

MoNdAy FuNnIeS

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## Wisdom For The Week :

You can be anything you want to be

If you want to be

Norman Vincent Peal

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(from Arlene Burg..... Thanks Arlene)

YEAR OF 1903

The year is 1903 ... one hundred years ago ... what a difference a century makes!

Here are some of the US statistics for 1903:

The average life expectancy in the US was 47 years.

Only 14 Percent of the homes in the US had a bathtub.

Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars. There were only 8,000 cars in the US, and only 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10

mph. Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million

residents, California was only the ! 21st-most populous state in the Union. The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel

Tower. The average wage in the US was 22 cents an hour.

The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year.

A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and

\$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95 percent of all births in the US took place at home. Ninety percent of all US physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard." Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee cost fifteen cents a pound. Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo. Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.

The five leading causes of death in the US were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet. The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30. Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented. There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. One in ten US adults couldn't read or write. Only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school. Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and the bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health."

18 percent of households in the US had at least one full-time servant or domestic. There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire US.

Just think what it will be like in another 100 years.....It boggles the mind...



ConsumerTipS

If you want to get grease off you hands after working on a car don't use GAS!!!! It will make you sick. Use common cooking oil. It will take it right off and then you can wash the cooking oil off with common dish soap. That is a fact that wont make you sick.

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**Make it a wonderful and happy week!!!!**  
**The happy friends in your life,**  
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