



Oil patch activity in 1959:

- The NEB is formed by John Diefenbaker's government
- Discovery at Judy Creek starts the trend of large gas plants



1959 Highlights:

- First automobile seatbelt (Volvo)
- Alaska and Hawaii become States
- Pantyhose are introduced
- Iran & US sign economic treaty
- Iraq & USSR sign economic/technical treaty
- "Think Small" campaign from Volkswagon

Buddy Holly dies in plane crash!

February 3, 1959. A plane crash kills singers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. Richardson (The Big Bopper. Three of Rock and Roll's most promising performers are gone.

Jiles P. Richardson, known as The Big Bopper to his fans, had found recording success and fame in 1958 with the song Chantilly Lace.

Richie Valenzuela (Valens) was only 16 years old, and had already had hits with "Come On, Let's Go", "Donna", and "La Bamba", a R&R remake of an old Mexican standard.

Charles Hardin "Buddy" Holley (changed to Holly due to a misspelling on a contract) and his band, The Crickets, had a number one hit in 1957 with the tune

"That'll Be The Day", followed by "Peggy Sue", and an appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show.

By 1959, Holly had decided to move in a new direction. He and the Crickets parted company. Holly married Maria Elena Santiago and moved to New York with the hope of concentrating on song writing and producing.

Performing in concert was very profitable, and Buddy Holly needed the money it provided. "The Winter Dance Party Tour" was planned to cover 24 cities in a short 3 week time frame (January 23 - February 15) and Holly would be the biggest headliner, with Valens, Big Bopper, Dion, and The Belmonds rounding out the show. Waylon Jennings, a friend from Lubbock, Texas and Tommy



Allsup would go as backup musicians.

The tour bus developed heating problems in the cold of Iowa. Holly chartered a plane for Fargo, and he and the unlucky ones who escaped the cold bus never made it – for unknown reasons the plane crashed into a snow-covered field, killing all aboard.

Doodlebug Tournament held in Banff

Take 168 oil & gas exploration geophysicists ("doodlebuggers"), stick them on the golf course at the Banff Springs Hotel, mix in some alcohol and a pinch of competition, and stir it all up, and what have you got? The Doodlebug Golf Tournament!

Now in its 7th year, the tournament is firmly established as the social event of the year for these



folks who help find our oil.

Organization of the tournament is left to a committee, headed up this year by Norm Christie.

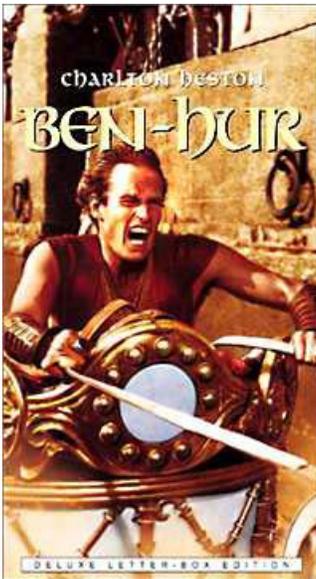
Top golfer this year was L. Vye, with D. Hargrave capturing the low net trophy.

See you all there next year!



1959 Highlights (cont'd):

- One billionth can of Spam sold
- BIC pen introduced in North America
- Singapore becomes a Republic under Lee Kuan Yew
- Aluminum beer cans introduced
- Microcip invented



Ben Hur wins Oscar for Best Picture, Charlton Heston Best Actor

Barbie Doll a hit!

Ruth Handler saw some kinda sexy German Lili dolls in Europe but wanted her doll to be a model of bubbly teenage innocence (but with a 39-18-33 body!) She named the doll after her daughter Barbara's nickname

In Sports....

Lee Petty wins the first Daytona 500 auto race.

NHL goalie Jacques Plante is the first to wear a hockey mask (see below).

LA Dodgers beat Chicago White Sox, 4 games to 2 in 56th World Series. This is the first time the White Sox have taken their first pennant since the "Black Sox" scandal of 1919.

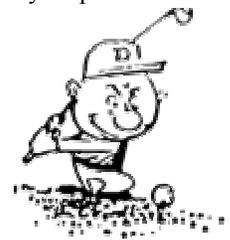
The American Football League (AFL) is formed with eight teams.

Baltimore Colts beat NY Giants 31-16 in NFL championship game

Boston Celtics win over Minneapolis Lakers. It is Boston's 8th consecutive NBA championship.

Heavyweight Floyd Patterson KO's Brian London. Then a month later, Ingemar Johansson of Sweden KO's Floyd Patterson to become boxing champ.

Montreal Canadiens once more handily defeat the Leafs (4-1) to win the Stanley Cup



Innovative Goalie dons Mask

Plante is the first goaltender to wear a mask in a NHL game. During a game against the New York Rangers on Nov. 1, 1959, Plante was hit in the face with a backhand shot by Andy Bathgate, and forced to leave the game. Twenty minutes later, he was back in the game, but this time wearing a fiber-glass mask.

Plante had been experimenting with the mask during team practice scrimmages, and after the shot to the face, he thought the time was right for it to be worn during a game. And so the

beginning of a new era for goaltenders is underway.

This has ignited some controversy. Fans, coaches and players alike are arguing as to whether or not masks should be worn. Plante's donning of the mask was questioned by everyone, including his coach, the conservative Toe Blake.

The Vezina Trophy winner is also the originator of a few other innovations that have changed the way goalies play. Plante is a superior skater, and he uses this to his advantage.

He is the first goalie to leave his crease during the course of a game, roaming behind the net and into the corners to stop dump-ins by the opposition. He sets the puck up for his defensemen to come and get with ease, or takes the puck and fires a pass up ice to a forward, helping to create a faster transition game for the Habs.

Another one of Plante's innovations is the signaling with one of his arms to his teammates when icing is going to be called.

- Barbie. Ruth knows her girls and dolls. In 1959, its first year, 351,000 Barbie dolls were sold at \$3 each.

The first Barbie doll sports a ponytail hairstyle, black and white zebra-striped bathing suit, open-toed shoes,

sunglasses and gold-colored hoop earrings. She has 2 holes in her feet because her stand requires them and is 11 1/2 inches tall. She has white irises, red lipstick and nails, and arched eyebrows. Blondes outnumber brunettes 2-to-1.

