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Loraine, Ohio

Loraine County, Ohio located in the northeastern part of Ohio in the United States. The city is located on Lake Erie, next to the Black River. During the setting of *The Bluest Eye*, which was 1939 to 1941, some of the historical points are:

In 1939:

* A 6,000 pound anchor is found by workers at the Riverside Park is placed in front of the garden at Lakeview Park.
* Government aid provides lights to the stadium which allowed football games to take place at night.
* On September 8, 1916, the city purchased Lakeview Park for $5,554.
* On October 30, 1939, a scarp pile on the Black River caught fire and burned for three days.

In 1940:

* H.G. Van Wagnen was elected president in January.
* The Central high Level Bridge and Erie Avenue Bascule Bridge are dedicated.

In 1941:

* On August 30, Admiral King is the Guest of Honor at the “Win the War” gathering.
* On June 17, the people of Loraine begin collecting scrap metal for the WWII “Salvage Campaign”.
* On September 26, singing telegrams are forbidden for the remainder of the war.
* On September 4, there are appeals for men assigned to harvest war crops; it pays 50 cents an hour.