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On This Date

1895 – The Duryea Motor Wagon Company became the first North American automobile manufacturer to open for business. Politicians soon raised concerns about “the menace to our people of vehicles of this type hurtling through our streets and along our roads and poisoning the atmosphere.”

1937 – J. R. R. Tolkien’s *The Hobbit* was first published. The fantasy book is set in “an ancient time between the age of Faerie and the dominion of men.”

2003 – The Galileo spacecraft was directed to crash into Jupiter, ending a highly successful 14-year mission that included observing Comet Shoemaker–Levy 9’s collision with Jupiter.

Daily Trivia

The microwave oven was invented by mistake when an engineer testing a magnetron tube noticed that the radiation from it melted the chocolate bar he had in his pocket.

Quote of the Day

“When things get really bad, just raise your glass and stamp your feet and do a little jig. That’s about all you can do.”

~ *Leonard Cohen*

Happy Birthday!

Leonard Cohen (1934–2016) was a Canadian poet, novelist, singer, and songwriter whose work explored religion, politics, and personal relationships. He is known for his popular songs “Suzanne” and “Hallelujah,” which have been recorded by many artists. His work won numerous awards, including three Grammys. Cohen was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame as well as the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. His last album debuted three weeks before his death.

