On This Date

1925 – Seven mountaineers became the first to climb Mount Logan, Canada’s highest peak.

1940 – Sergeant Henry A. Larsen left Vancouver on the schooner *St. Roch*, bound for Halifax via the Northwest Passage. It reached Halifax after two winters trapped in ice. The ship was the first to circumnavigate North America and is now displayed at the Vancouver Maritime Museum.

1941 – Lena Horne launched her memorable singing career by recording “St. Louis Blues” for Victor Records at age 23.

Did You Know?

In 2004, astronomers discovered an actual diamond in the sky. The compressed heart of an old star is approximately 2,500 miles in diameter. Astronomers named it “Lucy” after the Beatles song “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds.”

Quote of the Day

“The triumph can’t be had without the struggle.”

~ Wilma Rudolph

Happy Birthday!

Wilma Rudolph (1940–1994) was an American Olympic gold medalist in track and field. Rudolph won three golds at the 1960 Rome games, setting world records in each of her winning events: the 100-meter, 200-meter, and 400-meter relay races. The incredible sprinter wasn’t always so fast. As a young child, she had many serious ailments and had to overcome the toll of scarlet fever, double pneumonia, and polio—she even had to wear a brace on her left leg. Undeterred, Rudolph earned her place on the top of the podium and the nickname “Skeeter” with her dedicated training and raw talent.