

# There's an awful big difference between 20 and 50

Happy birthday to me!  
 I turned 50 this week, so maybe it's not that happy. Not much I can do about it, though.  
 I don't know about you, but I wish I could go back to 20 and do it all over again, armed with what I know now. Not much I can do about that, either.  
 One thing I can do now, though, that I couldn't do at 20, is compare the two ages. These are a few of the differences.

- You're supposed to be more forgetful at 50 than at 20, but I'm not so sure about that. I was just as forgetful at 20...I think. Actually, I don't remember.
- When you turn 20, your birthday is all about drinking

as much as you can.  
 At 50...OK, that hasn't changed much.

- When you're 20 you think you will live forever. At 50, you not only know you won't live forever, you don't want to live forever.
- At 20, when you see somebody who is 50 they look so old. At 50, you know



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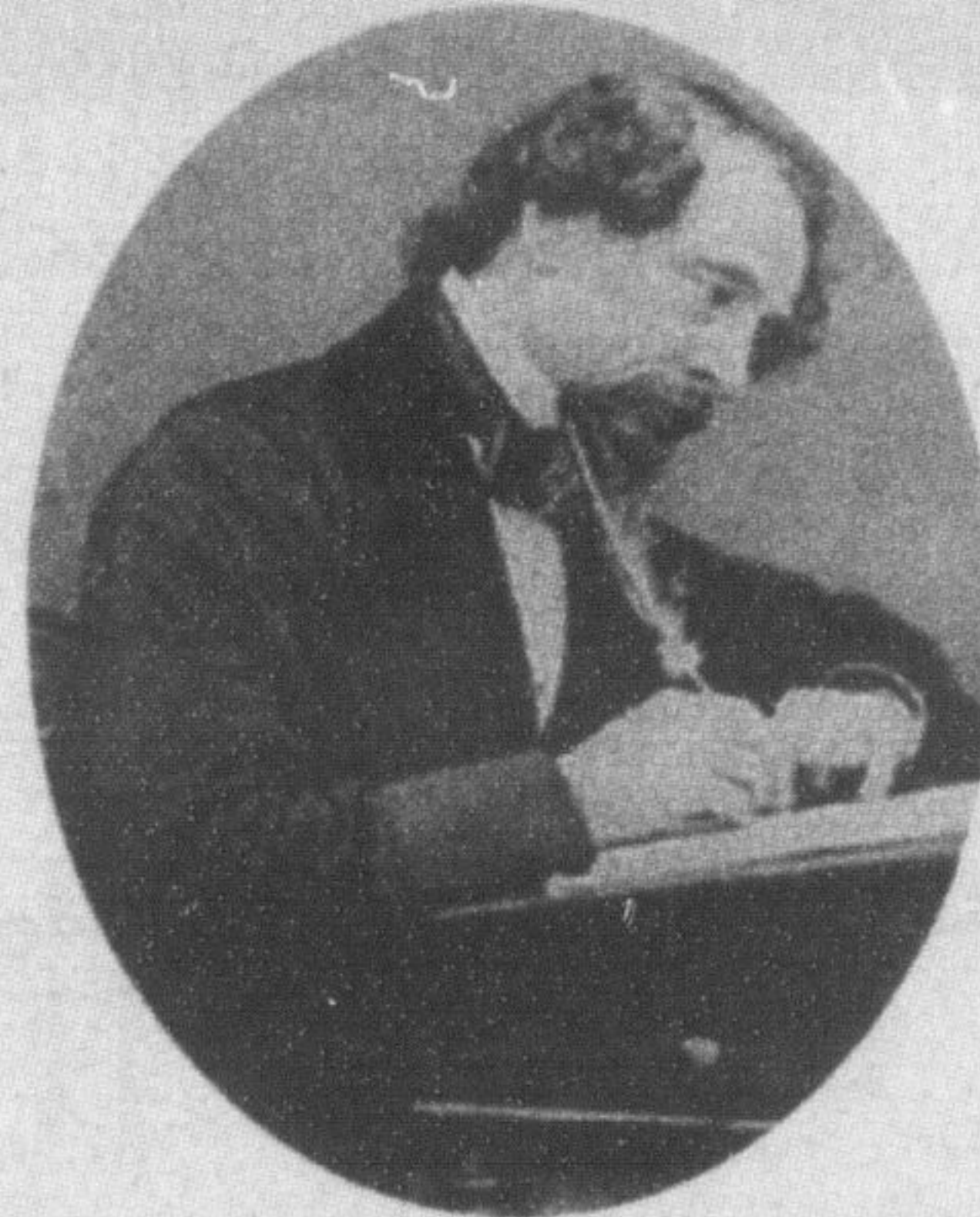
exactly what 20-year-olds are thinking when they look at you.

- At 20, you're just starting to worry about losing your hair. At 50, you have more important things to worry about, and losing more of your hair isn't one of them. Unless you kept your hair all those years and you're just starting to lose it, in which case you should be happy to have kept it so long.
- At 20, you spend no time at all thinking about what life will be at 50. At 50, you spend a lot of time remembering what life was like at 20.
- At 20, you can't stand the thought of spending any more time in school. At 50, you wish you had spent more time in school when you were in your twenties.
- At 20, you spend a lot of time thinking of the dumb things you did that day. At 50, you spend a lot of time thinking about the dumb things you did over the past 30 years.
- At 20, you don't worry about reading the fine print. At 50, you can't read it even if you want to.
- At 20, you can spend all day Sunday lying on the couch watching football. At 50, you fall asleep sometime in the first half of the first game.
- At 20, when you go to a party you don't want it to end. At 50, you start looking at your watch well before midnight.
- At 19, you think it's taking forever to get to 20. At 49, you think your 50th birthday is coming way too quickly. And just in case you're still 20, you don't know this yet, but the older you get the faster time goes.
- At 20, you want to be cool. At 50, you just want to be warm.

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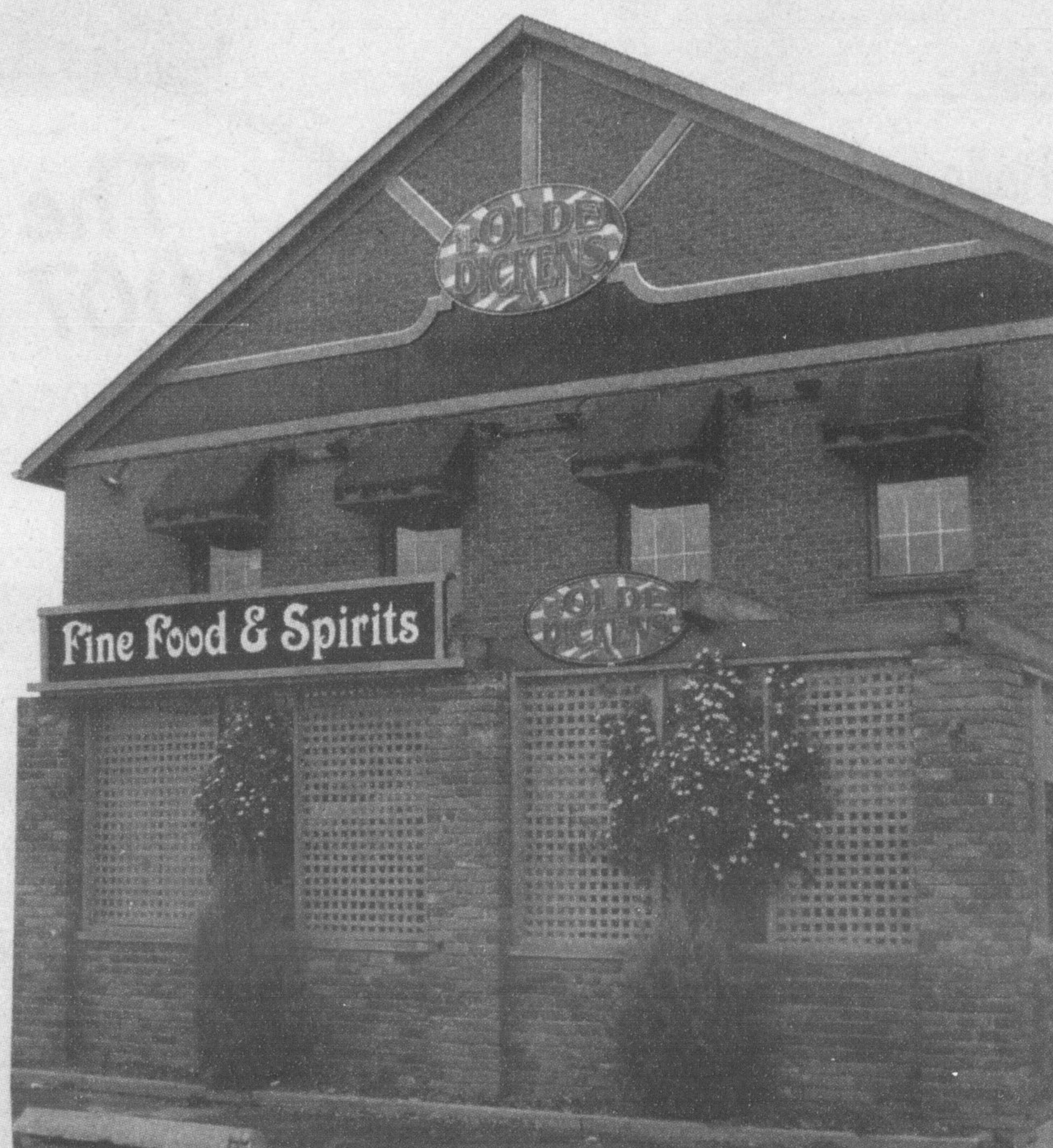
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