SMALL TOWNS

Those who grow up in small towns in the 50’s will laugh when they read this. Those who didn’t will find it disbelief and won’t understand how true it is.

1) You can name everyone you graduated with.
2) You know what 4-11-54 means.
3) You went to parties at a pasture, barn, gravel pit, river bank or in the middle of a dirt road. On Monday you could always tell who was at the party because of the scratches on their legs from running through the woods when the party was busted.
4) You used to ‘drop in’ Main St.
5) It was cool to date somebody from the neighboring town.
6) The whole school went to the same party after graduation.
7) You didn’t give directions by street names but rather by references. Turn by Nelson’s house.
8) Small towns live on the back seat of the car.
9) You couldn’t help but date a friend’s ex-boyfriend/girlfriend.
10) Your car stayed filthy because of the dirt roads, and you will never own a dark vehicle for this reason.
11) The town next to you was considered ‘busy’ or ‘amusing’ but was actually just like your town.
12) You referred to anyone with a house newer than 1950 as the ‘rich people’.
13) The people in the ‘big city’ dressed funny, and then you picked up the trend 2 years later.
14) Anyone you wanted could be found at the local gas station, the dairy bar, or pool hall.
15) You saw at least one friend a week, driving a tractor through town or one of your friends driving a grain truck to school occasionally.
16) The coach suggested you had hub for the summer to get stronger.
17) Directions were given using THE stop light as a reference. What stop light? Not one in our small town.
18) When you decided to walk somewhere, 5 people would pull over and ask if you wanted a ride.
19) Your teachers called you by your older siblings’ names.
20) Your teachers remembered when they taught your parents.
21) You could charge at any local store or write checks.

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