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On This Date

1851 – The first Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA) in America was founded in Boston at the Old South Church. The club was opened as a place for young men to seek refuge from the hazards and sins of city life.

1852 – Seventeen-year-old Emma Snodgrass was arrested in Boston for wearing pants, the culmination of a string of incidents and arrests where she was called a “foolish girl who goes around in virile toggerly.”

1930 – Fred Newton became the first person to swim the length of the Mississippi River, a journey of 1,826 miles that took five months.

1972 – The last weekly issue of *Life* magazine was published.

Did You Know?

Life magazine began as a humor magazine in the 1880s, competing with the satirical magazines *Judge* and *Puck*.

Quote of the Day

“Let the rain kiss you. / Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops. / Let the rain sing you a lullaby.”

~ *Langston Hughes*

Happy Birthday!

Charles Macintosh (1766–1843) was employed as a humble clerk, but he devoted much of his free time to the study of science. By age 20, he had quit his job to start manufacturing chemicals. Most important was his experimentation with *naphtha*, a by-product of tar, and rubber. Naphtha made rubber soluble, and in this state, Macintosh was able to use rubber as a sort of cement to stick two bits of cloth together. This led Macintosh to invent the world’s first waterproof fabric.



In England, raincoats are still called “Mackintoshes” in honor of this Scotsman’s invention.