

Fun Facts From the 1950's

- 📺 In 1950 the average cost of gasoline was \$0.18/gallon by the end of the decade, it was \$0.25/gallon.
- 📺 Swanson introduced the first TV dinner. The meal consisted of turkey, cornbread stuffing, sweet potatoes and peas.
- 📺 Disneyland opened in Anaheim, CA on July 17, 1955. It's the only theme park actually designed and built under the direction of Walt Disney himself.
- 📺 New Zealand beekeeper and Nepali Sherpa mountaineer Tenzing Norgay became the first people to conquer Mt. Everest - the tallest mountain in the world. On May 29, 1953 they climbed to its peak.
- 📺 The colour television was introduced in the US.
- 📺 Louis St. Laurent (1948 - 1957) and John Diefenbaker (1957 - 1963) were the Prime Ministers of Canada in this decade.
- 📺 Beagles were the favored canine companion of the decade.
- 📺 The Baby Boom happened. It was a period of great increase in the number of births and lasted in Canada from 1945-1966. The baby boom in Canada lasted nearly 20 years. During that time, more than 8.2 million babies were born, an average of close to 412,000 a year. In comparison, the number of births in 2008, when the population was twice as large as during the baby boom, was only 377,886.
- 📺 Sam Walton opened the five-and-dime store that was the start of his Walmart empire.
- 📺 Popular music in the 1950's in Canada included: Guy Lombardo & His Royal Canadians: Enjoy Yourself, The Third Man Theme, Dearie, Our Little Ranch House, All My Love, Harbour Lights, Tennessee Waltz. Cry, Johnnie Ray & The Four Lads. The Song from Moulin Rouge, Percy Faith. I Don't Hurt Anymore, Hank Snow. Moments to Remember, The Four Lads. The Diamonds: Why Do Fools Fall in Love, The Church Bells May Ring, Love Love Love, Soft Summer Breeze, Ka-Ding-Dong. Little Darlin', The Diamonds. Paul Anka: You Are My Destiny, Crazy Love, Let the Bells Keep Ringing, The Teen Commandments. Lonely Boy, Paul Anka. Put Your Head On My Shoulder
- 📺 In August 1957, Elvis Presley arrived in Vancouver to perform at Empire Stadium. With eight number one singles in two years, Elvis was one of the hottest rock 'n' roll performers of the 1950s and he epitomized the energy and attitude of the era.
- 📺 In the early 1950s, a television set cost about 20 percent of an average annual income.
- 📺 Popular kids programs were Howdy Doody, Roy Rogers, Lassie, and The Mickey Mouse Club. Popular for family entertainment were game shows, comedies, Westerns, and variety shows like The Ed Sullivan Show.