

Memory Lane

Reminiscing 1942

Cost of Living

National price averages for 1942:



House: \$9,395

Car: \$1,558

Gallon of Gas: .17¢

Gallon of Milk: .21¢

Loaf of Bread: .10¢

Stamp: .03¢

Compared to today, things certainly seem cheap, but then again, the average income was \$1,202 per year!

August 10, 1942 - Standard Oil Announced Good News on the Rubber Front

Standard Oil originally planned to produce 60,000 tons of butyl (rubber) but found a way to make more with the same plant capacity. They were now able to produce 132,000 tons. Tests proved that butyl would make a light-duty tire good for at least 16,000 miles at 40 mph or less. The 72,000 extra tons of butyl gave the U.S. more than 12,000,000 serviceable tires (8% of the tires on U.S. passenger cars) over & above what had previously been predicted.

More top stories from 1942

- The Rose Bowl was held in North Carolina due to Japanese threat (Final score: Oregon 20-Duke 16)
- The name “United Nations” (coined by FDR) was first used
- Eric Nessler of France stayed aloft in a glider for 38 hrs 21 mins
- President FDR asked that baseball continue during WWII
- Capitol Records was founded by Johnny Mercer
- Bob Feller, baseball hall of fame pitcher, enlisted in the US Navy

Sporting Highlights

Hockey

The Toronto Maple Leafs staged one of the greatest comebacks in hockey history. They lost the first three games of the Stanley Cup final to the Detroit Red Wings. With little hope for recovery, Toronto came back to life. They won the next four games straight to capture the 1942 Stanley Cup.

That’s entertainment

Top Hits:

Some of the year’s favorite music that kept everyone bopping were:

- ♪ “Don’t Sit Under the Apple Tree” by Glenn Miller Orchestra
- ♪ “Blues in the Night” by Dinah Shore
- ♪ “Somebody Else is Taking My Place” by Benny Goodman Orchestra



Top Movies:

Some of the top Academy Awards Oscar winners of 1942 were.



Best Supporting Actor: Donald Crisp for his role in “How Green Was My Valley”.

Best Supporting Actress: Mary Astor for her role in “The Great Lie”.

Best Director: John Ford for “How Green Was My Valley”.

“Holiday Inn” starring Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire & Marjorie Reynolds, launched what hit song?

White Christmas