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Learning About the Great Depression

Kit Kettle is a collection of primary sources. Each Kit was created to fit into one of the following categories: Find an article about each of the categories listed below. Mark each with an X after the categories below.

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3. Local house: A newspaper that is growing very well
4. Local house that is struggling: Growing poorly
5. Local family: A newspaper that is growing very well
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7. Local store: A newspaper that is growing very well
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9. Local store that is struggling: Growing poorly
10. Local family: A newspaper that is growing very well

For each article, write down the name and date of the source.