

1930's

## Depression Years



People had to depend on their own crops during the Depression years.



Merrill in the 30's



Businessmen of the 30's George Detert, John Fowler and Carl Nyholm.

"Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue . . ." These words from WIZARD OF OZ emphasized the hopes and aspirations of millions of people as they weathered the hard times of unemployment and uncertainty. These were times when wanderers moved from the breadlines to mission flophouses while others stayed home, listened to their radios and hoped better times were just around the corner. The "Big Apple" was a dance popular in the 30's.

Headlining this era was:

July 13, 1934 – Hail levels crops North of Merrill; loss runs high. . . Windstorm even worse month before. . . July 23, 1934 – John Dillinger killed by Federal Guns in Chicago, betrayed by woman friend. . . July 26, 1934 – 1,212 die in Heat Wave all over Mid-West-relief confined to Wisconsin – high temp in Emporia, Kansas, 115. July 5, 1934 – Marriage license refused to Violet Hilton because of argument whether Siamese twins are one or two people. . . February 5, 1936 – First auction at Fromm Fox farm attracts buyers and cameramen from all over – Special train to farm. . . February 12, 1937 – Amelia Erhart prepared for flight.

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