

What was happening in 1960?

Both The Ottawa Citizen and The Ottawa Journal published evening papers Monday to Friday, and a morning paper on Saturday.

Two TV channels were available:

CBOT (Channel 4), CBC English

CBOFT (Channel 9), CBC French

CJOH (Channel 13), CTV, came on the air in March 1961

Cable TV arrived in 1965.

Newspapers also provided program listings for radio. Listed stations were:

CBO (now CBC Radio One)

CKOY (now Oldies 1310)

CFRA

CKCH (went off the air in 1994).

FM radio stations did not exist in Ottawa until 1964.

Movie theatres in the city were: Nelson, Capitol, Elmdale, Rialto, Regent, Somerset, Mayfair, Centre, Elgin, Little Elgin.

and these drive-ins: Auto-Sky, Aladdin, Britannia, Star-Top.

Movies that were showing in September 1960 were: Psycho, From the Terrace, Ben-Hur, Elmer Gantry, Pillow Talk, The Apartment.

Clubs advertising live entertainment in the paper in September 1960 were:

The Brothers Four at the Gatineau Club

The Stylers in the Chaudière Rose Room.

Mayor of Ottawa: George Nelms

Premier of Ontario: Leslie Frost

Prime Minister of Canada: John Diefenbaker

In 1960, the cost of...

Average new home in Ottawa: \$17,000

Average family car: \$2600

Ottawa Citizen and Ottawa Journal newspapers: 5 cents

Gasoline: 30 cents per gallon (7 cents/litre)

Postage stamp: 5 cents

Stanley Cup Champions: Montreal Canadiens

World Series Champions: Pittsburgh Pirates

NBA Champions: Boston Celtics

NFL Champions: Philadelphia Eagles

AFL Champions: Houston Oilers

(The first Super Bowl was held in 1967)

Academy Award for Best Picture: The Apartment
Best Actor: Burt Lancaster in Elmer Gantry
Best Actress: Elizabeth Taylor in Butterfield 8

Most requested songs:

The Twist - Chubby Checker

Beyond The Sea - Bobby Darin

Are You Lonesome Tonight? - Elvis Presley

World population: 3,021,475,000

Population of Canada: 17,870,000

Population of Ottawa (based on current boundaries): 358,410

World News in 1960

CERN particle accelerator was inaugurated in Geneva.

France tested its first atomic bomb in the Sahara Desert.

Elvis Presley returned home from Germany, after being away on military duty for 2 years.

Soviet missile shot down an American U2 spy plane, and pilot Gary Powers was captured.

Newly-named Beatles began a 48-night residency at the Indra Club in Hamburg, West Germany.

Summer Olympics were held in Rome. Cassius Clay won the gold medal in light heavyweight boxing.

Winter Olympics were held in Squaw Valley. Anne Heggtveit from Canada won gold in the women's slalom.

Nigeria became the 99th Member of the United Nations (there are 192 today).

Dr. Michael Woodruff performed the first successful kidney transplant

John Kennedy became President of the United States, succeeding Dwight Eisenhower.

Headlines in Ottawa Newspapers in September 1960

Last steam train to leave Ottawa station

Ontario Municipal Affairs officials threw up a major stumbling block in the plans of the Central Canada Exhibition Association to build a new 7000-seat stadium at Lansdowne Park using funds from a federal-provincial works program. (some things never change)

A proposed 14-storey twin office and apartment complex on Metcalfe St. cracked the 110-foot limit on building height in downtown Ottawa.

Buses will not return to Sparks St. at the conclusion of the mall experiment on October 10

In a Labour Day weekend double-header, the Ottawa Rough Riders beat the Montreal Alouettes 40-16 on Saturday in Ottawa, and lost to them on Monday, 39-22, in Montreal.

Dr. Ashford, Minister of Dominion United Church posed the question "Is Russ Jackson indispensable?" as the subject of his Sunday night sermon.

The federal and provincial governments were near an agreement on financing for a \$12 million bridge 500 feet downstream from the Interprovincial Bridge (now known as the Portage Bridge).

Five killed in shooting on Melrose Ave. - the first multiple murder in Ottawa history.