On This Date

1901 – The city of Montreal passed a bylaw making indoor toilets compulsory.

1947 – People gathered around the radio to listen to Challenge of the Yukon for the first time. The show starred a Canadian Mountie and his trusty dog, King. The name was changed to Sergeant Preston of the Yukon in 1951.

1979 – Engineer Paul MacCready’s Gossamer Albatross completed the first human-powered flight across the English Channel, winning £100,000. The aircraft flew at an average altitude of five feet with a top speed of 18 mph.

Quote of the Day

“Art cannot be modern. Art is primordially eternal.”

~ Egon Schiele

Happy Birthday!

Egon Schiele (1890–1918) was an Austrian painter who developed a uniquely intense and emotive style of figurative painting. In his teens, Schiele entered art school in Vienna. Disappointment in his conservative teachers led Schiele to seek out the guidance of Gustav Klimt, and he quickly became the artist’s protégé. Schiele is known for his raw, expressive portraits, many of which are of himself and his wife, Edith. Tragically, both Schiele and Edith, who was six months pregnant at the time, succumbed to the Spanish flu pandemic. Schiele died just three days after his wife.

Ancient Sumerian Riddle

Q: There is a house. One enters it blind and comes out seeing. What is it?

A: A school