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Rarely Seen “Enchanted” Moments of US History

La Plaza, as seen from the Pico House. Pueblo Los Angeles, c. 1869

Slave auction place, c. 1870
Burnt District Coffee House in Chicago after the Fire, 1871. Chicago entrepreneurs quickly reacted to establish or reestablish businesses in the fire district.
Telephone wires in New York, 1887
Wood-plank prison in Wyoming, 1893.

Chinatown Squad of the San Francisco Police Department posing with sledge hammers and axes in front of August Pistolesi’s grocery store at 752 Washington Street, 1895. They were specialized in opium dens and gambling rooms and their method was simple.
Opium den in San Francisco, 1900

Alice Huyler Ramsey (November 11, 1886 – September 10, 1983), the first woman to drive across the United States from coast to coast, 1909. Only 152 miles out of the total 3600-mile trip were made on paved road.
North American native Chilocco Indian Agricultural School basketball team in 1909. Originally, the swastika is a sign of good fortune.
A horse-drawn fire engine of Engine No. 39 leaving Fire Headquarters at 157 East 67th Street for the last time after being replaced with a motorized fire engine, New York City, February 19, 1912.

Lawn mowers of the White House grounds, 1918.
Motorcycle chariots, 1920s

Log motor home by Wade, 1922
Neighbors of Japanese origin were already unwanted in some neighborhoods in 1923.
Three friends take a joyride on their 'new' vehicle, Ohio, c. 1924
Workers lay bricks to pave 28th Street in Manhattan, 1930

Drive-In restaurant on West Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, 1932
A life guard and a doctor attempt to save a swimmer's life on Coney Island Beach, 1940. The woman in the center chose the worst moment for a smile.
Coney Island, NY, 1940
Vivien Leigh (my favorite "B" actor ever), Marilyn Monroe and Queen Elizabeth (both 30 at the time) meet at a movie premier in London. October 1956
Elvis Presley joins the Army, 1958
Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev eating a hot dog in Des Moines, Iowa, on which he commented "It's excellent... we make good sausages but yours are better", 1959
Couple and friend being abused in a restaurant for the latter being black, USA, 1963
Minoru Yamasaki (right) posing with a model of the World Trade Center he designed, 1964
Portrait of hockey goalie Terry Sawchuk before face masks became standard in 1966
In 1967, challenging the all-male tradition of the Boston Marathon, Kathrine Switzer, at the time a headstrong 20-year-old junior at Syracuse University, entered the race. Two miles in, a race official tried to physically remove her from the competition.
Arnold Schwarzenegger on his first time in New York, 1968
New York City sidewalks filled with trash during the 1968 strike of sanitation workers.

US President Richard Nixon jumps down from the trunk of a limousine which carried him and Pakistani President Yahya Khan (left, background) in a motorcade to Government House after Nixon's arrival in Lahore on August 1, 1969.
Children play a game on the Xerox Alto, one of the first personal computers with a graphic user interface, 1973. Its monitor was switchable between portrait and landscape mode.
President Carter with engineers and solar panels newly installed on the White House, 1979. President Reagan had them removed in 1986, to be reinstalled by President Obama in 2010.

Barack Obama posing with a group of friends that called themselves the Choom Gang, Hawaii, c. 1979. Choom was slang for smoking marijuana.
Robin Williams joins the stunning women of the Denver Broncos' Pony Express as pro football's first male cheerleader and prances before 70,000 cheering fans in Denver's Mile High Stadium.
Ronald Reagan and Nancy Reagan posing with clay soldiers at the Mausoleum of Emperor Qin Shi Huang, 1984
John Travolta takes Princess Diana for a dance in the White House, 1985