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station which took the commuters into the city. I would arrive about six AM, and work the pumps and counter until quarter to eight when the bulk of the commuters had caught their train, then go to school for an 8:15 start. One commuter train left at 6:30, and another at 7:15. We sold newspapers, and it soon became apparent that a man would sell his first born child rather than be without his newspaper during the commute. Men would sprint into the gas station moments before the train was to arrive, throw a bill on the counter, grab their paper....and



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then wait for change. As the seconds ticked by, and the rumble of the train became evident, I became more deliberate, even slower than my normal indolent speed. In frustration, they would sprint out clutching their newspaper, leaving what I chose to interpret as a generous tip. I was never fired from this job, either. Mute testimony to the difficulty in getting kids to work the station in the wee hours of the morning.

Exercise your memories. Were you really better as a teen employee than the kids today? Or were you worse?

- George Underhill

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