

A Comforting Age

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I have been fortunate to find comforting zones in almost every period of my life. As we all know, over time, most things change dramatically. Here are some comments I remember as people looked at the future in the early 1950's. They did not realize how good times were then.

"I'll tell you one thing. If things keep going the way they are, it will be impossible to buy a week's worth of groceries for \$20."

"Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5,000 will only buy a used one!"

"If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit! A quarter a pack is ridiculous!"

"Did you hear the Post Office is thinking about charging ten cents just to mail a letter?"

"The government wants to get its hands on everything. Pretty soon it will be impossible just to operate a farm."

"If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to afford to hire help at the store."

"When I first started driving, who would have thought that someday, gas would cost 50 cents per gallon?"

"Kids today are impossible! Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls!"

"Also, teenage music drives me **wild!** That 'Rock Around The Clock' song by Bill Haley is nothing but racket!"

"I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies anymore, Ever since they let Clark Gable get away with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind', it seems like now every movie has a Hell or a damn in it!"

"Also, it won't be long before couples are sleeping in the same bed at the movies. What is the world coming to?"

"Marilyn Monroe is now showing her bra and panties. So how long will it be before actors start showing their entire bodies, buck naked, in an 'A' rated movie?"

"Did you see those cheerleaders at the big game last night? Why, they're wearing their skirts almost up to their knees! Va-Va Voom!"