

Dustbowl and Great Depression Trunk Contents

Most of the trunk's items are pictured on this page with a brief description of each. There are lesson plans for each object in the curriculum book or attached to the object itself.

Lightning jar with wire lifter - a jar for canning food and the lifter for safely moving the jar in and out of a hot pressure cooker



Kodak No. 2A folding autographic camera - a popular camera manufactured from 1915 to 1926. It cost \$8-13 at that time.



Fleece lined leather helmet - suitable for use during high altitude flight in an unheated cabin such as the kind used by Wiley Post.



Potato ricer - this can be used to mash boiled or baked potatoes. It is also used to squeeze excess moisture out of raw potatoes.



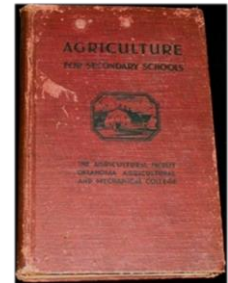
Buttons - two for Franklin Delano Roosevelt, one for William Henry Murray and one Dick Tracy button.



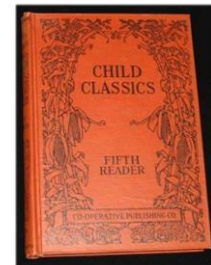
Depression glass plate - This type of glass plate was produced during the 1920s through the early 1940s. In the 1930s, a piece of Depression glass could be had for free in a box of Quaker Oats. Also it was given away at theatres and other businesses.



Agriculture for Secondary Schools - Published in 1934 by Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, now OSU, this book was written to advise secondary students on the business of agriculture and economics. It provides advice on production and on rural life itself.



Child Classics - This book was published in Guthrie, Oklahoma, in 1934. This is a collection of literature that is recommended for students in the 1930s. Notice how these selections are different from a school literature book today.



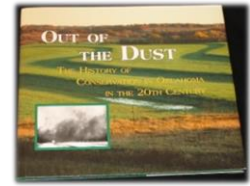
Match holder - Many homes in the 1930s did not have electricity, so matches were very important. A match holder hanging nearby would provide easy access to these important tools of daily life.



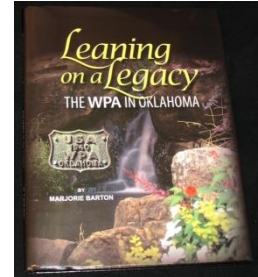
Oklahoma travel map - Conoco published this map in 1936. Though times were hard, people were able to do some traveling especially if they were careful with their money.



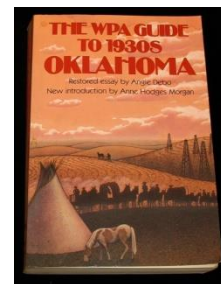
Out of the Dust - This book describes what was done beginning in the 1930s to protect our soil from erosion.



Leaning on a Legacy the WPA in Oklahoma - This provides pictures and information about buildings, other structures and services provided to Oklahoma and paid for by the Works Progress Administration, a federal agency in the Franklin Roosevelt administration.



The Works Progress Administrations Guide to 1930s Oklahoma - This book is a tour of the state of Oklahoma, as written by the Federal Writers' Project during the 1930s. The project was paid for by the Works Progress Administration.



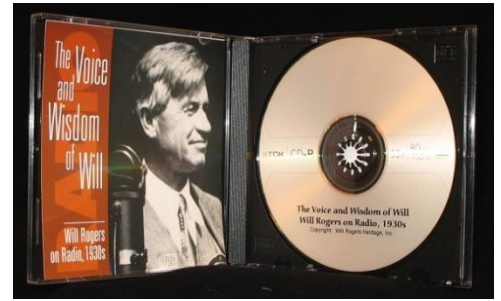
1934 Philco radio and audio cable - This radio is typical of what people would have had in their homes in the 1930s. It has been modified to make it possible for your students to hear actual 1930s radio shows through the 1934 radio. See the information accompanying the radio.



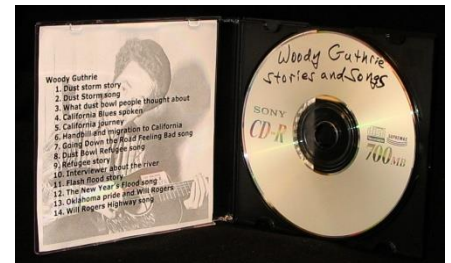
Compact disc containing radio shows - The disc has three Dick Tracy shows, a Tom Mix show, and a Burns and Allen show. These shows were popular in the 1930s and can be played through the 1934 radio included in the trunk. See the information accompanying the radio.



Compact disc containing *The Voice and Wisdom of Will Rogers on Radio 1930s* - This CD holds excerpts of Will Rogers' monologues on his popular radio show. This CD can be heard through the 1934 radio included in the trunk. See the information accompanying the radio.



Woody Guthrie CD - This CD has five songs on which Woody Guthrie sings and plays the guitar. There are also eight spoken stories. This CD can be heard through the 1934 radio included in the trunk. See the information accompanying the radio.



Fuel iron - This is an iron that is used to remove wrinkles from clothing. It is the same idea that is used today, but the heat source is a burning fuel that is stored in the little fuel tank in the front of the iron.



Will Rogers figure - Will Rogers was one of the most popular public figures of the 1930s.



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Kerosene lamp - The lamp has a solid gel in the base that looks similar to kerosene or lamp oil, but it is just a solid gel. This is typical of the kind of lamp that was used in the 1930s in rural areas. Students are welcome to look at it with adult supervision.



Scrip - These are six examples of scrip that were used in Oklahoma in the 1930s .



48 Star American Flag- In the 1930s, the United States had 48 states. This flag has one star for each state. Today's flag has 50 stars.



Four laminated images - Three 18"X24" images of Wiley Post and one 16"X20" image of the capitol building in the 1930s before it got a dome.

