

# We Had Everything, But Money

(Memories of the Great Depression) edited by Deb Mulvey (1992)

This book is a collection of stories people sent in of their memories of the 1930s.

Bread [or employment] lines stretched for blocks. Men would hop trains to look for work in other towns. Hobos would leave marks on fences to tell which homes would help out. Those who had work helped those who didn't. People were creative for ways to earn money. Gas might have been 10 cents a gallon, but many had to walk, ride bikes or horses.

Dust bowl forced thousands to leave OK [many headed to CA in hopes of a better life]. Some men got work on government projects like CCC or WPA to flood control, build roads, etc. Ten cent movies were an escape from the harsh reality of life. Most people listened to the radio at night or read books. Most gifts were homemade & practical.

Quotes: "We didn't know we were poor, but our parents knew it."

Books: Alice in Wonderland; Little Women; Moby Dick; David Copperfield; Treasure Island

Movies: Gone With the Wind; Wizard of Oz

Radio Shows: the Shadow; Amos & Andy; the Lone Ranger; Grand Ole Opry