

Paul Newman in Syracuse: This week in CNY history



Actor Paul Newman and other actors at the Onondaga County War Memorial, where filming of Universal Picture's "Slap Shot" was taking place, in a file photo from June 1, 1976. About 500 Central New Yorkers were hired to play hockey fans in the movie, and about 500 more showed up to watch filming. *(John Dowling)*

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Paul Newman, during the making of part of the movie "Slap Shot" in Syracuse 1976. *Orazio Fresina*

The Onondaga Historical Association looks back at the week in local history:

38 years ago: In June of 1976, movie star **Paul Newman** came to the Onondaga County War Memorial to film scenes for the hockey movie "Slap Shot." Some 1,000 people turned out to see the filming and about 500 were hired as extras for crowd scenes. One of the characters in the movie, Ogie Ogilthorpe, was inspired by real life player Goldie Goldthorpe, who played for the Syracuse Blazers hockey team in the 1970s.

-- Daniel Connors of the OHA