



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1930 – Ellen Church became the first airline stewardess. She served chicken, fruit salad, and rolls to passengers. She was also a pilot and a registered nurse.



Boeing Air Transport would not hire her as a pilot but liked the idea of putting nurses, or “sky girls,” on board planes to calm the public’s fear of flying.

1940 – Nylon stockings went on general sale for the first time. They were a huge success: women lined



up at stores across the country to buy them. Nylons were available in either “full-fashioned” form with seams at the back or “seamless.”

Nylon Trivia

Nylon was developed in 1935 as a synthetic replacement for silk. During World War II, it was used in many military applications, such as parachutes, flak vests, tires, tents, ropes, and ponchos.

Quote of the Day

“Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again.”

~ *L. Frank Baum*

Happy Birthday!

L. Frank Baum (1856–1919) wrote his first book, *Father Goose: His Book*, in 1899. However, his next book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (1900), was even more successful.



The iconic children’s novel was adapted as a musical and ran on Broadway for 293 nights in 1903.

Baum went on to write 13 more books in the *Oz* series and many other stories for kids. The author was often asked whether his stories had hidden meanings, and he always replied that they were written to please children. The 1939 adaptation of the first *Oz* book became a landmark of 20th-century cinema, starring Judy Garland as Dorothy.