

Timeline of the 1930s

- **October 29, 1929** – Post-war prosperity ended with the stock market crash. The plummeting stock prices led to losses between 1929 and 1931 of an estimated 50 billion and started the worst depression in American History.
- **February 18, 1930** – Clyde Tombaugh an astronomer in Flagstaff, Arizona discovered the planet, Pluto, at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff.
- **1930** – Clarence Birdseye invented frozen food with his quick freezing process.
- **December 1930** – President Hoover asked Congress for \$150 million for the Public Works Project.
- **March 1931** – Nevada legalized gambling.
- **1932** – Unemployment reached 12 million workers.
- **March 1932** – Charles Lindbergh's infant son was kidnapped. He was found dead on May 15th.
- **November 8, 1932** – Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated President Hoover in the presidential election. Roosevelt won with 472 electoral votes to 59 for Hoover.
- **March 1933** – Roosevelt was inaugurated and began assuring the public that everything would be fine. He started his fireside chats.
- **March 1933** – Many of Roosevelt's New Deal plans were passed including the Civilian Conservation Corps. This provided jobs to build public works, like the old gym.
- **December 1933** – The 21st amendment was passed ending prohibition.
- **March 1934** – First Master's Golf Tournament was held in Augusta, Georgia.
- **June 2, 1935** – One of the greatest hitters of all time, Babe Ruth, retired from baseball.
- **August 1935** – The Social Security Act was passed making sure that retirees had a pension upon retirement.
- **May 1936** – Gone with the Wind was published by Margaret Mitchell.

- **August 1936 – The Olympics opened in Berlin under the watchful eyes of Adolf Hitler. The star of the games was Jesse Owens a black American who won 4 medals.**
- **November 3, 1936 – President Roosevelt won re-election over Alfred Landon with an electoral vote count of 523 – 8 votes.**
- **May 6, 1937 – The German airship Hindenburg burst into flames in Lakehurst, New Jersey.**
- **June 25, 1938 – The Minimum Wage Law was passed. The minimum wage at the time was placed at \$0.25 per hour; time and one half for overtime.**
- **October 30, 1938 – There was a scare in the United States as Orson Welles broadcast his famous War of the Worlds on radio.**
- **June 12, 1939 – The Baseball Hall of Fame opened in Cooperstown, New York. The inductees are Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson, and Walter Johnson.**
- **August 2, 1939 - Albert Einstein alerted President Roosevelt to an A-Bomb opportunity leading to the creation of the Manhattan Project.**
- **September 5, 1939 – The United States declared its neutrality in the European War that was going on.**

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- **March 1930 – Coolidge Dam was completed on the San Carlos Reservation.**
- **1931 – “Winnie Ruth Judd Trial” – A huge trial occurred when Winnie was accused of killing two women and stuffing them in a trunk. The trial captivated the country.**
- **1934 – The first Peoria High School annual was printed**
- **1936 – Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated Boulder Dam on the Colorado River.**
- **1937 – The Peoria High School Gymnasium was built as a WPA building project.**
- **1937 – Peoria High School won their first football state championship. They were coached by hall of fame Arizona coach “Mutt” Ford, and the**

mascot during the depression was the Horned Toads. According to the news, the community went crazy with the news of their victory.

- **1939 – The overpass on Grand Avenue between Peoria and Glendale was built.**
- **1939 – The jail and Police Station were built in Peoria.**