

Morris County Library
Great Depression project
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Alphabet Agencies and other Abbreviations and References

- AAA** Agricultural Adjustment Act (farmers paid not to plant crops)
- CCC** Civilian Conservation Corps (unmarried young men working on the land, including fire fighting, and working on national historic sites and national parks)
- CWA** Civil Works Administration (construction jobs including building airports and roads; archeology, concerts; predecessor of WPA)
- FCA** Farm Credit Administration (consolidated loans and banks)
- FDIC** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (bank deposit insurance)
- FERA** Federal Emergency Relief administration (grants to cities and states for work Projects, and support for the poor, including farmers, migrants and transients)
- FHA** Federal Housing Administration (small loans for home construction and modernization)
- HOLC** Home Owners Loan Corporation (mortgages)
- NIRA** National Industrial Recovery Act (act created the NRA)
- NRA** National Recovery Administration (set business codes and to reduce competition and benefit labor; declared unconstitutional in 1935)
- NYA** National Youth Administration (provided industrial training and jobs for college, high school, and out of school youth. Emphasized democratic principles and self-government)
- PWA** Public works Administration (construction projects of dams, bridges, roads, tunnels, public buildings, etc.)
- RA** Resettlement Administration (resettled a few farm families. Concentrated on “farm rehabilitation, land utilization projects, suburban development, and the establishment of sanitary camps for migratory workers.” Proved controversial)*
- RFC** Reconstruction Finance Corporation (aid to state and local governments and loans to banks, railroads, mortgage associations and other businesses and agencies)
- SEC** Securities and Exchange Commission (regulating stock trading)
- TVA** Tennessee Valley Authority (dams, navigability, flood control, electric power)
- WPA** Works Progress Administration (construction projects including schools, airports, roads, parks, utilities; Arts Program including the Federal Writers’, Music, Art and Theater Projects)
- SFAC** State Financial Assistance Commission (New Jersey)

Dorrance Tax revenue. This refers to the court case over the estate of John Thompson Dorrance, president of Campbell’s Soup and creator of their condensed soup. The issue was one of domi-cile. While the family had moved to a prestigious location in Pennsylvania, they maintained their New Jersey home in order to qualify for lower estate taxes. Pennsylvania claimed the estate taxes, making the point that the main domicile was in Pennsylvania. The outcome of the case led to the family having to pay estate taxes in both states, which brought a windfall for New Jersey’s budget. *Dorrance et al v Martin et al* 12 F Supp 746 (1935)

Rodney Dutcher, Daily Washington Letter columnist, died at his desk on November 19, 1938, age 37, in Washington, DC. His column was syndicated in 750 newspapers and was known, before local name changes, as “Behind the Scenes in Washington”.

Brisbane estate. This refers to the estate of Arthur Brisbane, who died December 25, 1936. Arthur Brisbane was a highly regarded journalist, editor, newspaper magnate, real estate investor, as well as being involved in speech-making and public relations. His syndicated column “Today” was distributed to hundreds of newspapers. He purchased the property that later became Allaire State Park, where he lived the life of a country gentleman.

**Historical Dictionary of the New Deal from Inauguration to Preparation for War*, ed. James S. Olson, Greenwood Press, 1985, p. 419-420.