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After reading this article, I remember stories that my grandmother told me about the best place for refuge and need was in the church. Clark, an avid collector, took an active interest in expanding the holdings of the Association and in 1944 donated Fenimore House, one of his family's properties, to be used as a new headquarters and museum. Can you measure this current media discussion against what the discussion was like in Harlem during the Great Depression? Those who had been their longer were allowed to stay, those recently work were let go.

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Does it dry up like a raisin in the sun? The pastors at these churches were very effective in inspiring giving, they emphasized the importance of giving for the welfare of the community. They also provided food, clothing, and job training. Few today are arrested for numbers running, and fewer children are arrested for desertion or incorrigibility, for example.

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Longstanding employment and housing discrimination coupled with low skill and education levels the two are related , led to overcrowding in less desirable neighborhoods, low wages and high unemployment, especially as rural and Southern newcomers streamed into New York in the first decades of the 20th century.

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New migrants from the South or from the Caribbean therefore ended up in the poorest and least desirable neighborhoods. As a result, churches and local Harlem organizations notably banded together to try to help the African American community. It describes the changing economic and social lives of Harlemites, and the complex responses of a resilient community to racism and poverty.

Systematic Oppression during the Depression

That year Franklin Delano Roosevelt became the 32nd president of the United States and Fiorello La Guardia was elected as the new Mayor of New York City. Remember that alcohol was still illegal through the early years of the Depression, for example. The Great Depression was a time of hardship for many Americans, but for the citizens of Harlem it was made worse by past and present discrimination.

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