

"The Old Days"!!!!

All the girls had ugly gym uniforms?



UGH!

It took five minutes for the TV warm up?



Nearly everyone's Mom was at home when the kids got home from school?



Nobody owned a purebred dog?



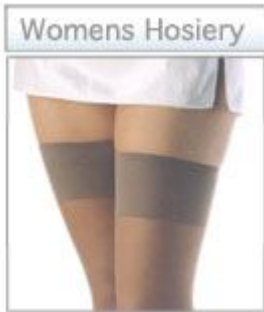
When a quarter was a decent allowance?



You'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny?



Your Mom wore nylons that came in two pieces?



All your male teachers wore neckties and female teachers had their hair done up every day and wore high heels?



You got your windshield cleaned, oil checked, water checked, battery checked, and tire pressure checked (if requested) and inflated to proper pressure and gas pumped (5 gallons for a dollar), without asking, all for free,

**every time? And you didn't pay for air?
And, you got trading stamps to boot? -- I
still have my Green Stamps!!!**



**Laundry detergent had free glasses,
dishes or towels hidden inside the box?**



**It was considered a great privilege to be
taken out to dinner at a real restaurant
with your parents?**



They threatened to keep kids back a grade if they failed. . . and they did?



When a 57 Chevy was everyone's dream car...to cruise, peel out, lay rubber or watch submarine races, and people went steady?



No one ever asked where the car keys were because they were always in the car, in the ignition, and the doors were never locked?



**Lying on your back in the grass with your friends?
and saying things like, 'That cloud looks like a... '?**



Playing baseball with no adults to help kids with the rules of the game?



Stuff from the store came without safety caps and hermetic seals because no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger?



And with all our progress, don't you just wish, just once, you could slip back in time and savor the slower pace? Share it with the children of today.



When being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited the student at home?



Basically we were in fear for our lives, but it wasn't because of drive-by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc. Our parents and grandparents were a much

bigger threat! But we survived because their love was greater than the threat.

Send this on to someone who can still remember Nancy Drew, the HardyBoys, Laurel and Hardy, Howdy Dowdy and the Peanut Gallery, the Lone Ranger, (only) The Shadow (knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men), Nellie Bell, Roy and Dale, Trigger and Buttermilk.



. .as well as summers filled with bike rides, baseball games, Hula Hoops, bowling and visits to the pool, and eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar.

Didn't that feel good, just to go back

and say, 'Yeah, I remember that'?



I am sharing this with you today because it ended with a double dog dare to pass it on. To remember what a double dog dare is, read on. And remember that the perfect age is somewhere between old enough to know better and too young to care.

**How many of these do you remember?
Candy cigarettes**



Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside.



Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles.



Coffee shops with table side jukeboxes.



Blackjack, Clove and Teaberry chewing gum.



Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers.



Newsreels before the movie.

P.F. Fliers.



Telephone numbers with a word

prefix...(Raymond 4-601). Party lines.



Peashooters.

Howdy Dowdy.



Hi-Fi's & 45 RPM records.



78 RPM records!



Green Stamps.



Mimeograph paper.

The Fort Apache Play Set.

Do you remember a time when...

Decisions were made by going 'eeny-meeny-miney-moe'?

Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, 'Do Over!'?

'Race issue' meant arguing about who

ran the fastest?



Catching the fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening?



It wasn't odd to have two or three 'Best Friends'?



The worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex was 'cooties'?



Having a weapon in school meant being caught with a slingshot?



Saturday morning cartoons weren't 30-minute commercials for action figures?

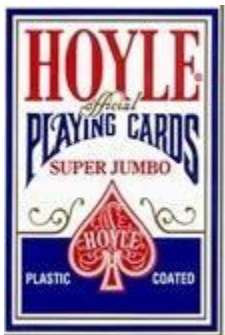


'Oly-oly-oxen-free' made perfect sense?

Spinning around, getting dizzy, and falling down was cause for giggles?

The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team?

War was a card game?



Baseball cards in the spokes transformed any bike into a motorcycle?

Taking drugs meant orange - flavored

chewable aspirin?



Water balloons were the ultimate weapon?



If you can remember most or all of these, then you have lived!!!!!!!

Pass this on to anyone who may need a break from their 'grown-up' life . .

I double-dog-dare-ya!

Remember to Dance in the Rain.