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## World Events

- [Rome-Berlin Axis](#) is proclaimed (Japan to join in 1940).
- [Spanish civil war](#) begins. Hundreds of Americans join the "Lincoln Brigades." ([Franco's](#) fascist forces defeat Loyalist forces by 1939, when Madrid falls.)
- War between [China](#) and [Japan](#) begins, to continue through World War II.
- Japan and Germany sign anti-[Comintern](#) pact; joined by Italy in 1937.
- Gen. [Anastasio Somoza](#) leads a coup d'etat in [Nicaragua](#) ushering in Somoza family dictatorship for more than 4 decades.
- [King George V](#) dies; succeeded by son, [Edward VIII](#), who soon abdicates to marry an American-born divorcée, and is succeeded by brother, [George VI](#).

### World Statistics

Population: 4.378 billion

[population by decade](#)Nobel Peace Prize: [Carlos de S. Lamas \(Argentina\)](#)[More World Statistics...](#)

## U.S. Events

- [Dust Bowl](#) problem continues in the midwest.
- [FDR](#) is reelected in a landslide. The Electoral Vote is 523-8. Background: [US Presidential Elections, 1789–present](#)

## Economics

Federal spending: \$8.23 billion

Consumer Price Index: \$13.9

Unemployment: 16.9%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.03

### U.S. Statistics

President: [Franklin D Roosevelt](#)Vice President: [John N. Garner](#)

Population: 128,053,180

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# Sports

## World Series

NY Yankees d. NY Giants (4-2)

## Stanley Cup

Detroit d. Toronto

## Wimbledon

**Women:** Helen Jacobs d. H.K. Sperling (6-2 4-6 7-5)

**Men:** Fred Perry d. G. von Cramm (6-1 6-1 6-0)

## Kentucky Derby Champion

Bold Venture

## NCAA Football Champions

Minnesota (7-1-0) [1936 Summer Olympics](#)

# Entertainment

## Events

- The [British Broadcasting Corporation](#) (BBC) debuts the world's first television service with three hours of programming a day.
- Electric guitars debut.
- [Margaret Mitchell's \*Gone with the Wind\*](#) published.

## Science

- [Alexis Carrel](#) and [Charles Lindbergh](#) develop the first artificial heart.
- The [Boulder Dam](#), which creates the largest artificial reservoir in the U.S. and provides power to 1.5 million people, is completed.
- The first successful [helicopter](#) flight is made.

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## Entertainment Awards

### Pulitzer Prizes

Fiction:

*Honey in the Horn*, Harold L. Davis

Drama: *Idiot's Delight*, Robert E. Sherwood

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Mutiny on the Bounty* (MGM)

Nobel Prize for Literature: Eugene O'Neill (US)

Miss America: Rose Coyle (PA)

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## Nobel Prizes in Science

**Chemistry:** Peter J. W. Debye (Netherlands), for investigations on dipole moments and diffraction of X-rays and electrons in gases

**Physics:** Victor F. Hess (Austria), for discovery of cosmic radiation; and Carl D. Anderson (US), for discovery of the positron

**Physiology or Medicine:** Sir Henry Dale (UK) and Otto Loewi (Germany), for discoveries on chemical transmission of nerve impulses

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