THE DEPRESSION

History

The Great Depression began with the 1929 Wall Street Crash. A decade of high unemployment, poverty, low profits, deflation, plunging farm incomes, and lost opportunities for economic growth followed. Industries that suffered the most included construction, shipping, mining, logging and agriculture, all NW industries. Three years into the Depression, President Herbert Hoover, widely shamed for not doing enough to combat the crisis, lost the election of 1932 to Franklin Roosevelt and his economic recovery plan. The New Deal created unprecedented programs for relief, recovery and reform, bringing about a major realignment of American politics. For the PNW, work projects such as building roads and dams created employment.

Seattle's Hoovertown

Legends & Lessons

You stand close to the largest salmon dam in the State. When the Grand Coulee Dam was constructed (and later, the Chief Joseph downstream), no fish lad-

ders were built. Thousands of miles of spawning grounds were lost.



The I-5 destroyed even more habitat. When finished here in 1973 (funded by the US DOD), the I-5's rivers received bridges, but creeks, brooks, rills, and streams were given 1' & 2' metal pipes, often stretching dark and foreboding hundreds or even thousands of feet. Every dip, south from the Cana-

dian Border (and there are hundreds) has such a pipe. Exit 215 has 2 sets of pipes crossing

back & forth! Turn right 200' from here

and view the end of the circumvention of an old Navy/auto wrecking yard. South of here, the Gardens' wa-

ters run west under the I-5. then into a downstream 1/2 mile west side ditch (flowing north), then east again under the I-5 (in one continuous pipe). Freeborn Church Creek once hosted Coho and Chum runs, but alas, no more!

> The I-5 Freeway is the State's largest salmon dam!



ould have to go home, I suspect some of them jumped in.

Vhat came first:

Cars on Dirt Trails, Gravel Roads, Asphalt Roads?

Answer: Cars on Dirt!

raffic came up Milltown to Bulson, then left to the McMurry Rd. This

out of the ditches. The kids walking to school wern't so lucky, they were always falling in the ruts,getting wet and muddy and then they

per hour, the rainey season was a bit different.

Fords, Dorts and Overlands, So this made the ruts about two

t,and the cars had thirty inch wheels,the cars were mostly

no problem for the locals, The traffic wasn't that heavy, about

feet deep.The farmers with horses made a good living towing cars

the orignal Pioneer Hwy.from Milltown to Conway. The

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In 1929 the US Flag had 48 stars. Arizona entered as the 48th state in 1912.

Ethnobotanical Gardens

Flag Note

Native plant "starts" from Bonhoeffer Gardens (to your SW, by the I-5) illustrate 99 foods and materials available to the American peoples who lived here 10,000 years without the need to develop agriculture. Planter boxes contain:

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