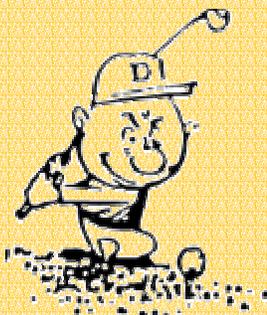




# Doodlebug Times 1955

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## Oil patch activity in 1955:

- Boundary Lake oil field discovered, BC



## 1955 Highlights:

- Albert Einstein dies, age 76
- Polio shots are given in schools for the first time
- Instant Oatmeal and Potato Patties are introduced
- 1st automobile seat belt legislation enacted (Illinois)
- Rosa Parks rides whites-only bus in Alabama

## Zamboni makes its NHL debut!



**If necessity is the mother of invention**, Frank J. Zamboni (1901-1988) might be considered its father. This tireless inventor/entrepreneur never came across an obstacle he couldn't tinker his way around.

Frank moved to Southern California in 1922 with his brother Lawrence to join their older brother George in his auto repair business. The brothers soon expanded into other business ventures, most notably supplying dairies the

large refrigerator units used to keep their milk cool.

This experience with refrigeration technology led to a new opportunity, in the sport of ice skating. Popularity of the sport was growing, but there were few rinks in Southern California, so in 1939 Frank, Lawrence, and a cousin built Iceland Skating Rink in Paramount.

At the time, resurfacing the ice meant pulling a scraper behind a tractor, shaving the surface. Three or four workers would scoop away the shavings, spray water over the surface, squeegee it clean and allow the water to freeze -- a process that took more than an hour. For Frank, it was a puzzle to be solved: how could he make a



good sheet of ice in a short period of time? It wasn't long before he began engineering a machine that would make the task of ice-resurfacing fast and efficient. And the concept of the Zamboni ice resurfacer was born...

Now in 1955, the Zamboni is the only machine capable of conditioning NHL ice to the high standards demanded by the world's best players.



## Doodlebug Tournament keeps growing

Chairman Hank Munsey and his committee successfully pulled off the third, and biggest so far, Doodlebug Golf Tournament.

This weekend of golf and socializing has quickly become the event of the year for Western Canada's geophysicists, affectionately known as "doodlebuggers".

This year's event involved 136 golfers divided into 17



flights according to their skill level. Winners of the precious ceramic awards will treasure them for years to come.

The event is held at the Banff Springs Hotel, with its world-renowned golf course set amid the splendour of the Canadian Rockies.

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## In Sports....

Brooklyn Dodgers win their only World Series victory, beating Yankees in 7

Jack Fleck wins US Open golf tournament

Cleveland Browns beat LA Rams 38-14 in NFL championship game

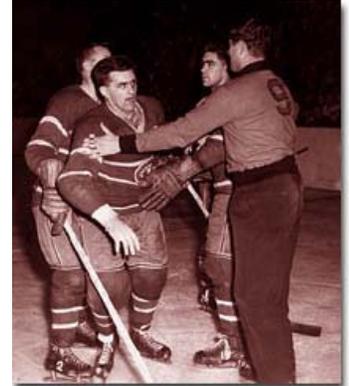
Cary Middlecoff's 279 wins the Masters

Tony Trabert wins Wimbledon

Le Mans racecar accident kills 83 spectators

Sugar "Ray" Robinson wins the world boxing championship over Carl "Bobo" Olson.

Detroit wins its second Stanley Cup in a row



**Maurice "Rocket" Richard's suspension leads to "Richard Riot" in Montreal. See below.**



**Ford Thunderbird makes its debut.**

*"When he's worked up, his eyes gleam like heat. Not a glow, but a piercing intensity. He is terrifying. He is like lightning."*  
Former Montreal GM,  
Frank Selke

## Riots in Montréal

Montreal Canadiens star Maurice "Rocket" Richard was suspended by NHL league president Clarence Campbell for attacking a referee. The suspension provoked a 7-hour riot in Montreal, the city's worst ever, with 60 arrests ensuing.



Some political analysts are seeing these events as a turning point in Quebec's budding "Quiet Revolution". Well into the 20th century, Quebec's big business, wealth and power are still essentially in the hands of English-Canadians, leaving many Quebecois feeling disenfranchised.

is coming to be seen as a symbol of French Canadian pride, giving these riots a political overtone. Some experts see them as the start of a more aggressively anti-English period in Quebec.

Although personally apolitical, Richard

## Colonel Sanders launches KFC

In the early days of the 1930s Colonel Sanders' restaurant, Sanders Court & Cafe, in Corbin, Ky. was famous for his iron skillet fried chicken - tastier than traditional deep fat fried "southern" chicken, but too slooow to cook, at 30 min.

After seeing a "new-fangled gizmo" called a pressure cooker in the late 1930s, he soon found a way to fry chicken quickly, under pressure, producing the tastiest chicken yet.

In the early 1950s a new interstate highway put his restaurant out of business.

Living off \$105 Social Security checks, the Colonel devoted himself to driving the country, franchising his chicken to restaurants. 3 years later he has started up a nationwide franchise, "Kentucky Fried Chicken". Its success signals a "finger lickin' good" trend in restaurants.

