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On This Date

1877 – A Montana newspaper, the *Fort Benton Record*, reporting on the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) said, “They fetch their man every time.” Hollywood later modified this to “They always get their man.” The RCMP motto is actually “Maintain the right.”

1939 – *Wuthering Heights*, starring Laurence Olivier, Merle Oberon, and David Niven, was released.

1964 – Sidney Poitier won the Best Actor award for the 1963 film *Lilies of the Field*, making him the first Black man to receive the honor.

1970 – An oxygen tank aboard Apollo 13 exploded while the craft was 200,000 miles from Earth. Using great skill and ingenuity, the crew safely touched down in the Pacific Ocean four days later.

Daily Trivia

An elephant’s trunk is made of around 150,000 muscle units, making it extraordinarily sensitive.

Quote of the Day

“Children are the most desirable opponents at Scrabble as they are both easy to beat and fun to cheat.”

~ Fran Lebowitz

Happy Birthday!

Alfred Mosher Butts (1899–1993) was an American architect who was born in Poughkeepsie, New York.



Butts is best known for inventing the game of Scrabble. In the 1930s, he decided to create a winning board game that combined both skill and luck, utilizing a player’s prowess with words as well as the power of chance when pulling letter tiles. Originally titled *Lexiko* and *Criss Cross Words*, Scrabble was first trademarked in 1948 and has since sold more than 150 million sets. Butts was also an artist. Some of his drawings are housed in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.