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On This Date

1879 – James Ritty patented the first device to register sales at his saloon



in Dayton, Ohio. He later sold his invention, called the Incorruptible Cashier, to John Patterson, who founded National Cash Register.

1939 – The first air-conditioned automobile, a Packard, was exhibited. The bulky air conditioner was installed in the trunk.

1960 – Jane Goodall observed chimpanzees in Tanzania using sticks as tools. This was the first-ever documented observation of tool usage in nonhuman animals.

1979 – The Iran hostage crisis began when the U.S. embassy in Tehran was seized by Iranian college students.

Did You Know?

Thomas Keefer's Victorian-style pumping station in Hamilton, Ontario, has been declared a national historic site.

Quote of the Day

“I learned from my dog long before I went to Gombe that we weren't the only beings with personalities. What the chimps did was help me to persuade others.”

~ Jane Goodall

Happy Birthday!

Thomas Keefer (1821–1915) was a cofounder and the first president of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers. He became well known for writing *Philosophy of Railroads* and *The Canals of Canada*. Keefer worked extensively as a hydraulic engineer and played a key role in building the waterworks for the cities of Montreal, Hamilton, and Ottawa. Keefer also surveyed for the Canadian railway and for the Victoria Bridge over the St. Lawrence River.

