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1944

World War Two was in full-swing. That year on June 6, “D-Day” happened with Allied Troops landed on the coast of Normandy in France.

In other news, the 16th Academy Awards were held in Hollywood for the first time at Grauman’s Chinese Theatre. *Casablanca* won the Best Picture award.

IBM showed its first programmable calculator, the Harvard Mark I. It was 8 feet tall, 2 feet deep, and 51 feet long.

The US Forest Service released the first posters using the character Smokey Bear.

The Great Atlantic Hurricane made landfall near New York City.

*The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet* premiered on the radio.

The young actress, Elizabeth Taylor, stars in her first hit film: *National Velvet*.

And Swedish children's author Astrid Lindgren published her first book, *Pippi Longstocking*.