

Time Line 1920-1929

1920

- First Commercial Radio Station, KDICA in Pittsburgh, Begins Broadcasting
<https://aehistory.wordpress.com/1920/11/02/1920-first-commercial-radio-station-kdka/>
- 19th Amendment - Women Granted the Right to Vote
Passed by Congress June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment guarantees all American women the right to vote. Achieving this milestone required a lengthy and difficult struggle; victory took decades of agitation and protest. Beginning in the mid-19th century, several generations of woman suffrage supporters lectured, wrote, marched, lobbied, and practiced civil disobedience to achieve what many Americans considered a radical change of the Constitution. Few early supporters lived to see final victory in 1920.
<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=63>
- Warren Harding elected 29th President (1921- 1923)
Warren Harding, publisher and editor of the Ohio Marion Star, was active in politics throughout his life. He served as an Ohio state Senator (1900-1904), as Lieutenant Governor of Ohio (1904-1906) and as a United States Senator (1915-1921). While Harding was serving in the Senate, the Republican Party nominated him as their presidential candidate for the election of 1920. Harding's campaign promised a return to "normalcy," rejecting the activism of Theodore Roosevelt and the idealism of Woodrow Wilson. Voters responded to his genial nature, impressive stature, and bland message; he won by a landslide.
Harding's famous plea for normalcy was "America's present need is not heroics but healing; not nostrums but normalcy; not revolution but restoration...not surgery but serenity."
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/about/presidents/warrenharding>
- Federal Census Gives Alabama Population as 2,348,174

1921

- Washington Conference Leads to Reductions in Naval Armaments
<https://history.state.gov/milestones/1921-1936/naval-conference>

1922

- Cap Guns Come on the Market
These toy guns made a loud noise when the gun was fired. Originally, cap guns were made of cast iron but, now they are made of a hard plastic or metal. In the 1920's the kids would use the guns to play cops and robbers and cowboys and Indians.

1923

- President Harding Dies; Calvin Coolidge Sworn in as 30th President (1923-1929)

<http://www.nytimes.com/learning/general/onthisday/big/0802.html>

- Radio Flyer Wagon is Invented

A 16-year-old Italian boy named Antonio Pasin was one of the millions who immigrated to America from Europe at the start of the 20th century. A skilled carpenter, Pasin headed to Chicago and began building little red wagons out of stamped metal. By 1923, he had saved enough money to create the Liberty Coaster Company, and he began mass-producing the wagon for just under \$3. He named it the **Radio Flyer** in homage to two of his favorite inventions of the time: the radio and the airplane.

- The Chemistry Set was Marketed

A pioneer in educational toys, the A.C. Gilbert Co. released its chemistry set in 1923. Marketed solely to boys, the kit was designed to teach basic chemistry skills, but by today's standards, it was nothing short of a homeland-security breach. (Experiment No. 1: Explosives.) Still, it received the highly regarded Good Housekeeping seal of approval, and Gilbert went on to sell millions of sets over the next 30 years. Eventually, even girls were acknowledged by the manufacturers — but only as aspiring assistants.

Gilbert's Lab Technician Set for Girls was released in the 1950s, cloaked in reassuring pink hues. It would be another 10 years until the gender barrier in kiddie chemistry was brought down and boys and girls were finally allowed to play scientist together.

1924

- Calvin Coolidge Elected President

1926

- University of Alabama Football Team Goes to the Rose Bowl

U of A has the first southern team to be honored with an invitation to the Rose Bowl. They defeat the University of Washington (January 1).

1927

- First Feature-length Sound Motion Picture (*The Jazz Singer*) Released

The Jazz Singer is a 1927 American musical film. The first feature-length motion picture with synchronized dialogue sequences, its release heralded the commercial ascendance of the "**talkies**" and the decline of the silent film era.

- Charles Lindbergh Makes Solo Transatlantic Flight

1928

- The Trampoline Becomes Popular

- Mickey Mouse Dolls Marketed

Mickey Mouse dolls came out shortly after the Mickey Mouse cartoon. They came fully dressed with yellow shoes and the classic red Mickey Mouse trousers. The original dolls didn't speak but, now the dolls are being programmed to say 50 phrases.

<https://ieonline.microsoft.com/#ieslice>

- Joy Buzzer's Invented

Beloved by pranksters worldwide, the joy buzzer has been delivering unexpected zaps to its victims since 1928. The device was created by Danish inventor Soren Sorensen Adams, who founded the S.S. Adams Co., the premier novelty producer of the 20th century. After dreaming up his first gag concoction, Cachoo Sneeze Powder, in 1906, Sorensen went on to create prank product staples like the razzberry cushion, the snake nut can and the exploding cigar. Officially patented in 1932, the buzzer doesn't actually deliver an electric current but rather a loud vibrating noise, just enough to "shock" the unsuspecting.

- Herbert Hoover Elected 31st President

- Kellogg-Briand Pact Signed

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/314413/Kellogg-Briand-Pact>

- Convict Lease System Ended in Alabama

<https://historyengine.richmond.edu/episodes/view/5462>

- Yo-Yo's Becomes Popular

Though its history can be traced back to nearly 500 B.C., the yo-yo didn't find mainstream success until the late 1920s, when a young U.S. immigrant named Pedro Flores ignited an international craze. Born in the Philippines, Flores saw the toy's potential in the U.S. after remembering its Filipino popularity. (It had received the name yoyo there hundreds of years before.) While working as a bellboy, Flores founded the Yo-yo Manufacturing Company in 1928. After selling handmade yo-yos to children around Los Angeles, he was able to secure financing to open a factory. Within a year, the company was producing 300,000 yo-yos a day, and Flores' "Wonder Toy" achieved craze status in the U.S., with yo-yo contests popping up all over the country.

1929

- Stock Market Crashes

On October 29, 1929, Black Tuesday hit Wall Street as investors traded some 16 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange in a single day. Billions of dollars were lost, wiping out thousands of investors. In the aftermath of Black Tuesday, America and the rest of the industrialized world spiraled downward into the Great Depression the deepest and longest-lasting

economic downturn in the history of the Western industrialized world up to that time.

- Herbert Hoover Sworn in as President (1929-1933)

- Pop-up Books Introduced

Initially called “movables,” the first pop-up books actually predate most print texts. They first appeared in the 14th century, when a Catalan mystic began using revolving disks to illustrate his philosophical theories. Pop-up books were not created for young audiences until the early 19th century, when lift-the-flap techniques were introduced in children’s books. It wasn’t until 1929 that readers were introduced to pop-ups as we know them today. Published by Louis Giraud and Theodore Brown, the Daily Express Children’s Annual No. 1 was the first in a series of pop-up books that featured illustrations that leaped off the page, starting one of the longest-lasting literary gimmicks in history.