

1939 THE YEAR

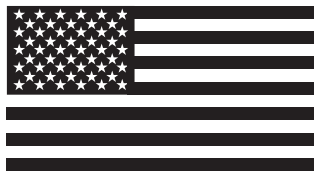
You were born

AVERAGE COST

A first class stamp	\$0.03
A gallon of gas	\$0.10
A loaf of bread	\$0.08
A movie ticket	\$0.23
A new house	\$3,800.00

U.S. PRESIDENT

Franklin Roosevelt



U.S.
POPULATION
130.9 MILLION

TECHNOLOGY

The world's first practical helicopter, the VS-300, designed by Igor Sikorsky takes a tethered flight in Stratford, Connecticut.

AVERAGE WAGES PER YEAR

\$1,730

'30s SLANG

Giggle Juice - Alcohol
Blow Your Wig - Excited
Gripter - Con man
Clam Bake - Fun time
Slip me a five -
Shake hands

IN *Style*...

WOMEN

Soft & feminine looks
Puffed or butterfly sleeves
Flowing full skirts
Bobs and finger waves
Pumps • Peep toe shoes

MEN

Wide pointed lapels
High waisted pants
V-neck sweaters
Fedora hats • Newsboy caps
Oxfords • Wingtip shoes

IN THE NEWS...

Major League Baseball's Lou Gehrig ends his 2,130 consecutive games-played streak, after being diagnosed with ALS.

Drought conditions in the North Eastern U.S. causes mass crop failure and hardship.

John Steinbeck's novel *The Grapes of Wrath* is first published in the U.S.

Frank Sinatra makes his recording debut.

The big-screen adaptation of "*Gone with the Wind*" premieres Atlanta, Georgia.

Girl Scouts "*Thin Mints*" are first introduced in 1939 as "*Cooky-Mints*".

Hewlett Packard is founded in a one-car garage in Palo Alto by Bill Hewlett and David Packard.

IN THEATERS...

The Hunchback of Notre Dame
Gone with the Wind
The Wizard of Oz
Stagecoach
Of Mice and Men

Television...

NBC/RCA has its first public TV demo with FDR at opening of NY World's Fair

ON THE RADIO...

Over the Rainbow - Judy Garland
Moonlight Serenade - Glenn Miller
God Bless America - Kate Smith
Strange Fruit - Billie Holiday
Body & Soul - Coleman Hawkins