

It Was What it Was

Memories of the 50's

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Cars Were Colorful!

Most cars these days look fairly bland, but in the 50's, cars were big, bright, and fun!



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**We Got Dressed Up
for Birthday
Parties.**

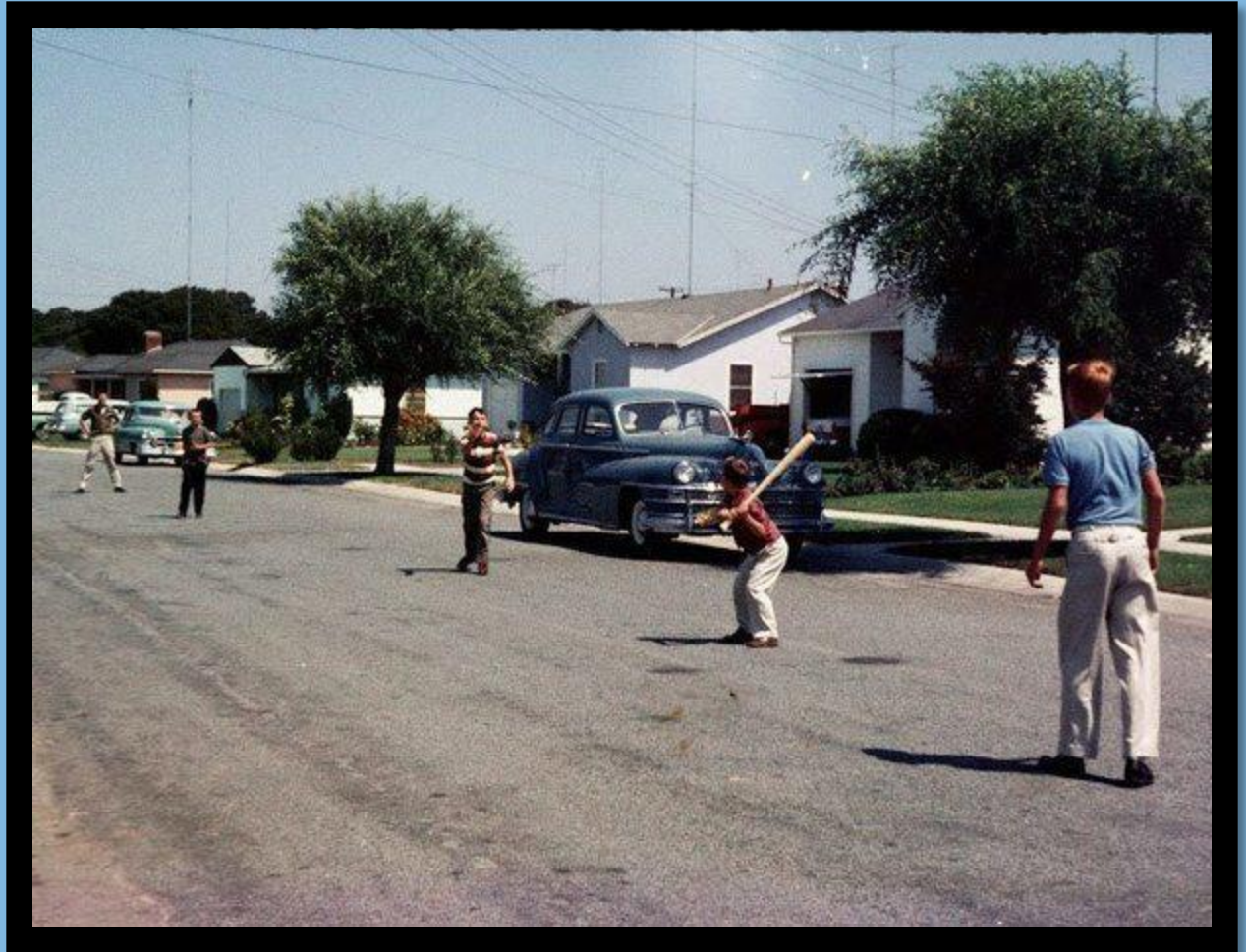
And sometimes
there was even a
pony there!



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We Played in the Streets

We'd all just come outside and get to playing!



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Gas Was Very Cheap

On some days, it was only \$0.20 a gallon, and beyond that, the people at the station could also fix just about anything!



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Ben Franklin 5-10 Was Everything

They had just about
anything and
everything you
could think of.



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If it wasn't the Ben Franklin, it was the A&P!



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**Our Skates Got
"Locked" with a
Key**

They were also
made almost
entirely of metal
and very difficult to
skate on!



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The Drive-In Was The Place to Be

This 1950's photo from South Bend, Indiana shows how popular they were!



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Car Seats Were More Like Couches

That's right - they
were big, long, and
you could slide all
the way across!



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The Freezer Actually Had to be **DEFROSTED!**

That's right, every now and then you'd have to manually defrost the freezer - sometimes took all day with a lot of scraping!.



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Grandma Let Us Do Everything

Well, maybe that hasn't changed so much, but we LOVED eating off the beaters!



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Sometimes Your Food Came On Roller Skates!

That's right - certain
restaurants had
"roller girls" who
would zoom your
food out to you!



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Sock Hop!

A dance for young teenagers at which they may dance in stocking feet.



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Sunday Drives Were A Thing

That's right -
on Sunday, many of
us would load up the
family car and just
go cruising over to
the neighbors or just
around town!



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There Was One TV

And, surprise, we didn't argue all night about who should get to watch their favorite show. Most of the time, we all liked the same shows!



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The Playgrounds were VERY Different

At recess, we'd swing from the monkey bars with wild abandon and often even stand on the swings and go as high as possible.

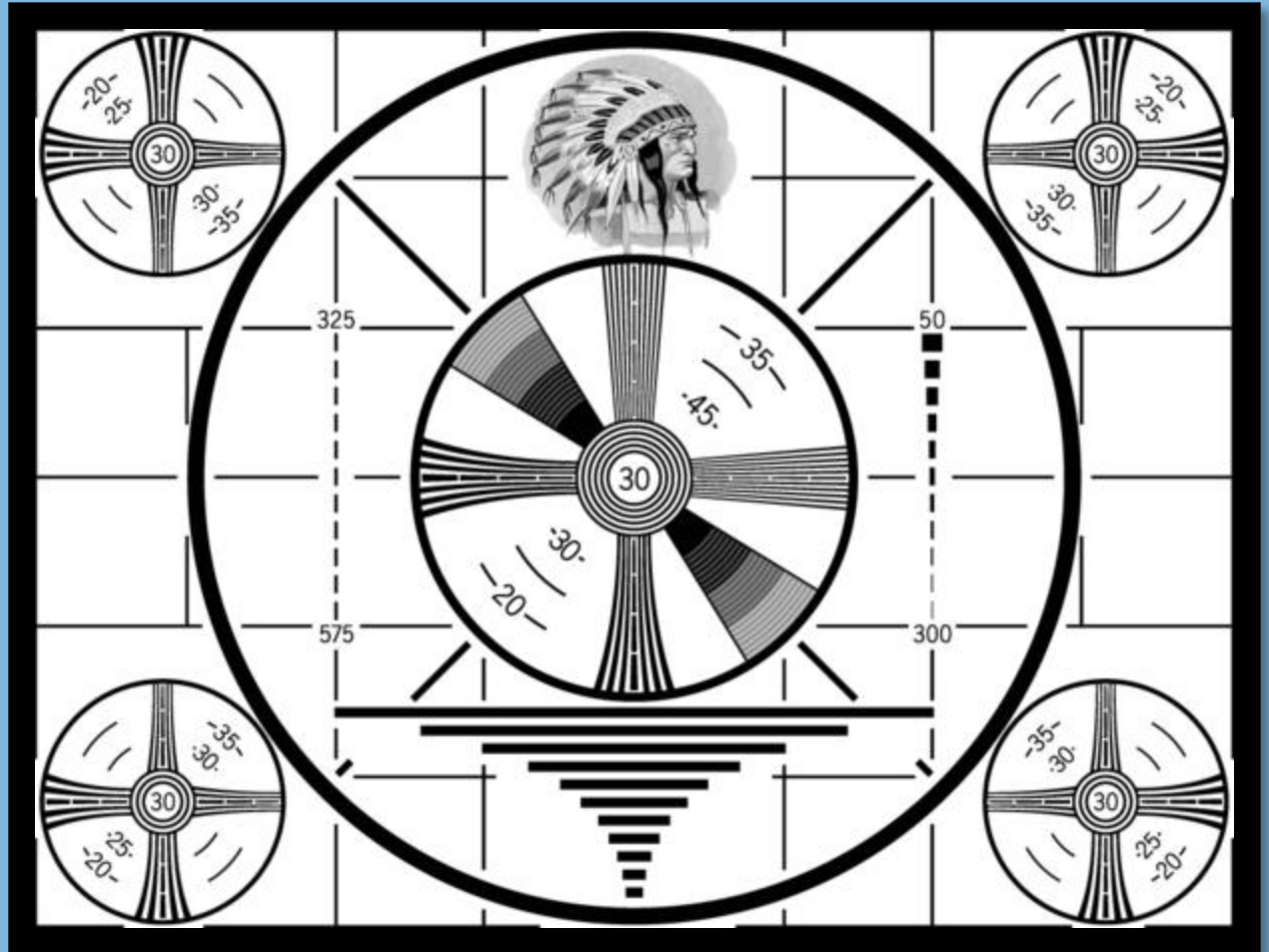
And still, we survived!



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TV Had "Sign Off" Messages

Remember these? TV would go off at midnight and sometimes even go as far as playing the National Anthem all night.



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**Just One Hula Hoop
Wasn't Enough**

Some of us could do
multiple at a time!



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**We didn't Text, But
We Did Pass
Notes!**

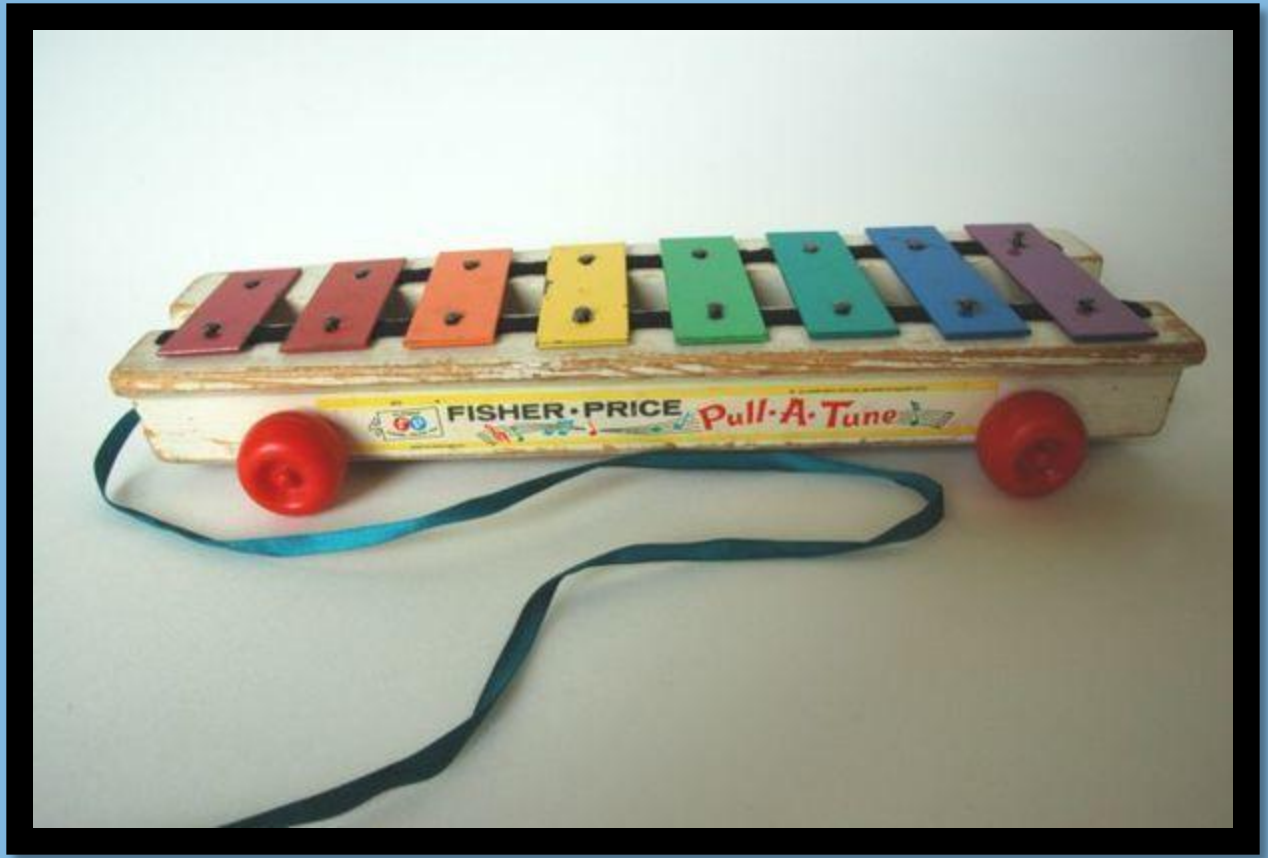
And we were
experts at not
getting caught!



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We Had
Xylophones That
We Kept on a Pull
String

That's right - there
was nothing like the
Pull a Tune!



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We Got Bottled Cokes and Loved Them

That's right - no cans or plastic bottles back then. We were 100% excited when we'd find a cooler like this to get that ice cold bottle!

