



The CCHS Newsletter

Carroll County Historical Society

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Batter Up



As the area high school baseball season nears, memories of the Carrollton Minor team come to mind.

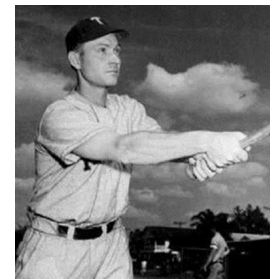
In 1914 the Carrollton team played at the ballpark on Depot Street off South Street. A successful first season quickly earns the team the nickname "Champs". The second season was not as good.

In 1920 Carrollton forms its first National Association sanctioned Baseball League. They played on the Athletic Field off West Ave. Behind the then Carrollton High School.

The 1929-1930 Team went most of the season with no name. A contest was finally held and the winner was "Carrollton Frogs". Resources and fans faded as the Great Depression changed the economy.

In 1946, local businessman, Harvey Copeland, Sr. revived the idea of having a Minor League Team. Players came from the Northeastern and Southern States.

There were a few players from the Carroll County Area and Atlanta. Donald Jackson Muse was born in Carrollton and lived on Clifton Terrace. After baseball he worked for Atlantic Steel becoming the Plant Manager. He is buried in Bowdon. Charles Emory Roberts was the only Carrollton native to play major league baseball. Playing for the Washington Senators he made hometown history. He knocked a pitch off a statue in the outfield, then sprinted home. Samuel Joe Yearty was born in Temple Georgia. He was the oldest player on the Carrollton Hornets team. When the team disbanded, Joe worked for Sewell Manufacturing in Bremen. He is buried among his family in the historic Asbury Cemetery in Temple.



Charles Roberts

The next CCHS Meeting will be March 22nd at the Neva Lomason Library at 6:00 PM



Richard MeHaffey

Richard, age 14 in 1947, was a batboy for the Carrollton Hornets. A 2003 Times-Georgia article, Richard states that he was paid \$2 a week and had 50-cent daily meal money for the away games. He remembers a restaurant in West Point that had the best hamburger steak. He would save his money to buy a Coke to go with it.

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Harvey was also a batboy for the team. He was born in 1937. A top athlete at Carrollton High School being elected in the inaugural class to the Trojan Hall of Fame in 1976.

He was the first Eagle Scout out of Troop 138 sponsored by Carrollton First United Methodist Church. After college he became the Head Football Coach at Bowdon High School.

Harvey Copeland, Jr.



Harvey Jr. would also serve as Coach at Douglas County High-school and Assistant Coach at Rossville High School.

Neil Oliver “Bing” Russell from Vermont, compiled a career battering average of .247 with 4 home runs and 2 RBI in his 89 game career for the Carrollton Hornets. He last took the field in 1949. His baseball career ended as the result of a head injury. He then pursued a career in acting. He was the deputy on Bonanza and would work on many other television shows. He is also the father of Kurt Russell.

The team traveled throughout the Southeastern States. There are countless newspaper articles highlighting the success of the players and team.



Trivia Questions

1.

Why did the baseball team not play home games on Sunday?

2.

What does “Pickle It” refer to?

3.

What romantic event happened to player George Cain?

Email your answers to:

Robert@rablakemore.com



History brought to life through puppetry

The Community Foundation of West Georgia and the cast of Grasshopper Tea and the Basement of Wonder along with the Carrollton Center for the Arts brought the history of West Georgia to life in an amazing show for CES 3rd and 4th graders this week. Students got a thrill learning about the history of our area and even saw some famous faces from the Trojan Nation!



Workday at
Curtis Marlow Perry
House



Much appreciation to Society Members, Robert Blakemore, Bill and Wanda Maddox and the Master Gardeners for a massive facelift to the Curtis Marlow Perry House. They started in the front and worked towards the Garden in the back. The City of Carrollton will soon begin painting the house.



- 8th Bowdon Historical Society
- 17th Villa Rica Historical Society
- 22nd Carroll County Historical Society Meeting
- 26th Carroll County Genealogical Society Workshop
"How to use the 1950 Census information"

Questions? ccgsa76@gmail.com

Planning Your Future?

If you are thinking about the legacy you want to leave, please consider the Carroll County Historical Society or one of its on-going projects as an option. Including the CCHS in your estate planning is an easy way to make a lasting impact for the preservation of local history and traditions you value. Visit Carroll County Historical Society's on-line gift planning to learn how to make CCHS a beneficiary of your will, trust, life insurance policy, or retirement plan. Any amount will be greatly appreciated and will enable the Society to preserve our heritage for future generations. Learn more details by emailing us at cchsorders@carrollcountyhistory.org—or by visiting www.carrollcountyhistory.org.



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Books for Sale at Carroll County

Historical Society

At Home in Carrollton 1827-1994
The Heritage of Carroll County 1826-2001
Sherman's Horsemen
Bridging Deep South Rivers

<https://www.carrollcountyhistory.org/store.html>

Books for Sale at Carroll County

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Carroll Cemetery of Carroll County Vol. 1 Western Section
Georgia's Last Frontier
Carroll County Souvenir Edition
The Carroll County Story

<http://ccgsa.org/ccgs-publications/>

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