

1955 THE YEAR

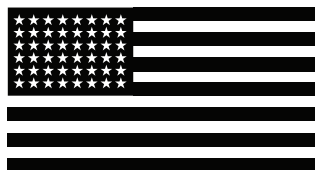
You were born

AVERAGE COST

A first class stamp	\$0.03
A gallon of gas	\$0.23
A loaf of bread	\$0.18
A movie ticket	\$0.45
A new house	\$10.950.00

U.S. PRESIDENT

Dwight Eisenhower



World
POPULATION
2.772 BILLION

TECHNOLOGY

The first pocket transistor radios become available.

The first home microwave ovens are manufactured by Tappan.

AVERAGE WAGES PER YEAR

\$4,130

'50s SLANG

Ankle biter - A child
Get Bent! - Go away
Unreal - Exceptional
Go ape - Get excited
Righto - To agree
Split - Leaving a Place

IN Style...

WOMEN

Form fitting sheath dresses
Girdles • Petticoats
Beehive • Short bangs
Bouffants • Pixie cuts

MEN

Suits • Fedora hat
Wingtip shoes
Cardigan sweaters
Leather motorcycle jackets
Sideburns • Pompadours
Greased up hair • Duck tails

IN THE NEWS...

The first Guinness Book of World Records is published in the United Kingdom.

The popular game show "The \$64,000 Question" debuted on CBS.

Disneyland opens in California on July 17th and has over one million visitors in only seven weeks.

Ray Kroc opens first McDonald's Inc. fast food restaurant in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Defying Alabama law, Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white man.

Congress authorizes all U.S. currency and coins to say "In God We Trust".

A polio vaccine is tested by Dr. Jonas Salk. It was announced to be 'safe and effective'.

Velcro was invented by George de Mestral.

IN THEATERS...

Rebel Without a Cause
East of Eden
Lady and the Tramp
To Catch a Thief
Oklahoma!

ON Television...

I Love Lucy
The Ed Sullivan Show
The 64,000 Question
The Jack Benny Show
Gunsmoke

ON THE RADIO...

Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White
Perez Prado
Rock Around the Clock - Bill Haley & His Comets
The Yellow Rose of Texas - Mitch Miller
Autumn Leaves - Roger Williams
Unchained Melody - Les Baxter