



The *CHS* Newsletter

Carroll County Historical Society

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Dr. Tom Carrere to Speak to Carroll County Historical Society **February 18th 6:30 PM at Stallings Community Center Lions Parks Room**

Dr. Thomas Carrere will speak to the Carroll County Historical Society's February 18th meeting. Dr. Carrere's 93 years have spanned several careers and continues to keep him busy after two decades of "retirement". Tom will tell about his life adventures and how they brought him to Carrollton in 1970. His careers include World War II Army paratrooper, teacher, principal, Charleston SC Superintendent of Schools, and West Georgia College professor.

Tom was born in Charleston but grew up in North Carolina and Virginia. In May of 1943 he joined the Army and trained as a paratrooper at Fort Benning, GA. After the war he was discharged at Ft. Bragg, NC, got his English degree in 1949 from UNC Chapel Hill, and began teaching in the Mt. Pleasant and Charleston area until 1968. He went to the University of SC to earn a PhD.

In 1970 Tom moved to Carrollton to join the West Georgia College faculty. After 23 years he retired and began volunteering with organizations like the League of Women Voters.

Right: Tom Carrere

Below: Carrere's first class on Sullivan's Island, Fall 1950



A Message from our President

Dr. Jack L. Crews

This morning I'm sitting by the fire gazing out at the beautiful winterscape left by the ice and storm. But I'm thinking of another big storm. It was the huge snow and ice storm of March 1960.

I was a graduate student at UGA then. I recall that the snow came first and was totally unexpected. I was in a class on Statistics when the first flakes began to fall. I, with my fellow students, chuckled at the novelty of seeing the snow fall in Athens, but by the time the class was over it was snowing so hard you could barely see across the street. When I finally reached our little apartment there was five inches of snow on the ground and more coming. It snowed almost day and night for the next week.

Just before the snow hit my mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary Jackson, had visited and asked to take our 18 month old son home to Carrollton with her. The plan was for us to come and get him the following weekend.

The ice storm hit on top of all the snow a few days later. Most of Athens and a large portion of the state were out of power and stayed for approximately three weeks. After the third week we finally were able to come to Carrollton to retrieve our child.

The trip to Carrollton was like nothing I've ever experienced. There were precious few interstates then, and we were mostly confined to roads of two lanes. The countryside from Athens to Atlanta had an abandoned look; Power poles were snapped like toothpicks, with the fallen tops buried where they fell in the ice and snow; trees were down everywhere, fences were smashed, and "the cows were out". Similar scenes were abundant from Atlanta to Carrollton. When we arrived the Jackson home was dark and I noticed that the milk and other perishables were set out in the snow to keep cold.

We stayed a couple of days and then made our way back to Athens, a trip that took all day.

Yes, today's winterscape is beautiful, but relatively mild compared to the Storm of 1960.



College Street School Valentines from 1951

What a Difference a Century Makes !



1910 Ford Model R

- * The Model R sold for \$950 new. Fuel for it was sold only in drug stores.
- * There were 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- * The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- * The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- * Only 14 percent of homes had a bathtub. Only 8 percent of homes had a telephone. But 18 percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help.
- * The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower!
- * The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour. The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year while an experienced accountant could earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.
- * More than 95 percent of all babies were born at home.
- * Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school.
- * Ninety percent of all Doctors had no college education! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned as 'substandard.'
- * Sugar cost four cents a pound; eggs fourteen cents a dozen; coffee fifteen cents a pound.
- * Most women only washed their hair once a month using Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- * The five leading causes of death were:
 1. Pneumonia and influenza
 2. Tuberculosis
 3. Diarrhea
 4. Heart disease
 5. Stroke
- * The American flag had only 45 stars.
- * The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30!
- * There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Views Around Town



Please Renew Membership for 2014

If you have not already renewed your membership for 2014, please do so now. There was an application form in the January Newsletter. Also, there will be forms available at the CCHS meeting on February 18th.

CCHS is funded primarily by member dues and book sales, so your membership is important!

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