

YEAR IN REVIEW

Scene stealers

Laura Fellowes and Prince William stole the show at the wedding of England's Prince Andrew and Sarah Ferguson.



MONEY, MONEY

Did you know...

The first **paper money** in America was issued to soldiers in the colonies in 1690 in Massachusetts?

The first **copper coins** were made in 1737 of copper from Connecticut? They were one cent and one-half cent coins.

The first **bank chartered** by the U.S. Congress was the Bank of North America in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania? It began business on January 7, 1782, with \$400,000.

The first **silver dollar** was coined at the Philadelphia mint in 1794?

The first **paper money** issued by the American Indians is believed to have been issued between 1840 and 1850 by the Arapahos in Oregon? It stated: "Office of Discount at Arapahos Way in the Far West. The President and Directors of the Oregon State Bank promise to pay five dollars on demand."

The first coin to use the phrase "**In God We Trust**" was the two cent piece of 1864? The motto was authorized by Congress on April 22, 1864.

The first (notable) **bank robbery** took place at the National Bank of Concord, Massachusetts, on September 25, 1865? Langdon W. Moore escaped with \$310,000.

The first **bill bearing the face of a woman** was a one dollar silver certificate in 1886? The portrait was of Martha Washington.

The first **travelers' checks** were created in 1891 by Marcellus Fleming Berry for the American Express Company? Only 248 checks totaling \$9,120 were sold that year.

The first payment from a **Christmas savings club** was paid in 1909 by the Carlisle Trust Company, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania?

The first **\$50 gold pieces** minted by the U.S. government were produced for the Panama Pacific International Exposition in 1915? About 3,000 were made at the San Francisco mint.

The first **wooden money** was issued at Tenino, Washington, in 1932? When the Citizens Bank of Tenino closed its doors, December 5, 1931, the town was without ready cash to do business. Scrip, a paper certificate or coupon, was created to serve as temporary money. Then, in February 1932, wooden coins were printed in denominations of 25 cents, 50 cents and one dollar on sitka spruce wood. Cedar was used later.

The first **autobank**, known today as drive-in bank, was established in Chicago, Illinois, in 1946? The Exchange National Bank of Chicago had 10 bullet-proof tellers' windows with slide-out drawers so motorists could do their banking business without leaving their cars.



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