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What Life Was Like In 1925

Happy New Year! 2025 is here and many of you are thinking about what you're going to do in the new year. Before you get too far with your plans, let's go back and see what life was like in 1925.

- The population of the U.S. grew close to 116 million. Our current population is close to 335 million, with a new person being added every 20 seconds!
- Men had a life expectancy of 57.6 years, and women lived an average of 60.6 years.
- The U.S. Federal Budget was 2.9 billion dollars, and they had a budget surplus of 700 million dollars. Today, we have a Federal Budget of 6.75 trillion dollars and a budget deficit of 1.8 trillion dollars!
- About 17.5 million motor vehicles were registered in the U.S. Today, we have close to 297 million vehicles on the road.
- The price of a Model T Ford had dropped down to only \$260! Ford manufactured about 2 million of these cars in 1925.
- 50 percent of the homes had electricity. It was not until 1960 that virtually all homes had electricity.
- On March 4th, Calvin Coolidge became the first president of the U.S. to have his inauguration broadcasted on radio. The event was on over 20 stations, with an estimated 23 million listeners.
- The New Yorker magazine was first published on

February 21st. It was published by Harold Ross, and he remained the magazine's editor till his death in December 1951.

- A film was shown on an airplane for the first time on April 6th. Aeromarine Airways showed a film titled "Howdy Chicago" to its passengers as they flew around Chicago.
- Union wages in New York city were:
 - Bricklayers at \$1.50 per hour
 - Carpenters at \$1.31 per hour
 - Painters at \$1.31 per hour
 - Plumbers at \$1.38 per hour
 - Structural steel workers at \$1.50 per hour
- American farm workers had an average pay of \$38.77 per month, with board. Without board, their average pay was \$49.90 per month.
- The minimum wage in California was \$0.33 per hour.
- On June 6th, the Chrysler Corporation was founded by Walter Chrysler. He reorganized the Maxwell Motor company into the Chrysler Corporation, and the Maxwell brand was dropped after the 1925 model year. The Chrysler Six Model B70 was launched in January of 1924, and it was very well received.
- The world's first motel opened on December 12th in San Luis Obispo. It was named the Milestone Mo-Tel. A stay at this motel was only \$1.25 per night!

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90 Years Ago . . .

On January 11, 1935, Amelia Earhart became the first person to make a solo flight from Hawaii to California. This was a dangerous 2,408-mile flight that had already claimed the lives of ten fliers.

Remembering A Great Movie Actor

"The embarrassing thing is that my salad dressing is out-grossing my films."

Paul Newman, born January 26, 1925

Rave Reviews!

"In September 2024, our home had some flying Termites, so the next day I called Termite Terry. I had done business with Termite Terry several years ago for another issue where I met Skip Haffke, the Termite Specialist. So when I called, I immediately asked if Skip still worked for the company. He did, so I asked for Skip to contact me. Skip called me back that day, where I explained the flying Termite situation. Skip set up an appointment to come to our home to do an evaluation and estimate.

Once arrived, he completed a thorough inspection and estimate. I was very happy with the estimate, so we scheduled an appointment to get the home tented. The Friday before the tenting procedure, Skip came to our home and explained in detail the preparation procedure and left us the required bags for the food.

The following Tuesday was the day to get the home tented and Skip was the first one there to check that we had completed the preparation properly. Everything checked out, so he left to go to his other appointments. The tenting service went as planned, and turned out to be a lot less stressful than I originally thought.

Termite Terry is a great company to do business with, and working with Skip Haffke was a pleasure where he has a way of putting you at ease when having termite abatement work done at your home. For any termite issues, call Termite Terry and ask for Skip. You will be glad you did!"

Kevin Squyres
Long Beach

"I have nothing but positive things to say about Termite Terry. He came the same day I called and took care of business."

Maegan Lott
Costa Mesa

- The number one hit song was "I'll See You in My Dreams", by Isham Jones who was a guest conductor with Ray Miller's Orchestra.
 - During the 1920s, the popular style for women's dresses was the tubular "la garconne" look. These simple dresses were also known as the "flapper", which featured a dropped waist and creeping hemlines. Coco Chanel was a designer who helped popularize this style.
 - Men were also looking for more simplicity in dress, so they started moving away from starched collars and formal three-piece suits. Instead, they adopted soft collars and one- or two-button suit jackets. Pinstripes were popular, along with British wools and English tailoring.
 - In January, Alphonse Capone became the boss of the "Chicago Outfit". His reign as a crime boss ended seven years later when he was convicted of tax evasion, and sentenced to prison for eleven years.
 - F. Scott Fitzgerald published "The Great Gatsby" on April 10th.
 - The average prices for these items were:
 - Round steak sold for 36 cents a pound
 - Eggs were 55 cents a dozen
 - Milk sold for 56 cents per gallon
 - A loaf of bread cost 9 cents
 - Coffee was 50 cents a pound
 - A ten-pound bag of potatoes cost 36 cents
 - Gasoline sold for around 23 cents per gallon
 - The price of a first-class postage stamp was 2 cents
 - A movie ticket went for around 25 cents
 - 1925's top movie was a silent war drama called "The Big Parade". It was a film about a rich boy who joined the Army and was sent to France to fight in WWI. While there, he fell in love with a French girl. It starred John Gilbert and Renee Adoree.
 - The original Madison Square Garden opened on December 15th. It opened with a hockey game, where the New York Americans lost to the Montreal Canadians, 3-1. 17,000 fans were in attendance. This building was later demolished in 1968, when a new Madison Square Garden opened nearby.
 - The Federal Highway Act of 1925 (February 12, 1925) continued existing funding for the original Federal Highway Act of 1921. By 1926, of the more than 3 million miles of highway in the U.S., only about 500,000 would be paved.
 - The S&P 500 opened the beginning of the year at 121.25, and closed at 151.08. That was a 25.37% increase! Now, if you would have invested just \$100.00 at the beginning of 1925 and reinvested all dividends, you would now have \$1,988,811.65 at the end of 2024! Sure beats wasting money on lottery tickets, don't it? ☺
- As you can see, life in America has changed quite a bit over the last 100 years. Can you even imagine living without electricity and your smart phone?

Raw Milk Recall

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has issued a recall order after detecting *Influenza-A H5N1* (bird flu) in raw milk. The samples were taken from a raw milk bulk tank at a dairy farm in Stanislaus County.

The CDFA is strongly recommending that you do not consume any of these products and that retailers remove any of these products from their store shelves. No illnesses related to bird flu have been reported at this time.

The Los Angeles County

Department of Public Health also issued a warning of not to consume raw milk products, or feed it to their pets. The agency announced that five pet cats recently died after consuming recalled raw milk.



The bird flu virus has been detected in 16 states. Of the 865 infected herds found, 645 of them were in California! It is no wonder that Governor Gavin Newsom has declared a state of emergency.

Raw milk is very popular. Mark McAfee, who owns Raw Farm USA, says that production and supply in California are “growing at 50 percent a year.”

Pasteurized milk is safe to drink because pasteurization kills the bird flu virus and other harmful germs that can be found in milk. Sounds like we all might have to switch to pasteurized milk until they find a solution to this problem.

President's Economic Stimulus

We hear that some members of OPEC+ are concerned about oil prices decreasing if the new administration increases U.S. oil production. They are also waiting to see how we deal with Iran and Venezuela, and how that will affect the price of oil.

Meanwhile, President Termite Terry “feels your pain” and wants to help by giving you a FREE tank of gas.

Here are just a few more of your fellow citizens who have benefited from his Economic Stimulus Plan:

- David Simmeral of La Mirada referred us to Roger & Rebecca Miya of La Habra.
- Christina Moore of Laguna Beach referred us to Chris Moore of Laguna Beach.
- Mary Torrez of Anaheim referred us to Emily Ramirez of Anaheim.
- Jack Quail of Anaheim recommended our service to Dorothy Harms of Anaheim.
- Odin Braathen of Costa Mesa referred us to Donald Powers of Newport Beach.

The President’s plan is easy and with your help, we can **double the number of people who get FREE GAS each month**. All you have to do is simply refer us to someone who needs a termite treatment, wood repairs, or a monthly pest control service. And, if they hire us, we’ll send you a **\$50.00 Gas Card**. That is real economic stimulation you can bank on!



National Soup Month

January is National Soup Month, so let’s look at some fun facts about this warm and hearty food that we all enjoy during our cold weather:

- Some of the oldest evidence of soup was found in an archaeological dig in modern-day Iraq. They estimate the soup was made in 6,000 B.C., and the main ingredient was meat from a hippopotamus.
- They estimate that Americans consume more than 10 billion bowls of soup per year.
- Dr. John T. Dorrance, a chemist with the Campbell Soup Company, invented condensed soup in 1897.
- Hippocrates, considered by many to be the father of medicine, recommended chicken soup for respiratory illnesses.
- Pho is a Vietnamese soup that features a flavorful broth, rice noodles, herbs, and meat. It is a popular street food in Vietnam.
- The world’s largest bowl of soup was made on July 20, 2024, in Turkey. 45 chefs prepared the soup and it was completely distributed on that day.
- Chicken noodle soup is the most popular soup in America.
- In traditional French cuisine, soups are classified into two main groups: clear soups and thick soups.
- When soups go through the canning process, nutrients are locked in so the amount of vitamins and nutrients are still the same when you open the can a year later.
- Soups may be a good weight management tool because they can help reduce your caloric intake.
- Menudo is a Mexican soup made with tripe (cow stomach) and hominy. Some use it as a cure for a hangover.
- Bird Nest Soup is made from the nests of swiftlets. It is a luxury item and the nests sell for about \$4,300 a pound. Want a bird nest for dinner? I think I’ll pass on that! 😊

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School Teacher Dies After Being Bitten By A Bat

A teacher in Fresno County died after being bitten by a bat in her classroom, according to health officials.

About a month ago, this teacher found a bat in her classroom. She did not want to harm the bat, so she tried to scoop it up and take it outside. Unfortunately, it bit her and took off.

The teacher did not immediately notice any signs of rabies but she became ill a few weeks later and had to be hospitalized. When she got to the hospital, they put her into a medically-induced coma. Four days later, she died.

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) confirmed that the victim died after contracting rabies. The CDPH Director, Dr. Tomas J Aragon, said in a statement, “Bites from bats can be incredibly small and difficult to see or detect. It is important to wash your hands and look for any open wounds after touching a wild animal, and to seek immediate medical care if bitten. It is always safest to leave wild animals alone. Do not approach, touch, or try to feed any animals you don’t know.”

At least two other people in North America have died from bat bites in the past few weeks. Rabies is typically spread when an infected animal bites or scratches a person or another animal. In the Americas, bat bites are the most common cause of rabies infections in humans. Less than 5% of the cases are from dogs.

Ladies and gentlemen, if you have a problem with a wild animal at your home or business, it is time to call a specialist. Stay safe!



“Termite” Terry Singleton