



## 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CAAO

1935 - 2015

"On January 14, 1935 in the Senate Chambers of the State Capitol, assessors and boards of relief present voted to organize *The Assessing Officials Association of Connecticut*." These words mark the formal beginning of what became the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers. (Edward T. Dowling "A retrospective look at the assessment function in Connecticut over the past 50 years")

Here is what was happening in the rest of the world on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 1935.

Henry Ford is on the cover of Time

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1935 Automobiles





Oil pipeline Iraq-Mediterranean goes into use.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt honored author Samuel Clemens "Mark Twain" in Hannibal, Missouri with a golden key to light a memorial on the bank of the Mississippi river.

American Airlines opened a new transcontinental air route from Los Angeles to New York via Fort Worth, Nashville & Washington. The "Southern" a Curtis Condor sleeper plane took 15 hours to make the trip.

The first train crossed the new railway bridge over the lower Zambezi River. This bridge was one of the longest in the world (12,064 feet long) and helped promote trade and transportation in southern Africa. The new rail line provided for uninterrupted railway connection between Nyasaland and the Indian Ocean port of Beira in Mozambique/Portuguese East Africa.

From the January 14, 1935 minutes of the Board of Trustees, Connecticut State College meeting at the Hartford Club.

- IT was VOTED to approve, subject to final approval of the Board of Finance and Control, the appointment of an additional instructor in the Department of Bacteriology at a basic salary of \$2,040 effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1935.
- IT was VOTED to authorize, subject to the approval of the Board of Finance and Control, the expenditure of \$3,000 for an addition to the Music Building, a gift of the Carnegie Corporation.
- IT was VOTED to authorize the president to appoint Mr. Ralph Carpenteras, Graduate Assistant in Agricultural Engineering, effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1935, at a total salary of \$375 for five months.

## 1935 – January

- Parker Brothers releases the board game Monopoly
- The Peoples car (Volkswagen Beetle ) is launched in Germany
- First Experimental Radar is developed in UK
- GE Starts selling the first Fluorescent Tube for light
- First Canned beer goes on sale in Richmond, Virginia
- First Public Housing Project launched in New York
- The FBI kills the Barker Gang, including Ma Barker, in a shootout
- The Italian colonies of Tripoli and Cyrenaica are joined together as Libya.
- The trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, accused of the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh, Jr., begins in Flemington, New Jersey

## 1935 - The Year

- The years of depression continued in 1935 with unemployment still running at 20.1%
- The Blake Brothers founded their first ice cream shoppe in Springfield, Massachusetts and named it "Friendly"
- The war clouds were gathering as Germany began to rearm
- Mussolini's Italy attacked Ethiopia
- The Gallup Poll was introduced
- Babe Ruth hit the 714<sup>th</sup> and final home run of his career on May 25<sup>th</sup>
- A reformed drinker named Bill Wilson formed Alcoholics Anonymous on June 10<sup>th</sup>
- For the first time a completely synthetic fiber was produced called nylon by a Dupont chemist
- This was the year of the birth of "Swing" by Benny Goodman and the world was ready to boogie
- Persia is renamed Iran
- Amelia Earhart flies solo across the Pacific
- Elvis Presley was born January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1935
- On May 29<sup>th</sup>, 1935, the last concrete is poured at the Hoover Dam.
- On April 15<sup>th</sup>, 1935, the Social Security Act was passed in the House of Representatives. It was then passed by the US Senate on June 19<sup>th</sup> of 1935. It was signed by President Roosevelt on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 1935, becoming law
- The Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 created the Works Progress Administration, one of the most well-known programs to come out of FDR's New Deal. The WPA was a workrelief program that employed people to build airports, roads, bridges, public buildings and public parks

How much things cost in 1935	How much things cost in 2015	Multiplier
Average cost of new house; \$3,450	Average cost of new house; \$213,400	61.8
Average new car price; \$625	Average new car price; \$31,252	50.0
Average wages; /year \$1,600; /month \$133.33	Average wages: /year \$44,321; /month \$3,693	27.7
Average cost for house rent; \$22 per month	Average cost for house rent; \$1,200 per month	54.5
Cost of a gallon of gas; \$.10	Cost of a gallon of gas; \$2.45	24.5
A loaf of bread; \$.08	A loaf of bread; \$2.42	30.3
A pound of hamburger meat; \$.11	A pound of hamburger meat; \$3.86	35.1