

# This Time in History

## 1900– 1919

### IMMANUEL MILESTONES

- 1918 Christian Day School established  
First resident teacher, Otto Boernecke, called  
Sons of congregation go to war – all return safely
- 1919 Teacherage built for the cost of \$2,325

#### Pastors

J. Christian Albrecht (1892-1917)  
Gervasius Fischer (1917-1928)

#### Principals/Teachers

Otto Boernecke (1918-1925)

### WELS/LUTHERAN KEYPOINTS

- 1914 English *Northwestern Lutheran* began publication
- 1917 Merger of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Nebraska all became districts of Wisconsin Synod
- 1919 Merged synod numbers: 127,000 communicants spread throughout 698 congregations

### U.S. PRESIDENTS

William McKinley (1897-1901)  
Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909)  
William Howard Taft (1909-1913)  
Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921)

### NOTABLE EVENTS IN WORLD/U.S. HISTORY

- 1900 Boxer Rebellion in China  
Great Galveston Hurricane (Texas) - 8,000 killed
- 1901 President McKinley assassinated
- 1902 U.S. Navy installed the first radio telephone aboard ships
- 1903 Orville and Wilbur Wright's first test flight in their plane at Kitty Hawk, NC  
First use of Guantánamo Bay
- 1904 Panama Canal Zone acquired
- 1906 San Francisco earthquake - 3400 people killed  
Morse Code S.O.S adopted
- 1908 Bureau of Investigation established
- 1909 The Queensboro Bridge opened
- 1911 Manhattan sweatshop fire
- 1912 Titanic sank
- 1914 WWI started July 28, 1914  
Federal Trade Commission organized  
First U.S. Income Tax, Congress passed the Revenue Act mandating the first tax on incomes over \$3,000  
The Panama Canal opened  
First transcontinental telephone call
- 1915 U.S. Coast Guard established  
Women Suffrage Movement

### NOTABLE EVENTS IN WORLD/U.S. HISTORY - CONTINUED

- 1917 U.S. entered World War I  
U.S. Virgin Islands purchased from Denmark  
Puerto Rico citizens given U.S. Citizenship
- 1918 World War I ended on November 11  
Influenza Epidemic – killed more than 675,000 Americans, 30 million worldwide  
First use of aircraft by U.S. in war in Mexico  
U.S. airmail service began between Washington, Philadelphia and New York
- 1919 Grand Canyon National Park established  
U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov 11<sup>th</sup> as Armistice Day (later changed to 'Veterans' in 1945); the date was chosen as World War I ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918

### MN POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1902 Dayton Company founded (MN based)  
3M founded in Two Harbors (MN based)
- 1903 First automobile license issued
- 1908 Glensheen Mansion completed; cost \$854,000
- 1910 Split Rock Lighthouse opened
- 1914 Minnesota 4–H formed

### HUTCHINSON HIGHLIGHTS

- 1900 Powerhouse built  
Hutchinson Creamery took in 22 lbs of milk per day; sold 250,000 lbs per yr to the US Navy
- 1902 Ansgar College built – originally constructed to provide an education for Danish Lutherans; after a fire, financial difficulties, and ownership changes, the building was purchased by the Seventh Day Adventists, to which the college would become known as Maplewood Academy  
David A Adams completed his house on Main St and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave (currently owned by George Quast); it was a copy of the Duke of Norfolk's house; cost \$8,000
- 1903 Dr Jay Hugh Burns began his dentistry practice; upon his death, donated a farm valued at \$50,000 to be used as a home for the aged – thus Burns Manor
- 1904 Tornado hit city  
Hutchinson Public Library dedication (original, current building)
- 1910 Gopher campfire founded
- 1911 Henry A. Dobratz founded furniture store and funeral chapel
- 1912 G.F. Nemitz & Son paint store founded  
Crystal Theater (Rex Theater) established; in the early 20's, a Sat. matinee cost \$0.05
- 1914 City Hall built on the corner of Washington and Franklin - cost \$16,000; demolished in 1994, cost \$54,433  
Class of 1914 - first graduation class which attended the H.L. Merrill School building
- 1916 Electric Short Line (Luce Line), Hutchinson's third railroad, came to town
- 1917 Hutchinson Branch of the McLeod Country chapter of the American Red Cross organized

## LIFESTYLE

	1900	1910
Yearly Income - avg	\$438	\$574
Cost of a new home	\$5,092	\$5,848
Cost of first-class stamp	\$ .02	\$ .02
Cost of a dozen eggs	\$ .21	\$ .34
Cost of milk – ½ gal	\$ .14	\$ .17
Cost of Flour – 5 lbs	\$ .12	\$ .18
Cost of butter – 1 lb	\$ .26	\$ .36
Cost of coffee – 1 lb	\$ .15	NA
Cost of sugar – 5 lbs	\$ .30	\$ .30
Cost of avg car	\$1,000	\$950
US Population	76 million	92 million
MN Population	1.7 million	2 million
Hutchinson Population	2,495	2,368

### Inventions/Technology

Zeppelin electrocardiography (ECG/EKG), double-edged safety razor, radio receiver, air conditioner, lie detector, neon light, bottle-making machinery, windshield wipers, ductile tungsten used in light bulbs, tractor, Fleming valve, sonar device, electronic amplifying tube (triode), helicopter, synthetic plastic (Bakelite), color photography, gyrocompass, Geiger counter, first talking motion picture, automobile electrical ignition system, motorized movie cameras, tank, Morgan gas mask, radio tuners, stainless steel, super heterodyne radio circuit, pop-up toaster, flip-flop circuit, short-wave radio, arc welder

**Notable Inventors/Companies:** Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Nickelodeon, Xerox, Lumiere, Sperry Edison

### Farming Fun Facts

- 1914 Milk tanker trucks are introduced
- 1917 Mandatory pasteurization of milk began
- 1910 Big open-gear gas tractors came into use in areas of extensive farming
- 1915 Enclosed gears developed for tractor
- 1918 Small prairie-type combine with auxiliary engine introduced
- 1911 Case released the first gasoline tractor
- 1919 International Harvester developed first commercial PTO (power take off)

### First appearances

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| 1902 Teddy Bear                    | 1909 Instant coffee                 |
| 1903 Crayola crayons               | 1912 Life Savers, shopping bag,     |
| 1904 Ice cream cone, tea bags      | Hellman's Real mayonnaise           |
| 1905 Popsicle                      | 1913 Erector set, crossword puzzles |
| 1906 Cornflakes by William Kellogg | 1914 Tinker toys                    |
| 1907 Planters Peanuts, Dixie Cups, | 1915 Pyrex                          |
| Paper towels                       | 1916 Lincoln Logs                   |
| 1908 Cellophane, stand mixer       |                                     |

### Clothing/Styles

- 1900-1910 dress skirts had trains and high waists; tops had embellishments of lace, buttons and ruffles; sleeves were huge
- 1910-1919 hems rose to ankles; waistlines dropped; the 'One Hour Dress' and walking suits became popular

### Entertainment

- 1903 *The Great Train Robbery* first silent film created by Thomas Edison, 12 min in length, debut
- 1904 Comic book debut
- 1905 Jukebox invented with 24 songs
- 1906 Animated cartoon created
- 1915 *The Birth of a Nation* movie opened
- 1918 Warner Brothers founded

### Sports

- 1902 First Rose Bowl Game: Michigan beat Stanford 49-0 (Stanford quit in the 3rd qtr)
- 1903 First World Series held, Boston vs. Pittsburgh; Boston won series
- 1911 First Indianapolis 500 - won by Ray Harroun
- 1919 Black Sox scandal in baseball

### Potpourri

- 1900 Hershey bar invented
- 1901 First Nobel Prize given out  
Carnegie sold company for \$225 mil  
First case of what becomes known Alzheimer's identified by Alois Alzheimer
- 1902 AAA started
- 1903 Henry Ford founded Ford Motor Co
- 1905 Einstein wrote the Theory of Relativity, making famous the equation  $E=mc^2$   
Yellow Pages debut
- 1906 Xerox founded
- 1908 General Motors founded  
Ford Model T appeared on market  
Converse shoe company founded
- 1909 First time an automobile hearse used in a funeral procession  
The penny changed to the Abraham Lincoln design
- 1910 First laparoscopy performed
- 1911 Mona Lisa stolen – found 2 years later
- 1913 Ford introduced the moving assembly line
- 1914 Henry Ford raised minimum daily pay from \$2.34 to \$5.00  
Mother's Day established as a national holiday
- 1917 Boys Town founded in Nebraska  
Pulitzer Prizes started
- 1918 "The Red Baron" German fighter ace killed  
The American Legion formed
- 1919 Daylight Savings Time first initiated

### It Cost How Much...

- 1900 1lb of coffee - \$0.15                      Kodak "brownie" - \$1
- 1904 Oldsmobile - \$650
- 1908 Henry Ford's Model T - sells for \$950

**Popular Girl Names** Mary, Helen, Margaret, Ruth, Anna, Dorothy

**Popular Boy Names** John, William, James, George, Charles, Robert, Joseph