# 1946 THE YEAR You were born

# **AVERAGE COST**

A first class stamp \$0.03
A gallon of gas \$0.21
A dozen eggs \$0.64
A movie ticket \$0.35
A new house \$5,600.00

AVERAGE WAGES
PER YEAR

\$2,500

# 40s SLANG

Ace - Top notch expert Bad news - It's trouble Cookie – Cute Girl Cat's Meow – The best Flip your lid - Get angry Buzz – Excitement Bupkis – Zero

# IN Style...

Shoulder pads
Defined waistlines
Skirts above the knee
Wrist length gloves
Victory roll hairstyle

#### MEN

Zoot Suits Knit V-neck vests Gabardine jacket Fedora hats Lace up Oxfords

# U.S. PRESIDENT Havry Truman



U.S. Population 141.4 Million

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### IN THE NEWS...

Former British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, gives his famous "Iron Curtain" speech while visiting the United States.

Jacques Heim and Louis Reard design the first bikini for public consumption, names after the Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

(UNICEF) United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund is established.

The first Cannes Film Festival takes place in Cannes.

B.B. King's musical career begins.

Tupperware is introduced at hardware and department stores.

## ON THE RADIO...

Prisoner Of Love - Perry Como
To Each His Own - Eddy Howard
The Gypsy - The Ink Spots
Five Minutes More - Frank Sinatra
Rumors Are Flying - Frankie Carle

# **TECHNOLOGY**

AT&T announces the first car phone.

Piaggio produces the first successful motor scooter, the Vespa.

American engineer, Percy Spencer invents the microwave.

The US conducted the first nuclear test after World War II on Bikini Atoll.

## IN THEATERS..

It's a Wonderful Life

The Big Sleep

**Song of the South** 

**Notorious** 

Gilda



Television...

RCA demonstrates an all-electronic color television system.