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What Was Life Like In 1914?

Happy New Year everybody! We hope you had a wonderful time during the holidays. Have you already made your New Year's resolutions? Before you start worrying about all of the things you have to do this year, let's take a look at what life was like in 1914:

- Average life expectancy was 52 years for men and 56.8 years for women.
- The U.S. population had reached 99 million.
- There were only 1.7 million cars registered in the U.S.
- Union wages in New York City were:
 - Bricklayers at \$0.75 per hour
 - Carpenters at \$0.65 per hour
 - Painters at \$0.50 per hour
 - Plumbers at \$0.69 per hour
- Farmers were paid \$21.05 per month with board. Without board, they received \$29.88 per month.
- World War I began on July 28, 1914. More than 70 million military personnel were mobilized and more than 9 million combatants died during this war.
- The first traffic light was installed in Cleveland Ohio on August 5, 1914.
- The number one song title in 1914 was "It's A Long Way To Tipperary", by the American Quartet.
- Henry Ford made improvements to his assembly line and was able to assemble a Model T in 1.5 hours. He was able to push production past 500,000 units, while

dropping the price of a Model T to \$440! Workers wages were raised to \$5 per day - equivalent to the weekly earnings of an industrial worker in Great Britain. This meant that unskilled and semi-skilled workers had twice the purchasing power of their American counterparts and six times the purchasing power of comparable workers in Britain.

- Edgar Rice Burroughs created a new folk hero for the world: "Tarzan of the Apes". This character starred in 25 books which were translated into 56 languages.
- On July 4th, a black boxer named Jack Johnson successfully defended his heavyweight title against Jim Jeffries. Congress responded by passing a law, valid for decades, which forbade interstate transportation of prizefight films. The law was enacted because they considered these films to be evil and if they showed a black man winning against a white, it could incite race riots.
- The Bureau of Internal Revenue issued the first income tax form, the 1040. Individuals paid one percent on income over \$3,000 (\$4,000 for married couples) with an additional surtax between one and six percent, depending on income level.
- The Panama Canal opened on August 5th. It took 34 years to build and cost over 27,000 workers their life.
- On May 21st, Carl Wickman founded Greyhound Bus

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75 Years Ago . . .

The Hewlett-Packard Company was founded in a small one-car garage in Palo Alto, California by Bill Hewlett and Dave Packard. From that humble beginning, the company now enjoys revenues of over \$120 billion per year.

Celebrating A Great General

"I am concerned for the security of our great Nation; not so much because of any threat from without, but because of the insidious forces working from within."

Douglas MacArthur, born January 26th, 1880

Rave Reviews!

“Alden Management Group has worked with Termite Terry for about 7 years. I have worked with the company 3 ½ of those years in different projects from townhome complexes to large shopping centers. Termite Terry has completed a number of termite projects as well as pest control services. They were always quick to respond when I called and would even call on their cells when on site to explain any situations that may have arose since our previous conversations.

We had a large project in Dana Point where I needed a large roof area treated with difficult time constraints with not much notice causing them to work on the weekend. Termite Terry has been great in accommodating ours and tenant’s schedules. Their crews are very considerate and clean up job sites everyday after work.

Termite Terry delivers high quality work, stands behind what they do and guarantees their services.”

Becky Gilligan
Property Manager
Costa Mesa

“We recently had our house tented for drywood termites and wanted to express our gratitude to your company and employees.

From the first visit of Eddie Dean Newton, for the inspection to the day of work, everything went very smoothly. Eddie was very courteous and answered all my questions and made sure that I was very well taken care of. The tent crew was on time and it went up and down very quickly without any problems. Lastly, I want to also thank the company receptionist. I had called the office a few times before the process and she was always willing to help and answered my questions with ease.

I will not hesitate to call your company for any future work and also will recommend the company to any other people in need of pest control.”

David Beckett
Placentia

lines in Hibbing, Minnesota.

- The average costs for these items in 1914 were:
 - Sirloin steak at \$0.26 a pound
 - Eggs at \$0.35 a dozen
 - Milk at \$0.36 per gallon
 - Loaf of bread at \$0.06 each
 - Coffee at \$0.30 a pound
 - Gasoline at \$0.15 per gallon
 - Cars at \$550.00 each
 - Houses at \$6,156.00 each
- The first feature-length silent film comedy was released on December 21st. It starred Marie Dressler, Mabel Normand and Charles Chaplin.
- In 1914, about 60% of children were enrolled in school. Close to 13% of students earned a high school diploma and less than 3% earned a bachelors degree in college.
- Men wore sack coats or lounge coats for most informal and semi-formal occasions. Three piece suits consisted of a sack coat with a matching vest and trousers. Trousers were ankle length with cuffs. The gap between the short trousers was filled with short gaiters or spats.
- Most homes had no indoor plumbing. Even by 1940, only 55% of homes had complete indoor plumbing!
- A new fashion trend began in the spring of 1914. It was called the “war crinoline” and featured a bell shaped skirt (down to the top of their shoes) and a wide over skirt. Sloped shoulders and wide collars were in style, too. Critics considered the use of so much fabric to be wasteful during wartime and called for a more conservative use of cloth.
- Tony Jannus conducted the first commercial airlines flight on January 1st. It was a 23 minute flight between St. Petersburg and Tampa, Florida.

What a difference a century makes! What would your life be like without a bathtub, car, radio, smart phone or television set?

Insects Featured On Paris Menus!

Just imagine yourself walking into a hip restaurant in Paris. You start by ordering a glass of “*vin naturel*” (organic wine). Then, you look and see these items featured on the menu:

- Palm weevils with beetroot and oil of truffle.
- Water scorpion with preserved peppers and black garlic.
- Grasshoppers with quail’s eggs.

These snacks sell for eight to ten Euros (\$10-14 US) each. Many of the diners come to this restaurant for the novelty value. But, as the alcohol flows, the orders tend to multiply.

To you and I, this is insect-eating. However, the French prefer to call it – “*entomophagy*.”

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization issued a report earlier this year. The report predicts that with the world’s population heading to nine billion, the demand for animal protein will double by 2050. They listed 1,900 species of insects that might be used to fill the gap.

Insect-eating has been a growing interest in Europe. Research programs are underway to develop methods of small-scale insect farming in France and the Netherlands.

Large-scale insect-farming has proved technologically and financially impossible.

“No one has yet been able to produce insects on an industrial scale,” said Jen-Gabriel Levon, who runs a small business involved with the research program. “We need to improve our understanding of the physiology of insects and their needs.”

So, the United Nations wants for all of us to start eating bugs. Do you really think the United Nations Secretary General and all of our world leaders will have baked scorpions for dinner tonight?

NASA Wants To Make Bug-Proof Airplane Wings

NASA is trying to develop ways to keep bugs from splattering on airplane wings. That is because those insect guts get stuck on the airplane's wings and create additional drag, which increases fuel consumption and pollution.

Researchers at NASA, called the "Bug Team," have recently tested coatings to reduce the amount of insect contamination on the wings of commercial airplanes. An effective "Teflon-like" coating would reduce the amount of bugs that stick on the plane and in turn, lower flight costs.

Airplanes constantly encounter swarms of insects while flying through the skies. These insects splatter on the wings of the plane just like they do on the windshield of your car. The flow of air over a plane's wings provides lift to the plane and as the number of insect splatters increase, the airflow is disrupted and a slight drag is created. This requires the plane to use more fuel to fly at the same speed than it would if the wings were bug-free.

The "Bug Team" has tested eight different coatings and found that trial surfaces had fewer splats than their control counterparts. They also found that the sticky splatters were smaller and minimized the disruption of air flow over the wings.

Tests were made by putting the plane through takeoffs, landings and low altitude flights. Most bugs are hit from the ground and up to 1,000 feet.

Much more testing will be needed and it will be some time before these coating appear on commercial aircraft. In order to be cost-effective, these coatings will need to last for years of operation and be able to withstand all sorts of weather.

Drug-Filled Mice Are Airdropped!

The invasive brown tree snake was accidentally introduced to the island of Guam about 60 years ago and continues to be a major threat to their economy and ecology. To put an end to this problem, biologists recently airdropped close to 2,000 dead mice injected with a toxic substance onto Anderson Air Force Base.

Brown tree snakes have caused millions of dollars in damage on the island during the past decade. In order to help eliminate these snakes, the biologists attached tiny cardboard parachutes onto the dead mice and dropped them over the test sites.

The snake's diet consists of bats, birds, lizards and small rodents. When a snake eats one of these "airborne" mice, it will be the snake's last meal, since the mice have been injected with 80 milligrams of acetaminophen, an ingredient found in the painkiller, Tylenol.

These snakes do not present much danger to humans. However, they have devastated the majority of Guam's native bird population and are responsible for thousands of power outages.

Biologists say that the drug-laced mice should not affect other species. They go on to say that it would take 500 baits to kill a pig or dog and 15 baits to kill a cat. The drug disrupts the oxygen carrying ability of haemoglobin in the snake. This causes the snake to enter into a trauma and die when it gulps down a rodent.

If this program is successful, they plan to increase the number of airdrops and conduct them on a larger scale.

Miss America Pageant Trivia

The Miss America Pageant started in 1921 and awards scholarships to young women. Here are some facts you may not know about the pageant:

- Nina Davuluri won the 2014 title and is the first Indian-American to be chosen as Miss America.
- 16 year old Margaret Gorman, of Washington DC, won the first Miss America Pageant in 1921 and came back to win again in 1922.
- California, Oklahoma and Ohio boast the most Miss America wins with six each.
- Bert Parks has hosted more Miss America pageants than anyone else (1955 to 1979). He was fired at the age of 65 in 1980. They invited him back in 1990 for the pageant's 70th anniversary.
- After winning the title in 1937, Bette Cooper decided she didn't want to commit to the role and ran off with a man in a motorboat!
- Bess Myerson won the crown in 1945 and is the only Jewish Miss America.
- The first hearing impaired Miss America was Heather Whitestone in 1995.
- Mary Campbell of Ohio in 1922 and Marian Bergeron of Connecticut in 1933 were both only 15 years old when they won the title.
- Vanessa Williams was the first African-American to win in 1984.
- In 1958, two finalists shocked everyone by tattling on live TV that they shared a common bond – a two timing military cadet boyfriend!
- Elizabeth Ward won in 1982 and wore a dress made out of her grandmother's lace tablecloth!
- Gretchen Carlson of Fox News was Miss America in 1989.
- Jeanne Robertson of North Carolina was the tallest contestant ever in 1963 at 6 foot, 2 inches.
- Angela-Perez Baraquio was the first Asian- American to win in 2001

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It's Time To Start Controlling Coyotes

If you have listened to, read or watched the news lately, you can't help but notice the growing number of stories about attacks by coyotes. Just this week, I can recall stories about a dog being killed by a coyote in Lake Tahoe, a woman was attacked by a coyote in Santa Cruz and another dog was killed by a coyote in Los Angeles.

Here are some startling statistics:

- Death and damage from coyotes in California, between 1995 and 2012, totaled over \$14 million in reported losses. The verified losses were almost \$11 million.
- Year-to-year verified losses have been increasing. In 2010, the losses were over \$298 thousand. Losses went up to over \$399 thousand in 2011 and in 2012, losses skyrocketed to over \$869 thousand. This is mainly due to the ever-increasing population of coyotes.
- Damage and death from coyotes includes birds, buildings, cattle, horses, fences, fowl, fruit, goats, llamas, deer, melons, thousands of household pets, rabbits, sheep, pigs and endangered species.

These statistics are from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services and we should remember to thank them for responding to complaints. Without their efforts to protect us, the monetary losses would even be greater.

In today's society, there are those activists who feel the need to protect animal rights. That can be a good thing, but where do we draw the line? More and more, we see coyote warning signs posted in our communities. We are being told by our officials that we have to be careful if we walk after dark and we have to keep our pets locked up at night.

Yesterday, another dog was killed by a coyote in an upscale L.A. neighborhood. Sorry, but I thought it was kind of funny when a city councilman suddenly decided that something had to be done about coyotes in, "*his neighborhood.*" I guess that you and I must not live in the right area because when we call, we are told, "*We have to learn to live with coyotes.*"



"Termite" Terry Singleton