

# Memory Lane

Reminiscing 1945

## Cost of Living

National price averages for 1945:



**House:** \$11,222

**Car:** \$1,720

**Gallon of Gas:** .19¢

**Gallon of Milk:** .23¢

**Loaf of Bread:** .11¢

**Stamp:** .03¢

Compared to today, things certainly seem cheap, but then again, the average income was \$1,328 per year!

## August 5, 1945, First Atomic Bomb Dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.

The world's first atomic bomb, Little Boy, is dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, from the Enola Gay, a B-29 bomber piloted by Colonel Tibbets of the 509th Composite Group, the first military unit in history to drop a nuclear bomb in combat. One minute after explosion there were 66,000 killed and 69,000 wounded.

## More top stories from 1945

- First ball point pen goes on sale, 57 years after it is patented
- Grand Rapids, Michigan becomes first U.S. city to fluoridate its water
- Franklin D. Roosevelt sworn-in for an unprecedented 4th term as U.S. President.
- Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart wed
- United Nations is established at San Francisco conference
- Women in France allowed to vote for first time

## Sporting Highlights

### World Series

The Detroit Tigers beat out the Chicago Cubs four games to three, earning them the 1945 world title in baseball.

### Hockey

Maurice "The Rocket" Richard became the first NHL player to score 50 goals in a season.

## That's entertainment

### Top Hits:

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

- ♪ "Symphony" by Johnny Desmond
- ♪ "If I Loved You" by Carousel (original Broadway cast)
- ♪ "Till the End of Time" by Perry Como



### Top Movies:

The Academy Awards of 1945 were hosted by Bob Hope & John Cromwell. The top Oscar winners were:

**Best Picture:** "Going My Way" The movie was nominated for a total of 10 Oscars and won 7.

**Best Actor:** Bing Crosby for his role in "Going My Way".

**Best Actress:** Ingrid Bergman for her role in "Gaslight".



## "Odor-able Kitty"

Warner Bros Pepe LePew, the skunk who loved a reluctant cat, debuts in 1945.