



# The CCHS *Newsletter*

Carroll County Historical Society

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## **Dr. Talmage “Mac” Martin to Speak**

Dr. Talmage M. Martin (“Mac”) will speak to the Carroll County Historical Society’s November 19th meeting. Mac was born in Bowdon, Ga. in 1923. In 1941 he went to North Georgia College. While at North Georgia, he was drafted into the Army but was able to finish the 2 year college program before reporting for duty during World War II. Mac went to officer candidate school and then on to medical school. Once out of medical school he joined the Air Force as a physician and flight surgeon and was assigned to Korea.

After his discharge from the military in California, he went to The University of California at San Francisco for two years of post graduate school. Mac then came back to Carroll County and opened an office in Bowdon as a general practitioner. He knew he wanted to become a surgeon, so Mac went to Emory to get his surgical training.

He came back to Carrollton and started the Carrollton Surgical Group with Dr. Tom Reeve. At the time Dr. Reeve and Dr. Mac were the only two surgeons in Carrollton. Bowdon, Bremen, Tallapoosa, and Villa Rica each had two or three general practitioners and Tanner Hospital had a staff of only 14 people.

Dr. Mac was fascinated with history and World War II. After retiring in 1988 he decided to write a book. Having interviewed over a hundred WWII veterans here in Carroll County, Mac has written two books. Volume 1 of *WWII Ordinary Heroes/Carroll County Georgia* is a sell-out and Volume 2 is on the way.

*Carroll County Historical Society's Meeting*

*Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 PM*

*Stallings Community Center Kiwanis Sports Room*

## A Message from President - Dr. Jack L. Crews

You may not be aware that Carrollton and Carroll County produced two physicians who, combined, had an extraordinary impact on American and even international medicine in the 20th century. I was privileged to know them both, and consider myself very fortunate to have done so.

Dr. Steve Worthy (for whom Worthy Park is named) was a battlefield surgeon with the Harvard Group in WWII. He was with the US invasion forces in North Africa, and participated in the landing at Anzio, and indeed the entire Italian Campaign. He operated under fire most of the time and earned two bronze stars, one with an oak leaf cluster. Post-war he returned to Harvard to study obstetrics and gynecology, to the amazement of his wartime colleagues, who thought he would surely become an orthopedic or general surgeon. His answer was always the same: "I just want to go home to Carrollton and deliver babies."

In order to ensure excellence in his chosen field, Dr. Worthy became a Founding Fellow of the American College of OB-GYN, ensuring through the college that all future OB-GYNs would have a certifying body to attest to their training and competence.

Dr. J. Willis Hurst was a medical school roommate of



1937 graduate of CHS



Dr. J. Willis Hurst

Carrollton's own Dr. Sonny Bass (who lives in quiet retirement at age 92). Dr. Hurst rose like a meteor after graduation from the Medical College of Georgia. His work in the field of heart disease is famous world-wide. He, too, landed at Harvard when he became a Cardiology Fellow with Dr. Paul Dudley White. He returned to Georgia, joining the Department of Medicine at Emory University. His famous book, *The Heart*, written with his partner Dr. Robert Schlant, has become the bedrock of knowledge and practice in the world of cardiology.

Two Carrollton boys—both of whom grew up on Cedar Street, both products of CHS—wrote, by their dedication and brilliance, a legacy in medicine which is enduring and permanent.

## Invitation from Coweta County Genealogical Society

You are invited to attend the December 21, 2013, luncheon at 11:30 A.M. at Macedonia Baptist Church, 1504 Macedonia Rd., Newnan, GA 30263. Reservations needed by December 11 with a \$15.00 check to CCGS, PO Box 1014, Newnan, GA 30264. Come for the program only without charge at 12:30 P.M.

The speaker will be Dr. Jeffery C. Wells, a 10th generation Georgian from Montgomery County. Dr. Wells is Chair of the Social and Behavioral Science Division of Georgia Military College. He has authored four books on Georgia history as well as articles and textbook chapters.

The program will cover the westward movements in Georgia during the 1820's and 1830's, focusing on land acquisition through treaty and land dispersal through land lotteries.

## *RECIPES REQUESTED BY YOU*

Several people have requested recent recipes that have been served at our General Meetings. Donna Eldred has been so faithful to provide delicious treats for us. Here is her recipe for that delicious Apple Bread at the October Meeting.

### *APPLE BREAD*

1 and 1/4 cup cooking oil  
2 cups sugar  
2 eggs  
3 cups flour  
1 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp salt  
1 tsp cinnamon  
2 tsp vanilla  
1 cup chopped nuts

Mix together all the ingredients. Pour into 2 greased loaf pans. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Makes two loaves.

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Last year Janice Ivester brought old-fashioned Tea Cakes, the recipe coming from her mother's (Mary Lee Whitman Jackson's) 1936 recipe book of the high school home economics classes of Alabama. Here is the recipe:

### *OLD-FASHIONED TEA CAKES*

2 and 1/2 cups sugar  
3/4 cup shortening  
2 eggs  
1 cup buttermilk  
1 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp vanilla  
2 cups flour plus (about 5 or 6 cups in all)

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs, buttermilk and vanilla. Sift soda and baking powder with 2 cups of flour and add to mixture, adding flour until dough is the right consistency. Roll out thin. Cut and bake at 400 until lightly browned; cool on baking pan for a few minutes before transferring cookies to cooling rack. Store in air-tight container. Makes 5 or 6 dozen. These tea cakes can be iced with chocolate or vanilla icing—Mother put the icing between two cookies.

## *Reminder*

We will **not** have a general meeting in December. Enjoy the time with your family and see you at our January 2014 Meeting on January 21st.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

# NOTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING

The CCHS Board met Tuesday night, November 5th, and discussed the following items:

1. The Society has the following books on hand available for sale: *At Home In Carrollton*, \$35.00 or \$39.50 mailed. *Heritage of Carroll County Georgia 1826-2001*, \$69.50 or \$75.00 mailed. If you want to purchase one, please contact Gwyn Chesnut at 770-834 3081.
2. The Society has purchased a Hewlett-Packard desktop computer and a Toshiba notebook computer; scanner and printer. One immediate need for the computer is to catalogue the hundreds of items donated to the society in the past.
3. We now have telephone and internet service at the Perry House.
4. The thirty-year-old smoke detector has been replaced.
5. The security system has been upgraded.
6. A first-rate website is in the works.
7. There will be a board meeting in December but **NO GENERAL MEETING FOR DECEMBER.**
8. A field trip to the Atlanta History Center to see the DuBose Civil War collection is being planned for next spring

The CCHS Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., usually at the Perry House, and is open to all members of the Society. If you would like to attend, just to sit in on the meeting or to make a presentation, please call Vice President Scott Eldred at 770-295-9789 prior to the meeting.

## COMING SOON . . .

**The new Carroll County Historical Society Web-Site will be on line very soon.**

**Pam DeVengencie, CTO of SCI/DeVengencie Consulting has been creating a new look and functionality for us. We will let you know when to check it out.**

**It will also feature the excellent historical content on the historic Carrollton Downtown Buildings created by Reeve Ingle for his Eagle Scout Award several years ago.**

## CCHS BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2013

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