

The Depression, one more view

By Ire Lax
special writer

The black and white Depression photographs by Jack Delano and Marion Post Wolcott are showing for a few more days at the Pierce Street Gallery of Birmingham.

Delano and Post Wolcott were two of the last photographers hired by the Historical Section of the Farm Security Administration to document how government programs were helping rural Americans during the late 1930s.

Many of their photographs conformed to this theme, but others reflect a harsher reality the two felt personally compelled to record. These images have enormous human and historical importance in addition to being fine examples of photojournalism.

DESPITE HARD times Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lyman reflect hope in their laughter; the Crouch family celebrates an abundant Thanksgiving inmate of the Greene County, Georgia, jail clap, dance and pluck a guitar; and a Missouri migrant man digs at the ground in humiliation while his wife and daughters face the intrusive camera head-on.

Bill Hanbauer, a teacher at Center for Creative Studies, said this broken man is one of the most representative

images of the destructive effects of the Depression. Proud American men were deeply wounded.

Poverty and segregation were endemic: a separate "colored" entrance at a movie theater; the unwanted children of coal miners living in a shack with walls "papered" with Post-It notes; the image of four squatter children desperately waiting to move out of a South Carolina army camp.

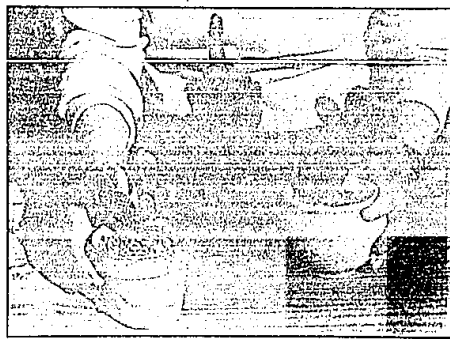
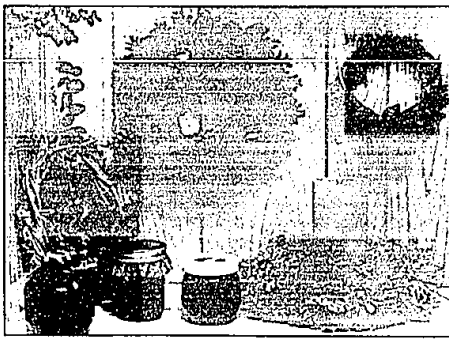
Perhaps the greatest impression is the memories these images invoke. I recall how these times affected my parents' generation. They were forever parsimonious, so that they might never again be trapped with nothing.

We children gossiped about the most niggardly adults, unable to fathom the hurt of losing everything. (Those who made it through almost seemed to have passed a Darwinian test of survival.)

Yet these photographs convey that feeling better than words ever could. The shoeless school-children; the unemployed men loitering around the general store; the kids plagued by rickets.

But there is also hope: couples dating and dancing; folks gambling, vacationing and educating themselves.

These images are as beautiful as they are rich in memory and hope. The gallery is at 217 Pierce, Birmingham. The show runs through Saturday.



JERRY ZOLYNSKY/staff photographer

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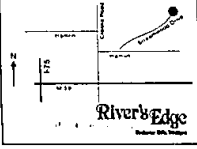
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