

100 Years Ago

NATIONAL NOTABLE EVENTS



The first issue of **Time Magazine** was published on March 2 by Henry Luce. Featured on the first cover was Joseph G. Cannon, Speaker of the House from 1903-1911. The news magazine was a weekly until 2020 when it became a biweekly publication.

The original **Yankee Stadium** in the Bronx opened on April 18. The Yankees also won the first of their 27 World Series championships in 1923. They beat the New York Giants to whom they



had lost the previous two series.

On July 13, the **Hollywood Sign** was inaugurated in California and originally said Hollywoodland, promoting a nearby housing development. In 1949, the decaying sign was restored and "land" was deleted.



Vice President **Calvin Coolidge** became the 30th President of the United States upon the death of President Warren G. Harding (see Death next page) on August 3. Coolidge was rather reticent with a droll sense of humor resulting

in the nickname of "Silent Cal." Coolidge's address to Congress on December 6, 1923, was the first presidential speech broadcast on the radio.



On October 16, **Roy (l) and Walt Disney (r)** founded the Disney Brothers Studio. Roy was the older brother and initially handled the business and financial aspects of the business. Walt was the creative spirit of the enterprise. Walt became the public face of the company. In 1929, Walt bought most of Roy's shares in the studio but Roy was the first CEO and was actively engaged in managing the company. Roy oversaw the construction of Disney World after Walt's death in 1966.

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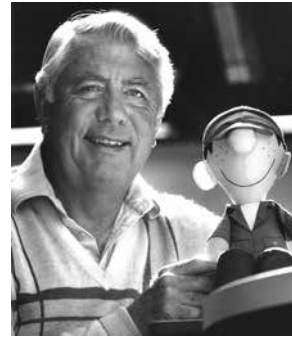
James Dickey, poet and novelist, was born on February 2 in Atlanta, Georgia. In World War II, he flew 38 missions as a radar operator in a P-61 Black Widow fighter, as part of the 418th Night Fighter Squadron, for which he received five Bronze Stars. He also served in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War. Between

the wars, he attended Vanderbilt University, receiving a B.A. (1949) and a M.A. (1950) in English.

Dickey taught at a long list of universities and published several volumes of poetry. He was appointed the eighteenth United States Poet Laureate in 1966. His 1970 novel *Deliverance* was made into a film in 1972 for which he wrote the screenplay. It brought him nationwide fame. He read his poem *The Strength of Fields* at Jimmy Carter's inauguration in 1977. Dickey died in South Carolina in 1997, age 73.

Addison Morton Walker, cartoonist, was born September 3 in El Dorado, Kansas, and his family moved to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1927. His artistic ability and wit blossomed early; he sold his first cartoon at age 12 and at age 15 was drawing a comic strip for the weekly *Kansas City Journal*. At age 18, Mort was the

chief editorial designer for Hallmark Brothers, which became Hallmark Cards. Drafted into the Army in 1943, he underwent signal training at Camp Crowder near Neosho, Missouri. While there, the grounds around the barracks flooded and became the inspiration for Camp Swampy, the locale of his widely syndicated comic strip *Beetle Bailey*. Mort Walker died in 2018 in Stamford, Connecticut.

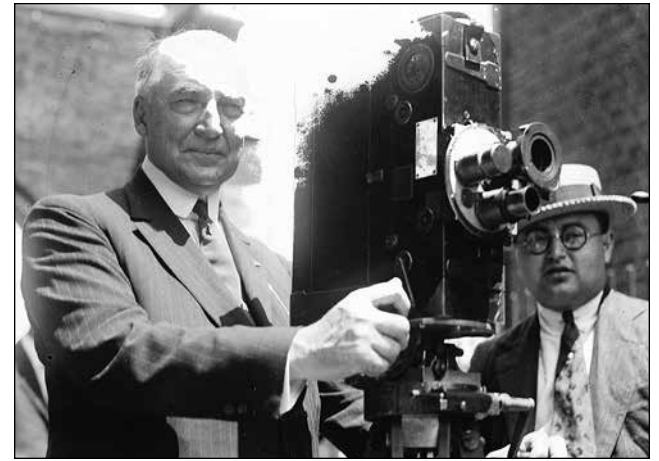


Astronaut **Alan B. Shepard, Jr.**, was born in Derry, New Hampshire, on November 18. Shepard graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and saw action during World War II. He became a naval aviator and test pilot after the war. One of the original seven Mercury astronauts, Shepard was the first American in space and became the fifth and oldest astronaut (47)



to walk on the moon as commander of Apollo 14 in 1971. Alan Shepard died in 1998.

DEATH



President Harding poses behind a movie camera in 1920 after being in front of so many during his campaign. Library of Congress.

President Warren G. Harding was out west to make some foreign policy speeches and fell ill. He was taken to a hotel in San Francisco and confined to bed. Although the public announcement was that he was suffering from some gastrointestinal discomfort, doctors found some heart irregularity, as well as pneumonia. Confined to bed rest in the hotel, he seemed to be improving the morning of August 2. His wife, Florence, was reading to him in the evening when he suffered a fatal heart attack. He was 57 years of age.

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