

Life is Purdy Good

Newsletter



Way back in 1929 and for several years thereafter with the Great Depression and what-not, life was pretty miserable for most people. Folks hopped the railroad ears to essentially "run away from home" because they had no money to travel or relocate to a better town. People who lost their homes now lived in shanty towns, got their food from the soup kitchens, and used old newspaper as blankets to keep warm. Across the board, many businesses closed their doors... but there was One business that didn't suffer... One business that thrived during the Great Depression... it was the **THEATER**.

Things were so bad in the "real world" that people just needed someplace to go and forget their troubles... even if it was just for a few hours. A place where their imaginations could run wild and their lives could be transported to a new and wonderful world... even if it was just for a short time!

When you stop and think about it... Miss Purdy's Old Time Photos is a lot like the Theater back in the day... You get to dress up in clothes that haven't been in style for 100 years... You get to wear hats that are bigger than the state of Texas... You get to play like you are someone else in a different world for a while... And you get to forget the troubles of today's era ... even if it's just for a little while... That's what Miss Purdy is all about... folks even say she was born 100 years too late! She considers that a compliment!

Did You Know...

...When Photography began in the late 1830's, the subjects being photographed had to remain perfectly still for up to 15 minutes while light was exposed to the plate in order to create the photo image.

Head and body clamps were routinely used in order to keep the subjects steady and still. These clamps can actually be seen in many of the photographs from that era...

