Dickey, Vernon Gomez and Joe DiMaggio, Gehrig's former team-mates, were heard, while at Cleveland those who spoke were Bobby Feller of the Indians and Jimmy Foxx of the Red Sox. More than 1,500 telegrams, bearing expressions of sympathy were sent to Mrs. Gehrig. Among those who sent messages were Governor Lehman, Mayor La Guardia and his wife, Mr. Farley, Mayor Frank Grand Central "Redcaps."

PLAYERS AND FANS PAY TRIBUTE TO A DEPARTED IDOL IN DETROIT



Members of the Yankees lined up in front of the stands in a minute of silence for Lou Gehrig before yesterday's game

LEHMAN DECLARES

'Great Ball Player and Real Gentleman,' Landis Says in Tribute to Gehrig

As the nation mourned the passing of Lou Gehrig, tributes to the memory of the Iron Man of baseball continued to stream in yesterday. From outstanding persons in all fields of endeavor came expressions of sorrow and words of praise. admit the public last night a line Governor Herbert H. Lehman called of persons that stretched for three Gehrig a "fine type of American blocks was on hand. Then for two whose example may well be fol-

lowed by the youth of our State."

Kenesaw Mountain Landis, Com-Among those who came were Act- missioner of Baseball; Ford C. ing Mayor Newbold Morris, Manager | Frick, president of the National Joe McCarthy of the Yankees, Babe League; John C. Maher, chairman of the City Parole Commission of which Gehrig was a member; Conmanager. Miller Huggins: Eddie nie Mack, Walter Johnson, Babe Farrell, one-time Giant, and Walter Dahlgren, Goose Goslin and Andy Koppisch and Frank V. Brodil, Co- Coakley were among those who exlumbia alumni. Sixty-two patrol- pressed themselves on the passing men, under the supervision of four of the great Yankee first-baseman. Robert J. Connery, who discovered Gehrig while a Yankee scout in 1921, also sent a tribute.

An Example to Youth

The tributes follow: GOVERNOR LEHMAN-I am shocked and grieved to learn of the passing of Lou Gehrig. He was a splendid athlete who always stood for fair play and clean sport. He was a fine type of American whose example may well be followed by the youth of our State. Mrs. Lehman joins me in sincerest sympathy to Mrs.

KENESAW MOUNTAIN LANDIS, Commissioner of Baseball—Gehrig was not only a great ball player but a real gentleman whose conduct on and off the field set a standard to which all players may well aspire. His passing came as a real shock to me.

FORD FRICK, President of the National League-Baseball lost one of its greatest and I lost one of my best friends. We broke into the major leagues together at New Orleans in 1923, I as a sports writer covering my first training camp and Lou as a player fresh out of Columbia. Baseball can ill-afford to lose such men as Lou. They just don't come any better.

Parole Work Described

JOHN C. MAHER, Chairman of the City Parole Commission-His powers of reasoning were striking and he made this quality the guiding spirit of his parole commission work. He was particularly interested in the welfare of young boys who had been sent to the reformatory. On their release he made it a practice to have them come to his office and to talk with them. His appeal to them was always through reason, rather than fear in his efforts to help them rehabilitate themselves, and this attitude characterized his work throughout his career with the commission. During his work with us, his intelligence, industry and effectiveness left no doubt that he would have been a success in any field he had chosen to enter. The last thing in the world he wanted was to be given special treatment because he was once a great ballplayer, and he made a success of his work on his own ability. As he became better acquainted with the constructive accomplishments possible in this new field, the work became almost a creed with him, and his highest hope was that he would regain the physical strength necessary to enable him to give more of himself to it.

Philadelphia Athletics-I got to know Lou Gehrig very well and considered him one of the finest characters in and out of baseball. I regret his death exceedingly. At his peak he was the outstanding first baseman of all time.

ANDY COAKLEY, Columbia baseball coach-We all like to think that we had a hand in developing Lou. But I think that his mother was responsible more than any one else for his success. She's a wonderful woman and her deep understanding and encouragement carried Lou through his career and afterward. She helped more than managers, coaches or any one. To me Lou's death is a real tragedy. He was an example of good living, a great athlete, a grand fellow.

BILL TERRY, New York Giants' Manager-Lou Gehrig's death brings a great shock. Although he played in another league, we had the highest respect for the way he lived and the way he played. We were all very fond of

WALTER JOHNSON, former great Washington pitcher-Lou's death is a terrific blow to everybody who loves baseball.

National Association of Minor Union, will be sent to the family. tomorrow.

Sports of the Utmrs

By JOHN KIERAN

In Memoriam

TT was two years ago this month that Lou Gehrig went to the Mayo Clinic and heard the bad news. It came as a shock to millions of citizens of this country, old and young, rich and poor, powerful and humble. At that time this observer felt impelled to write the following entirely inadequate tribute to a great athlete and a grand character:

> CALLED OUT (With apologies to Charles Kingsley)

The world goes up and the world goes down, And the night must follow the day; And the shock was felt from town to town When we learned that he couldn't play,

Big Lou; No, never again would play.

Oh, the fans blow hot and the fans blow cold, And Fame is a fleeting cheer; But Buster Lou in our hearts we'll hold Through many a baseball year,

You bet! Through many a baseball year.

That last part still holds. They will be talking of the feats of the "Iron Horse" as long as the ring of the bat meeting the ball is heard above the baseball diamond.

Through an Open Window

A little later-it was on the Fourth of Julythere was a Gehrig Day at the Yankee Stadium. Fans, players, civic organizations and public officials joined in a tribute to the character and accomplishments of the lad who was known as

Lou finished out the season on the Yankee bench. He stayed through the world series. He made the trip to Cincinnati. But it was getting tougher for him all the time. His footing became uncertain. The great brawny arms that had pounded out so many home runs were reaching for the railings when there were steps to go up or down. Nobody said anything. What was there to say?

The next season Lou was missing from the baseball scene. He had been appointed a member of the New York City Parole Commission. He could work at that. And did. But there came a time when he had to stay home and look at life through an open window. He had flowers outside. And a feeding station for birds. And books at hand. And pictures of great days and thrilling plays on the diamond.

Still Swinging

He knew that Fate was closing in on him, but he never would admit it, even to himself. To visitors, as far as was physically possible under the heart-breaking circumstances, he was the same old big, laughing, energetic Lou of old baseball days. He followed the games closely through the newspapers and by radio. He told rollicking tales of happiness in his career and his encounters, as a friendly enemy, with players of other teams. And umpires.

Leagues-Gehrig was one of the

cleanest sportsmen and best play-

BABE DAHLGREN, who succeeded

Gehrig at first base for the

Yankees—He didn't help me alone,

he helped everybody. He was

ROBERT J. CONNERY, who, as a

scout for the New York Yankees.

discovered Gehrig in 1921-If all

ball players were like Lou Gehrig

club owners and managers

wouldn't have any sleepless

nights. He was the perfect ball

GOOSE GOSLIN, Former Major

League Star-Lou Gehrig was one

of the greatest assets the game of

photograph in my den. He wrote

on it, 'To a grand pal, Lou Geh-

LEGISLATORS VOICE REGRET

Gehrig an Example to Youth, New

Jersey Assembly Points Out

TRENTON, N. J., June 3-New

Jersey's House of Assembly today

most beloved athletes of the mod-

The resolution pointed out that

Gehrig "in his lifetime has symbol-

tenacity and fair play."

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baseball ever had.

baseball and everything it stands

ers in the history of baseball.

BASEBALT. New York Giants vs. Pittsburgh Pirates, at Polo Grounds, Eighth Avenue and

BILL ROBINSON, Negro Tap Dancer and Friend of Gehrig—It seems impossible that such a good fellow has gone. We were like a couple of brothers. I saw him at Wheatley Hills G. C., East Williston, couple of brothers. I saw him at his office a short time ago. Though HARNESS RACING a fellow to complain. I have his

> HORSE RACING Westchester Racing Association meeting. at Belmont Park, Elmont, L. I., 2:15 P. M. MIDGET AUTO RACING Cedarhurst Speedway, Cedarhurst, L. I.

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Buse Victor in Essex Tennis ized to the people of America, es- Eduardo Buse of Lima, Peru, pecially the youth of our country, reached the semi-finals of the Esthe spirit of courage, clean living, sex County junior singles tennis tournament today, defeating James A copy of the resolution, which McGuire of Jackson Heights, L. I., was sponsored by Assemblyman 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. He will meet Rich-Hague of Jersey City and the W. G. BRAMHAM, president of the Herbert J. Pascoe, Republican, and Bellows of Maplewood, N. J.,

often when the Yanks were in the city. Bill Dickey and Joe Gordon and other cronies dropped around. Bill Dickey was Lou's room-mate for years with the Yankees. For years he had seen Lou a powerful, energetic athlete, the strongest of the stalwart, the "Iron Horse" of baseball. And there was that same close friend, that same great athlete, sitting in a chair, laughing and chatter-

But he had to do it sitting down. It was to

spare the feelings of his visitors that he didn't

attempt to rise from his chair and grope his way

around the room. So he sat there and laughed

and chattered about baseball. Ed Barrow was a

regular visitor. Joe McCarthy was up there

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A Feeble Interpretation

ing to hide something that they both knew.

On a wall shelf in the room was a silver baseball trophy on which there was an inscription. It was presented to Lou by the members of the Yankee ball club. Before it was presented Bill Dickey had come to this observer and had said:

"You know how we feel about Lou. Can you put it in words that will go on a silver baseball statue we're giving him?"

This observer did know how the Yankee players felt about Lou Gehrig and tried to put it into words for them. Thus the following appeared on the trophy when Bill Dickey handed it to Lou Gehrig with all the Yankee team standing around:

TO LOU GEHRIG

We've been to the wars together; We took our foes as they came; And always you were the leader, And ever you played the game.

Idol of cheering millions, Records are yours by sheaves; Iron of frame they hailed you; Decked you with laurel leaves.

But higher than that we hold you, We who have known you best; Knowing the way you came through Every human test.

Let this be a silent token Of lasting friendship's gleam, And all that we've left unspoken. Your pals of the Yankes team.

Admittedly that's but a feeble interpretation of what the Yankee players felt about Lou Gehrig. But Bill Dickey, when it was handed to him, read it, looked up and said quietly:

"That's okay. Thanks." And one later day Lou Gehrig, from his chair by the open window, pointed to it and said:

"You know, some time when I get-well, sometimes I have that handed to me-and I read itand I believe it—and I feel pretty good."

That's the best pay this observer ever received for anything he ever wrote.

Sports Today

New York State three-cushion tournament, at McGirr's Academy, 1658 Broadway.
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he seemed all right, he was never | Old Country Trotting Association meeting, at Roosevelt Raceway, Westbury, L. I.. 8:40 P. M.

> Municipal Stadium, Freeport, L. I. 8:30 P. M. St. John's Prep vs. Iona, C. H. S. A. A. championship final, at Mammoth Courts, New York and Clarkson Avenues, Brook-

ORANGE, N. J., June 3 (AP)-

Kaufman Scores Net Upset Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES. ORANGE, N. J., June 3-Axel

Kaufman of New York City upset the third-seeded player, Alton Day of Westfield, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, in one Brooklyn Dodgers vs. Chicago Cubs. at of two quarter-final matches played test, Eduardo Buse of Lima, Peru, Guire of Jackson Heights, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

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LAST GAME RECALLED AT BRIGGS STADIUM

Yanks, Tigers, Fans in Silent Tribute to Departed Star

From a Staff Correspondent DETROIT, June 3-In Briggs

Stadium, where his active baseball career came to a dramatic end May 2, 1939, with an ovation from fans that sent him to the dugout in tears, Lou Gehrig's memory was honored today.

As the Yankees and Tigers start-ed their three-game series, the flag in center field was at half staff. The players of both teams and the fans in the stands stood silently for a minute in tribute to one of the a minute in tribute to one of the greatest figures baseball has known. The Yanks were aligned in front of the dugout where the "Iron Man" had hidden his grief on that never-to-be-forgotten occasion; the Tigers were in front of their own dugout across the field. The only sound in the huge ballyard was the gentle swish of the wind that blew in from the east. The Yankee camp was saddened by the news which greeted them on

Tiger squad was depressed, too. From his old team-mates and the Yankee youngsters who knew him only by reputation, a huge floral piece was sent today, carrying an expression of sympathy. Individual messages of condolence were sent my Lou's intimates to his widow. Joe McCarthy, Yankee manager, hurried back to New York to attend the funeral. He left shortly after noon, leaving Coach Art Fletcher in charge of the squad. Catcher Bill Dickey, who was Gehrig's room-mate, counselor, adviser and friend, departed by plane tonight to attend the services.





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