

THE 1950's

The U.S. Population: 151,684,000
Unemployed Americans: 3,288,000
National Debt: \$274 billion
Average Annual Salary: \$2,992
Labor Force Male/Female: 5/2
Life Expectancy: Female 71.1, Male 65.6
Car Sales: 6,665,800



The Nifty Fifties

Fads included: flying saucer watching, watching and dancing to Dick Clark's American Band-Stand, Hula Hoops, Hopalong Cassidy guns and western gear and Silly Putty.

Teenagers were defined as a separate generation and were represented by James Dean who wore blue jeans in *Rebel Without a Cause* and created a fashion and attitude sensation. Other fashions of the time were poodle skirts, saddle shoes, pony tails for girls and flat tops/crew cuts for guys.

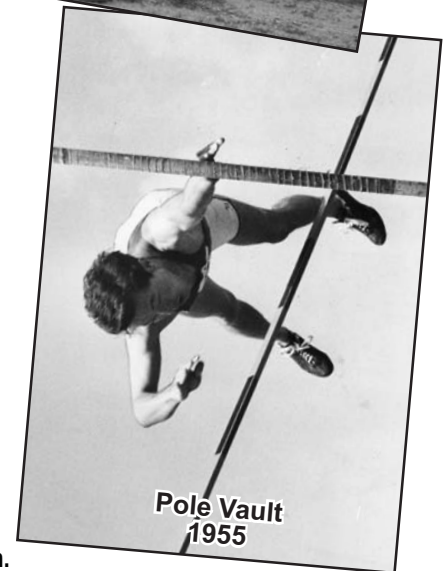
President Harry Truman approved production of the hydrogen bomb and sent Air Force and Navy into Korea. (1950)

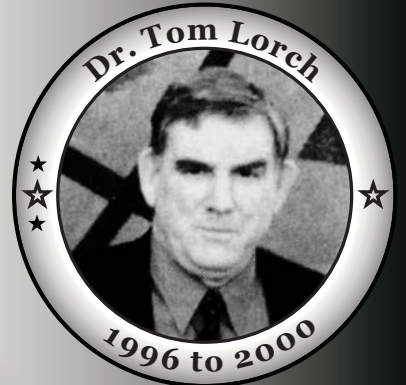
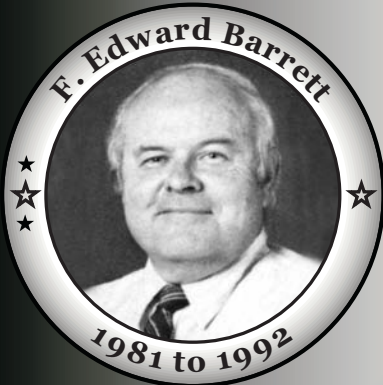
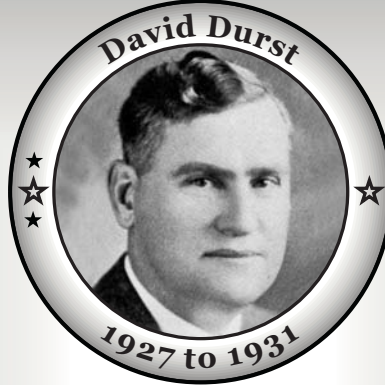
The Supreme Court wrote, in *Brown vs The Board of Education (Topeka, KS 1954)*, that separate facilities for blacks did not make those facilities equal according to the Constitution. Integration was begun across the nation.

Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a public bus in Montgomery, Alabama.

Jonas Salk developed a vaccine for Polio.

Books of the time: *A Raisin in the Sun*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, *The Caine Mutiny* and *East of Eden*.





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