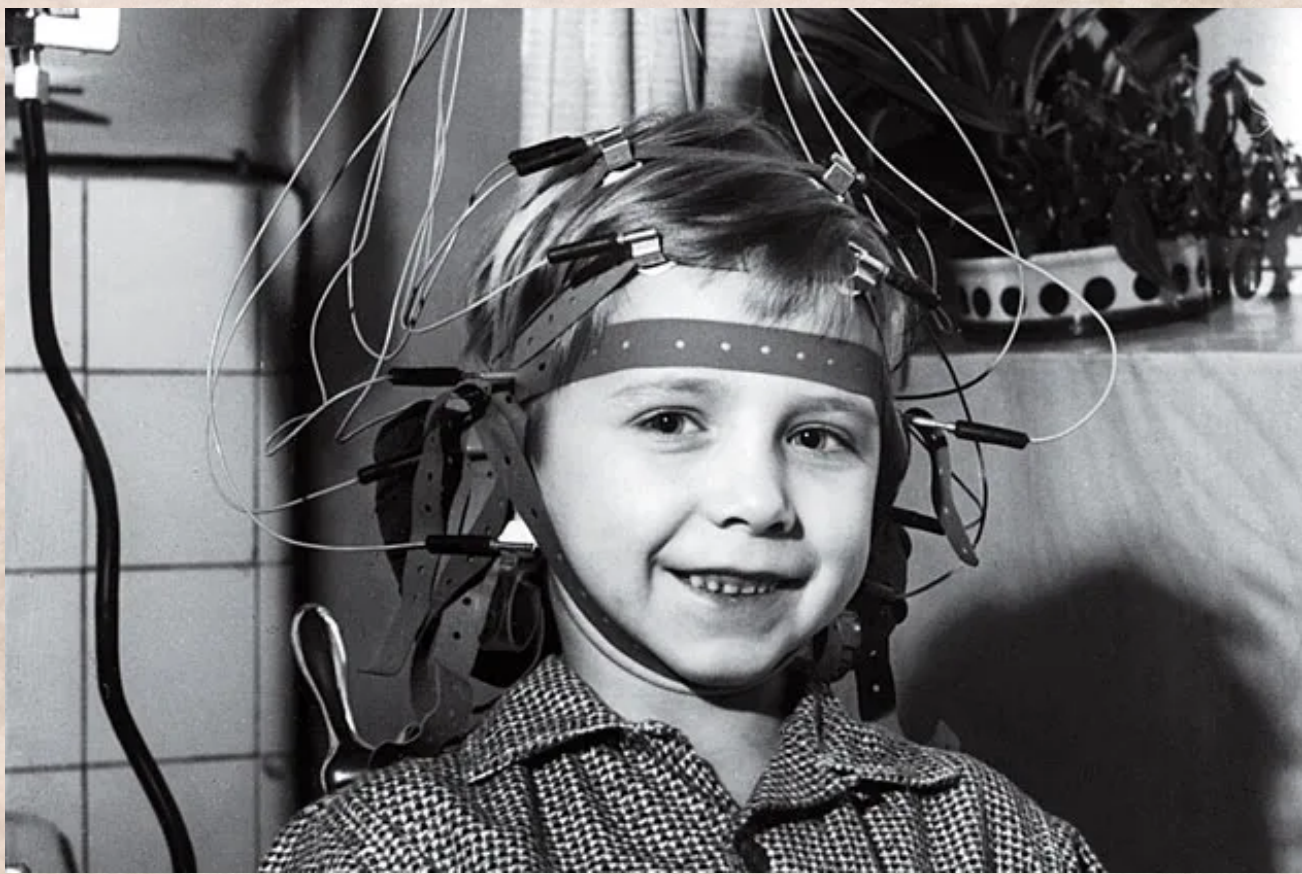


A YEAR IN REVIEW

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ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPH: THE NEWEST ADDITION TO PSYCHOLOGY

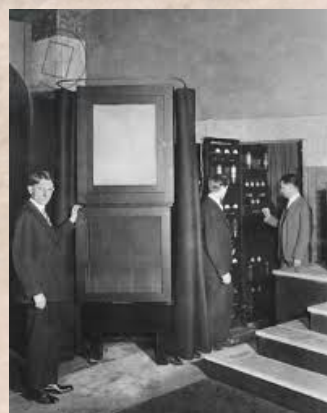


Hans Berger, a German psychologist, officially published his work on human brain activity in his article "The Electroencephalography of Man" this year. This study marks a new era in the study of Psychology. The Electroencephalogram, EEG for short, utilizes electrodes attached to the scalp (His son Klaus, pictured above, taking part in an EEG experiment). These electrodes measure the activity in the brain through electrical signals, creating a report of activity. Berger conducted the first Electroencephalography in 1924 during a neurosurgical operation and continued to measure brain waves in patients over five years. His long-awaited account of brain activity observed during these experiments provides the first concrete evidence for what is known as brain waves. Berger reported multiple types of brain waves that appear to change based on the state of consciousness and whether the individual was participating in an activity. This novel research displays that brain activity is specialized toward specific states of being, though it has led some to question the validity of his claims. Some researchers have voiced concerns regarding the legibility and inconsistency of the EEG reports. Yet, Berger maintains that this method of measurement could assist in the diagnosis of epilepsy and provide a more accurate depiction of brain activity. The EEG further solidifies Psychology's standing in the realm of science and promises improved medical care. Though this work is still in its infancy, the publishing of Berger's work has piqued the interest of many psychologists and medical researchers.

GERMAN REPARATIONS PLAN FINALIZED

The long awaited finalization of Germany's Great War reparations was passed earlier this year. The so called Young Plan proposes payment of 121 billion gold marks (approximately 29 billion USD) over the course of 58 years.

LIFE IN COLOUR: COLOUR TELEVISION SHOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME



The first demonstration of colour television by Bell Laboratories took place on June 27, 1929.

BLACK TUESDAY: BILLIONS LOST



Panic ensued on the floor of the New York stock exchange during what has come to be known as Black Tuesday. Uncertainty continues as families struggle to survive amidst high unemployment rates.

A HISTORY OF EXPERIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Edwin Boring of Harvard University published his latest book "A History of Experimental Psychology". This text details experiments, theories, and the progression of psychological ideas from the age of Ancient Greece to the present.

JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY FOUNDED

The expansion of Psychology in the United States continued this year with the addition of the Journal of Social Psychology. The journal, founded by John Dewey and Carl Murchison, aims to expand the field of social psychology by hosting a platform for original empirical research. The social psychology movement has been steadily gaining traction since its conception in 1868 by Wilhelm Wundt. However, the split from traditional psychology is ongoing. Current social psychology research is focused heavily on social norms, group behaviour, and social influence. These areas of study have proven crucial to understanding how individuals are influenced by their social environments and the role of group dynamics on social behaviour. The emerging theory of Gestalt psychology has also taken the field by storm, providing a solid base for explanations of social cognition. Many researchers are now shifting their focus to explore the implications of this theory. Previously considered an extension of philosophy, social psychology has begun carving out a space for itself in the sciences using laboratory experiments and observational studies to investigate social behavior. This move toward empirical research methods has contributed to the validity of Social Psychology as a distinct field from traditional psychology. The Journal of Social Psychology is set to be published in February of 1930.

THE PERSONS CASE



The Famous Five (pictured above) made history for Canadian women's political rights in the October ruling that women are eligible for senate.

GESTALT PSYCHOLOGY: INSIGHT LEARNING

Wolfgang Kohler published his work on the Gestalt Theory of psychology. His work focused on his novel Insight Theory, describing learning as a phenomenon that occurs as a whole rather than in parts. He attributed the phenomenon of sudden realization during problem solving to this theory.