



# HISTORY HARDWOODS & HMR

A SPECIAL PUBLICATION

# THE 1950s

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HMR  
100 YEARS

# 1950s

	FAS	1-FACE	#1C	#2C	#3C
4/4"	200.00	190.00	130.00	68.00	31.00
5/4"	205.00	195.00	135.00	70.00	31.00
6/4"	215.00	205.00	140.00	75.00	33.00

	FAS	1-FACE	#1C	#2C
4/4"	110.00	100.00	85.00	80.00

January 7, 1950: As a new decade gets underway, the most expensive item listed in *Hardwood Market Report* is green steam-treated Appalachian 16/4 FAS Walnut, at \$550/MBF. Prices for Northern, Appalachian, and Southern 4/4 FAS Ash, Red Oak, White Oak, and Poplar range from \$132/MBF to \$180/MBF.

	FAS	1-FACE	#1C	#2C	#3C	#4C
4/4"	170.00	110.00	115.00	100.00	95.00	80.00
5/4"	175.00	120.00	125.00	110.00	105.00	85.00

	FAS	1-FACE	#1C	#2C
4/4"	125.00	115.00	73.00	43.00
5/4"	130.00	120.00	77.00	45.00
6/4"	145.00	135.00	81.00	48.00
8/4"	160.00	150.00	90.00	53.00

	FAS	1-FACE	#1C	#2C	#3AC	#3BC
4/4"	165.00	155.00	110.00	65.00	50.00	28.50
5/4"	170.00	160.00	117.00	68.00	50.00	29.50
6/4"	175.00	165.00	120.00	70.00	50.00	29.50
8/4"	180.00	170.00	130.00	80.00	50.00	30.50
10/4"	190.00	180.00	150.00			
12/4"	200.00	190.00	160.00			
16/4"	215.00	205.00	175.00			

	FAS	1-FACE	#1C	#2C	#3C
4/4"	140.00	130.00	100.00	60.00	29.00
5/4"	145.00	135.00	106.00	62.00	30.00
6/4"	150.00	140.00	110.00	62.00	30.00
8/4"	155.00	145.00	115.00	65.00	31.00
10/4"	170.00	160.00	130.00		
12/4"	180.00	170.00	135.00		
16/4"	195.00	185.00	150.00		

	FAS	1-FACE	#1C	#2C
4/4" Panel & Wide	18-19"	198.00	20-21"	203.00
4/4" Panel & Wide	22-23"	208.00	24"	213.00

	FAS	1-FACE	#1C
4/4"	225.00	215.00	170.00

	FAS	#1COM & SOUND
3x3"	220.00	155.00
4x4"	235.00	165.00
5x5"	260.00	170.00
6x6"	270.00	180.00
7x7"	305.00	215.00
8x8"	330.00	230.00
10x10"	355.00	255.00

	FAS	1-FACE	#1C	#2C
4/4"	315.00	270.00	165.00	70.00
5/4"	325.00	280.00	180.00	80.00
6/4"	335.00	290.00	190.00	85.00
8/4"	350.00	315.00	205.00	90.00
10/4"	400.00		260.00	
12/4"	450.00		310.00	
16/4"	550.00		410.00	

WALNUT LIST REFLECTS AVERAGE FOB MILL, ALL AREAS. NO BASING POINT. GENERALLY OBSERVED.

No change in estimate of last week.



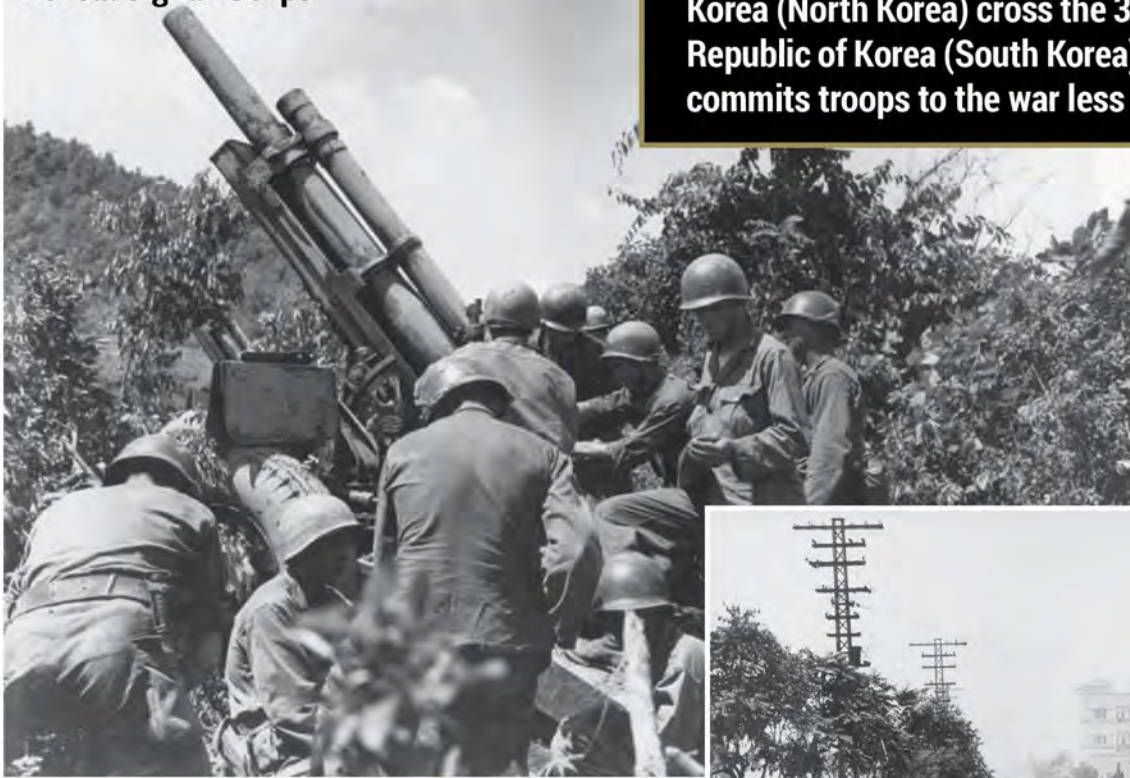
February 1950: The newly formed Penn-York Lumbermen's Club holds its first full meeting.

# HISTORY, HARDWOODS, AND HMR



April 1950: Among the companies advertising in *Hardwood Market Report* 70 years ago this month were Anderson-Tully Co., Georgia-Pacific, Hartzell Industries, J.M. Jones Lumber Co., Midwest Walnut Company, and Pike Lumber Company.

A gun crew checks their equipment near the Kum River. 15 July 1950. Korea. Signal Corps



June 25, 1950: The Korean War begins when 75,000 troops from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) cross the 38th parallel into the Republic of Korea (South Korea). The United States commits troops to the war less than a month later.



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OCCUPIED DWELLINGS : \$7,354

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June 14, 1951: The U.S. Census Bureau takes delivery of UNIVAC 1, the world's first commercial electronic computer, from manufacturer Remington Rand. The device weighed in at 16,000 pounds and used 5,000 vacuum tubes.

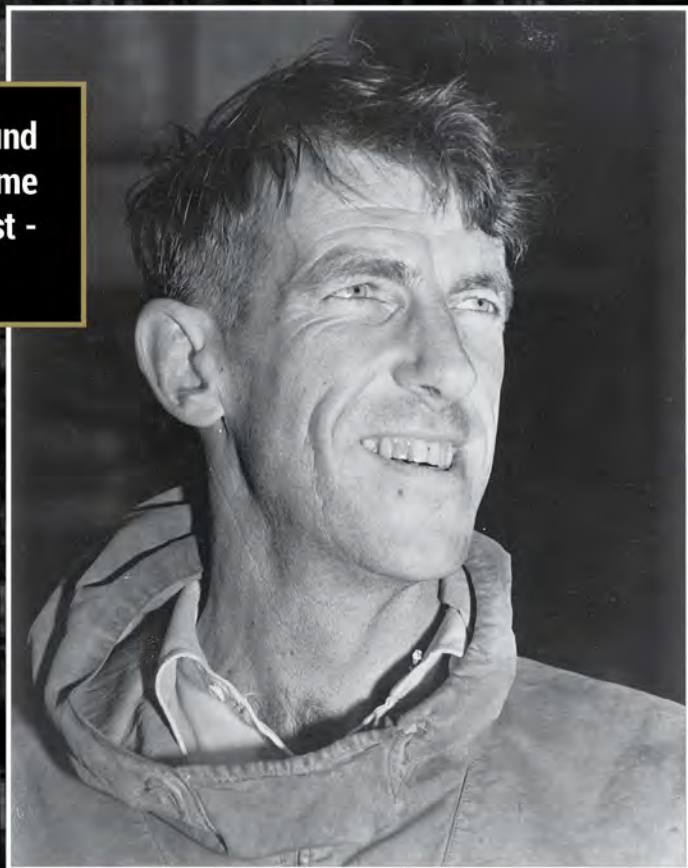
Univac I at Census Bureau with two operators

February 6, 1952: King George VI dies. Princess Elizabeth, his oldest child, immediately succeeds him as sovereign of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and is crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953.



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May 29, 1953: New Zealander mountaineer Edmund Hillary and Tibetan sherpa Tenzing Norgay become the first persons to reach the top of Mount Everest - the highest point on Earth.



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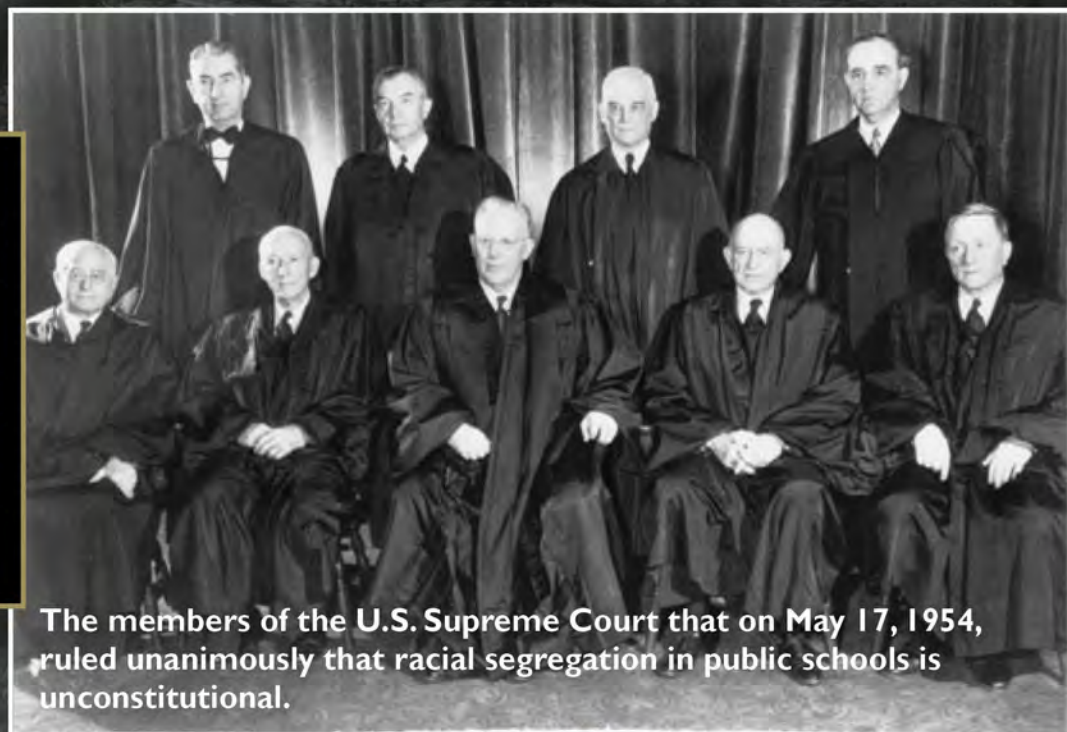
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**April 12, 1955: The polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk is released for general use in the U.S. Within the next few years, the number of polio cases drops almost 90%.**

**Administration of the polio inoculation, including by Salk himself, in 1957 at the University of Pittsburgh, where his team had developed the vaccine**

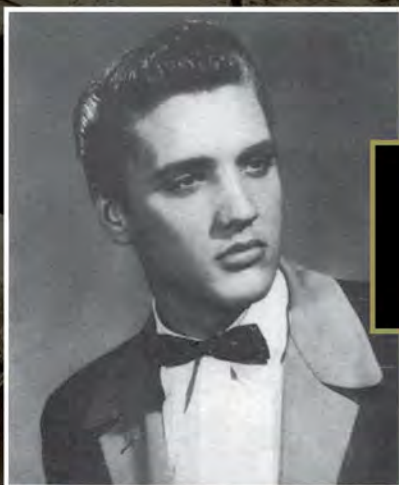
**May 17, 1954: The U.S. Supreme Court issues a unanimous ruling in the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka case that racial segregation in public education is unconstitutional.**



**The members of the U.S. Supreme Court that on May 17, 1954, ruled unanimously that racial segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.**

## 1950s

**1950s:** During what is widely considered the "Golden Age of Television," scores of classic TV programs spanning numerous genres debut on TV screens across the United States, such as "Truth or Consequences," "I Love Lucy," "Dragnet," "The Today Show," "The Tonight Show," "The Honeymooners," "Captain Kangaroo," "Gunsmoke," "The Huntley-Brinkley Report," "American Bandstand," and "Twilight Zone." The percentage of Americans that own TV sets climbs from about 10% in 1950 to 86% in 1959.

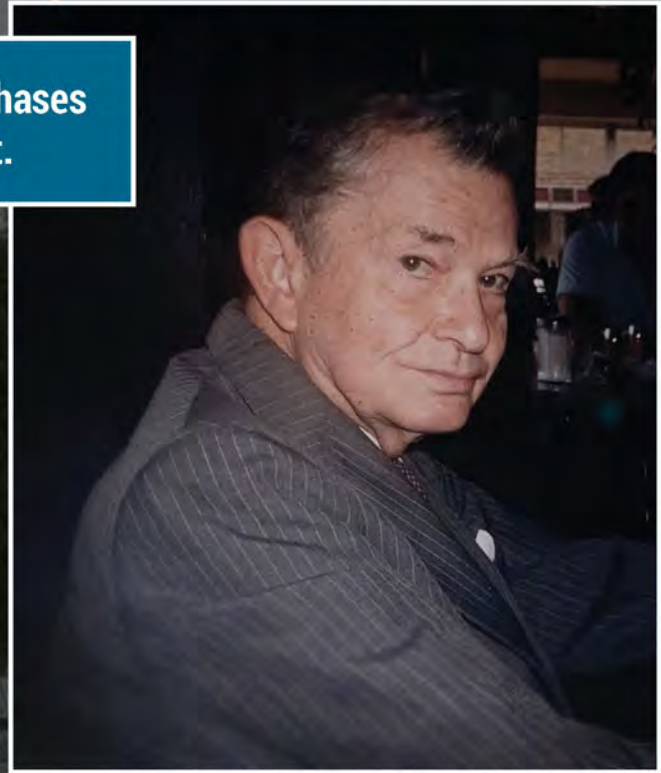


**July 18, 1953:** At Sun Records in Memphis, Elvis Presley records his first songs - "My Happiness" and "That's When Your Heartaches Begin."

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1955: Abe Lemsky purchases  
Hardwood Market Report.



1955: The Western Hardwood Association is founded.



KITCHEN CABINET  
MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION®

1955: The Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association  
is founded.

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December 1, 1955: Rosa Parks is arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger while riding a bus home from work in Montgomery, Alabama.

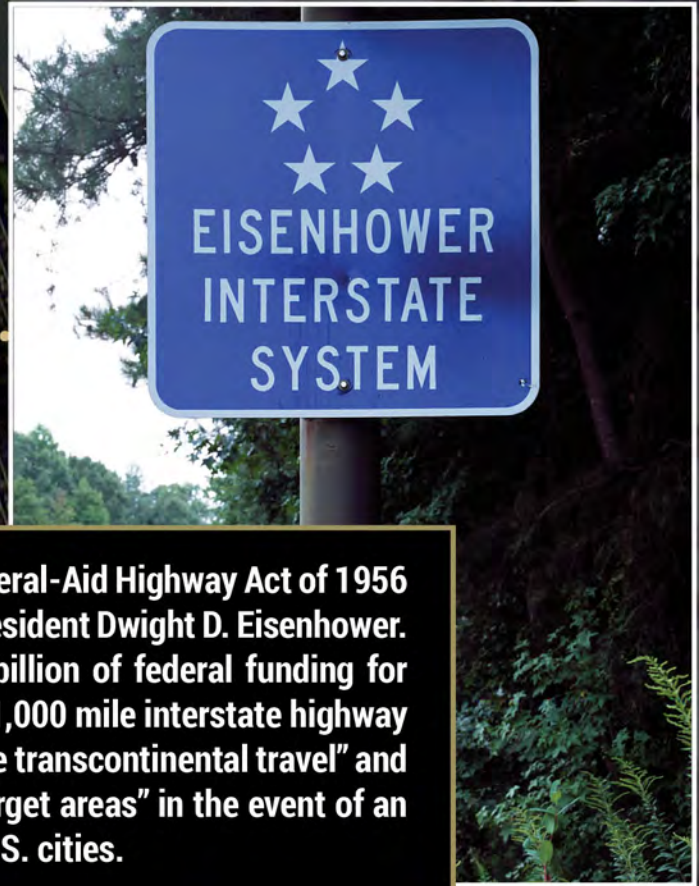


January 1956: The *Goldberg Variations*, the debut album of Canadian classical pianist Glenn Gould, is released. This interpretation of Johann Sebastian Bach's composition of the same name goes on to become one of the bestselling classical recordings of all time.

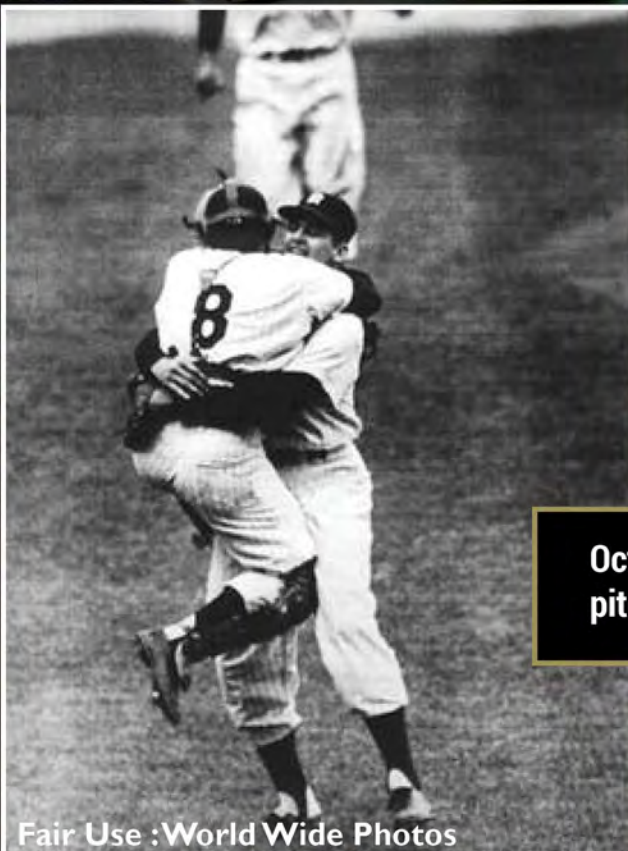


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**June 29, 1956: The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 is signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The law provides \$26 billion of federal funding for the construction of a 41,000 mile interstate highway system for "speedy, safe transcontinental travel" and "quick evacuation of target areas" in the event of an atomic attack on key U.S. cities.**



**October 8, 1956: Don Larsen of the New York Yankees pitches a perfect game in the World Series.**

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Late 1950s: A host of companies begin advertising Honduras Mahogany, Philippine Mahogany, Virola, and other tropical species in *Hardwood Market Report*.



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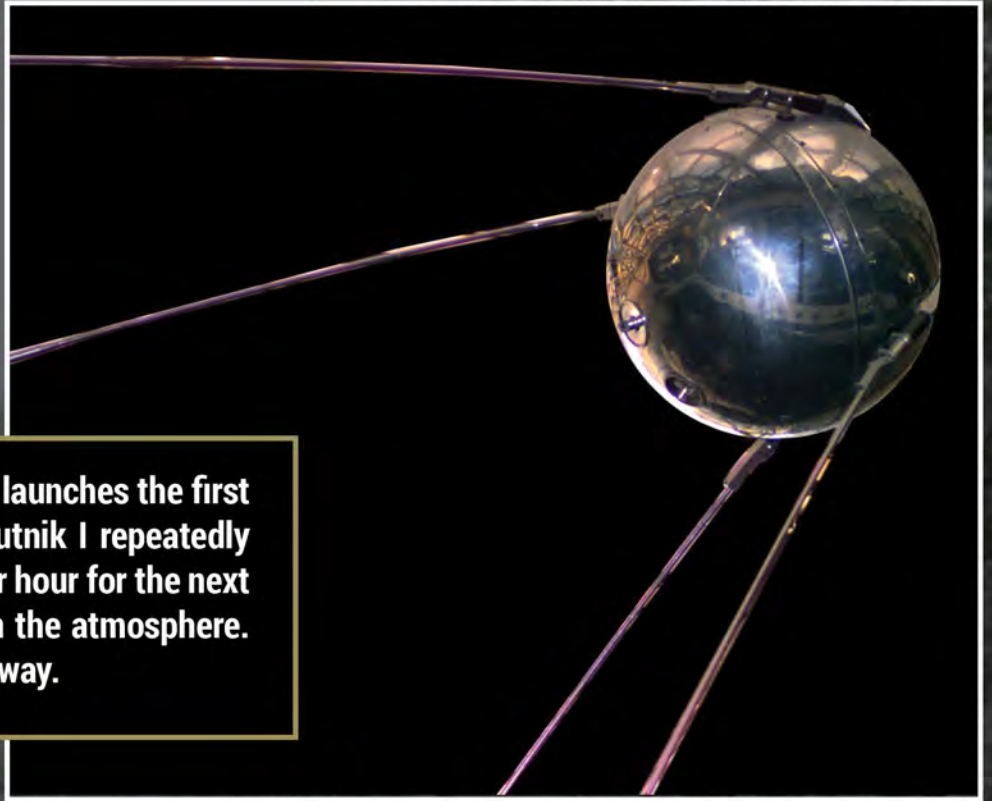
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115,000' 4/4 to 8/4 Selects & Better Brown	HARD MAPLE A.D. or K.D.
180,000' 5/8 to 8/4 FAS 1-Face & Better Soft-Textured	RED OAK A.D. or K.D.

# HISTORY, HARDWOODS, AND HMR

**October 4, 1957: The Soviet Union launches the first man-made satellite into orbit. Sputnik I repeatedly orbits the Earth at 18,000 miles per hour for the next three months before burning up in the atmosphere. The "space race" is officially underway.**



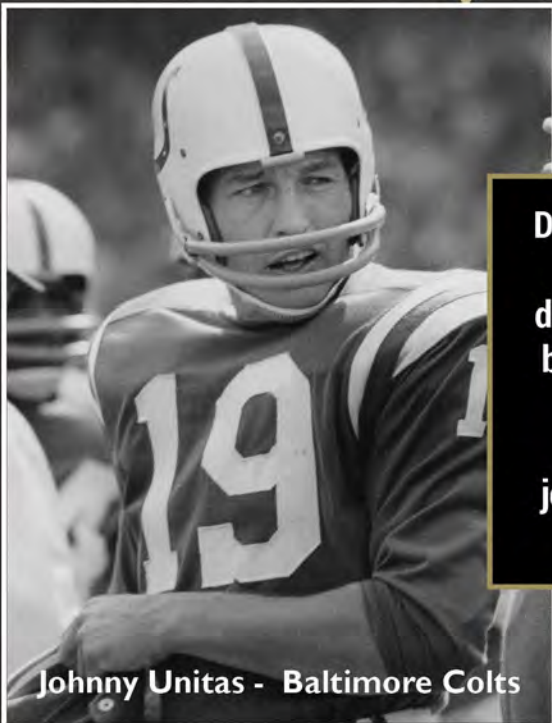
**October 14, 1957: Lester Pearson, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his central role in ending the Suez Crisis the previous year. Pearson is the first Canadian to win the honor. He would later serve as prime minister from 1963 to 1968.**

## 1950s

**October 7, 1958: NASA initiates Program Mercury, the United States' first human spaceflight program. Less than three years later, Alan Shepard became the first American to go into space.**

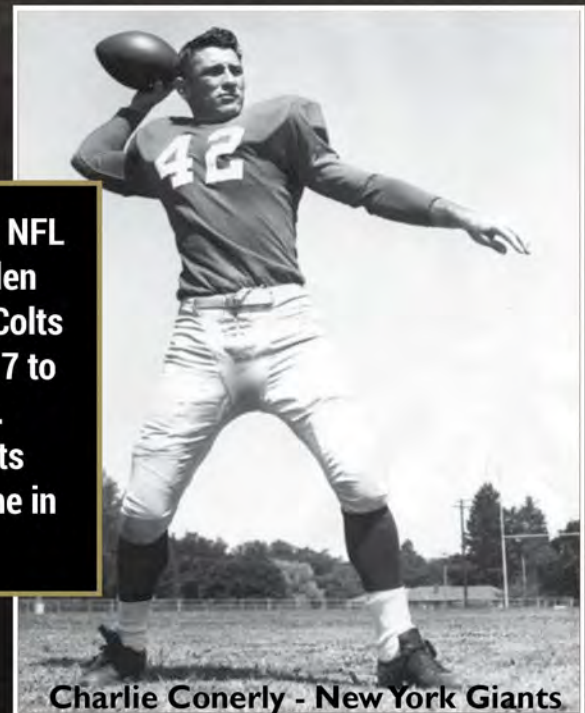


**The Mercury Seven astronauts with a USAF F-106. From left to right: M. Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Virgil I. Grissom, Walter M. Schirra, Alan B. Shepard and Donald K. Slayton.**



**Johnny Unitas - Baltimore Colts**

**December 28, 1958: In the first NFL playoff game decided in sudden death overtime, the Baltimore Colts beat the New York Giants 23-17 to win the NFL championship. It is widely regarded by sports journalists as the greatest game in NFL history.**



**Charlie Conerly - New York Giants**

# HISTORY, HARDWOODS, AND HMR

January 3, 1959: The territory of Alaska, which the U.S. purchased from Russia in 1867, is admitted into the Union as the 49<sup>th</sup> state; Hawaii become the 50<sup>th</sup> state on August 21<sup>st</sup>.



June 26, 1959: The St. Lawrence Seaway is officially opened. The Seaway includes an intricate system of locks and canals, is nearly 2,500 miles long, and allows ships to travel between the Atlantic Ocean and all the Great Lakes for the first time.



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Resaw extra line	6.50	6.50
S2S and Resaw	14.00	13.50
S4S or Center Match	11.00	10.00
Straight line rip—One line	\$6.00 per M Lineal Ft. or 12.00	12.00
Straight line rip—Two lines	18.50	18.50

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**Stay tuned as we head into the 1960s.**



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