



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1014 – Brian Boru, the High King of Ireland, was killed by a group of retreating Vikings shortly after his Irish forces defeated them.

1900 – The word *hillbilly* was first used in the *New York Journal* in reference to a “free and untrampled white Alabamian who lived in the hills. He has no means to speak of, dresses as he can, talks as he pleases, drinks whiskey when he gets it, and fires off his revolver as the fancy takes him.”

1923 – The New Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert at Massey Hall in Toronto. In 1927, the orchestra changed its name to the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.



If the Shoe Fits...

The metal instrument used in shoe stores to measure feet is called the Brannock device. Charles F. Brannock invented the device in 1926.

Quote of the Day

“Good night, good night!
Parting is such sweet sorrow,
that I shall say good night
till it be morrow.”

~ *William Shakespeare*

Happy Birthday!

William Shakespeare (1564–1616) was born in England around April 23. His exact birthdate is unknown, but he was baptized on April 26. Biographical information is sketchy, but Shakespeare likely was an actor, then a writer and director. He is known as the greatest author in the English language.



Bedazzled, *new-fangled*, and *fashionable* are a few of the many words Shakespeare introduced. Shakespeare’s complete works, including his 39 plays, 154 sonnets, and other poetry, can be read for free online at <http://shakespeare.mit.edu/>.