

FUN FACTS

It Happened in 1878

CONNECTICUT



The new State Capitol opened in Hartford



Richard Hubbard was Governor of Connecticut

The first telephone book was issued in New Haven, CT by the New Haven District Telephone Company — it contained only fifty names

***The Yale Daily News* was established—it is the oldest collegiate daily newspaper**

National

- * Rutherford B. Hayes was President of the United States
- * Thomas Edison patented the gramophone (phonograph)
- * The Edison Electric Light Company was incorporated
- * Henry Sherwin and Edward Williams began selling premixed paints in cans
- * Albert Augustus Pope's Pope Manufacturing Company began producing the Columbia high-wheel bicycle
- * The first White House telephone was installed
- * First Lady Lucy Hayes began the egg roll contest on the White House lawn

International

- ◆ The Gilbert and Sullivan opera "H.M.S. Pinafore" premiered in London
- ◆ The first spectacles factory was built in Belluno, Italy
- ◆ The third Paris World's Fair opened—it showcased ice machines and electric street lights