

Dot Cassady

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Have you ever had to pinch your cheeks because you could not afford make up? Well guess who had to... Dot Cassady's mother! During the Great Depression when she could not afford make up she would pinch her cheeks. Times were so hard women were forced to be creative. The girls would pinch their cheeks to make it look like they were wearing blush. Just imagine having to pinch your cheeks multiple times before you went to a party or out in public.

Dot Cassady's mother and father went through the Great Depression seven years after it started, which was around 1937. Her mother's name was Merle and her father's name was Russell. The Great Depression didn't affect Dot's family much. It actually brought her family closer together. Dot Cassady's family never lived in a migrant camp and luckily never experienced the harsh dust bowl.



Dot explained that the stock market crash was the start of the Great Depression. One surprising fact she told us is that people jumped out of windows at that time because they were so upset about losing their money. Her father had to work hard to keep his job building machines. Her mother did not go to college but she did have a chance to do some work to help support the family. Teachers were very helpful to families in every way possible. They would organize different free events so families could still have fun and forget about their worries.

“[The depression] took longer than people realized to have it affect them. It lasted longer than expected [too].”

Did you know that some people are still afraid that the Great Depression will happen again? During the twenties, Dot said “anything went.” Everyone had money so they were always having fun and spending it carelessly. After the Great Depression people became more careful with their money because you never knew what could happen. Dot Cassady was born after the Great Depression, and her brother was born during World War II. It's around that time she said that things began to calm down and return to normal.