



# The CCHS *Newsletter*

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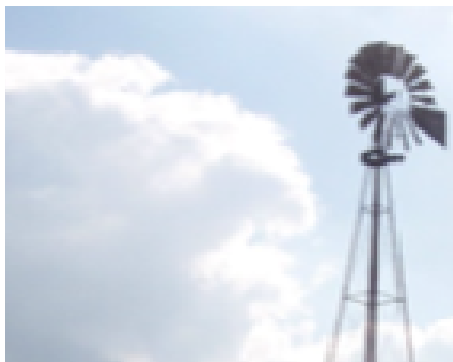
## ***Windmills and Flowers— A History of the Cottage Hill Greenhouses and Florist***

### ***Gwyn Chesnut and Carter Clay to Speak at October 20th Meeting***

Who better to tell the story of the Cottage Hill Greenhouses and Florist than Gwyn Brown Chesnut and Carter Clay, daughter and grandson of Herman and Pansy Brown, founder and owner of the business? Growing up in the family business that started in 1945 gave Gwyn a unique perspective of that era, the business, and its impact on Carroll County.

For many years it was the only greenhouse in west Georgia. House plants and seasonal outdoor plants were important products of the four greenhouses. The addition of the floral shop was a natural expansion of the business at a time when every holiday and special occasion involved roses, bouquets, corsages, and orchids. Many people like Mrs. Hazel Whitman were introduced to the floral trade by Mr. Brown and some of them around Carrollton are still involved.

They will present the story in both words and vintage photographs for the first time to the Society. Please join us this evening for an informative history of the present-day Crossroads Shopping Center area.



*Light Refreshments will be served.  
The public is cordially invited.*

*Tuesday 6:30 PM*

*Stallings Community Center  
Lions Parks Room*



## Remembering The Old Carroll Theater

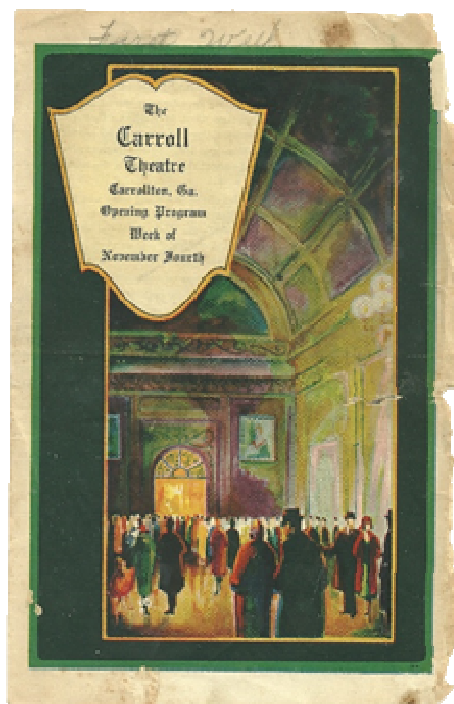
Several related items have been donated to the Carroll County Historical Society Archives in recent years on the old Carroll Theater, once located on Newnan St. in Carrollton where the Confederate Monument and new justice Center are now located.

1. A schedule of movies from 1927, the first week of the Carroll Theater opened for business – donated in a collection by Patricia Turner Morris.
2. A small blue pocket size movie schedule from 1933 – donated in a collection by Mildred Lovvorn
3. Three small window size movie posters from 1959 – donated by Robin D. Bales of Manassas, VA

Before the Carroll Theater opened for business, the Carrollton Square was home to The Vaudette, The Bonita, and The Strand. These motion picture theaters were more or less nickelodeon type establishments where you could watch a silent movie for a nickel. In 1927 the first “talkie” or talking picture, “The Jazz Singer” starring Al Jolson was shown in Carrollton at The Stand, located in the Arcade building next to the 4-story Peoples Bank building.

Just two years later The Carroll Amusement Company got its start with the opening of the Carroll Theater the first week of November 1929. The Carroll Amusement Company was co-owned by J. Ebb Duncan, Dr, Oscar Roberts, Jr. and A. Q. Dobbs. Ebb Duncan of Douglasville came to Carrollton to become the theater’s film buyer and later served as a long-time politician in the Georgia House and State Senate. The film booker was a Mr. Hewlett C. Jones. The Amusement Company eventually owned and operated a number of motion picture movie house and theaters throughout Georgia including the Carroll Theater on Newnan St. where the Justice Center is now, the Playhouse where B-rated movies and westerns were shown, and the Carroll Drive-In Theater on the Bremen Hwy. Ebb Duncan married “Nette” Talmadge Tyus, sister of GA Gov. Eugene Talmadge, after her first husband died, and they had three sons Robert “Bobby”, Richard and Ebb, Jr. who all worked at one time or another in one of their father’s Carrollton theaters.

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**FOREWORD**

The Carroll Theater greets you with a hearty welcome. It stands as a tribute to our confidence in this splendid community—an evidence of our faith in its expansion. We have done our utmost to make the Carroll worthy of your patronage. First, by building a theater of pleasing and comfortable proportions, then by equipping and appointing it in the most modern fashion—and lastly by assuring ourselves of bringing here for your entertainment the best pictures the market affords.

You will see the foremost stars of the screen and many who have left the speaking stage for talking pictures. You will hear their voices over the finest sound equipment—the Western Electric system. And we believe that you will find in the programs we shall offer a source of lasting delight.

**MONDAY-TUESDAY, NOV. 4**

*Sweetie that's sweet*

**Nancy Carroll**  
in  
**"SWEETIE"**  
with Jack Oakie

Glorious! Paramount's latest wonder picture. See Nancy in this glittering screen, love drama.

—ALL-TALKING—

ALSO SOUND NEWS

**WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, NOV. 6-7**

—ALL TALKING—

**CLARA BOW**  
THE SATURDAY NIGHT KID  
A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

THE "IT" GIRL UNLOADS A CARLOAD OF "KICKS!" DON'T FAIL TO SEE CLARA MAKE WHOOOPER IN HER LATEST PICTURE

ALSO SOUND NEWS—TALKING COMEDY

*Little Boy with*

**FRIDAY, NOV. 8**

—ALL TALKING—

**THE SOPHOMORE**  
with EDDIE QUILLAN, SALLY OWELL & JEANNETTE LOFF  
A PATHÉ PICTURE

All list the most American college talking picture—a townshend in screen entertainment—a dialogue film of supreme merit.

ALSO SOUND NEWS—TALKING ACTS

### First Week Grand Opening from Nov. 4 – 9, 1929 Inside View of Movie Schedule

*(from Patricia Turner Morris Collection)*

## WINDMILLS AND FLOWERS

Have you ever wondered about the windmill that stands behind the Crossroads Shopping Center or the history of what was there before that shopping center was built? In 1975, the Georgia DOT took the old farm and greenhouses to build the Carrollton by-pass and in 1976 Carroll County celebrated its sesquicentennial and the national bicentennial. Gwyn Brown Chesnut and Carter Clay will present a program about the Cottage Hill Greenhouses and Florist - their family's former business - at the **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** Carroll County Historical Society meeting. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Stallings Building (former Carrollton High School). Come to this meeting and go back into the history of this area of our town for some interesting history. Visitors are welcome.



### Time to Renew Membership

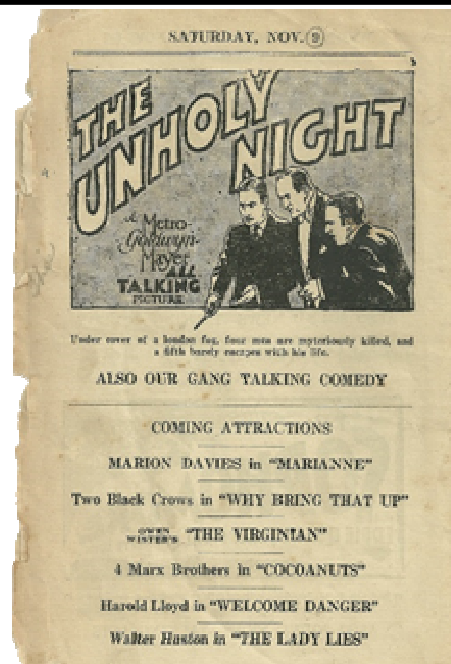
If you haven't paid your membership fee for 2015, please see the enclosed Application Form or visit the CCHS Web-site at <http://www.carrollcountyhistory.org>

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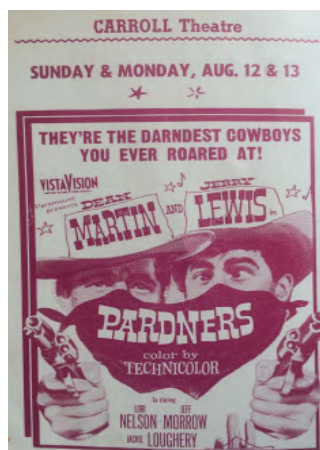
Archives under *Extras - Our Newsletters* beginning with November 2010.



In the 1950's western movies were the biggest attraction. John Wayne in The Searchers was one of the best ever.



Carroll Theater Movie Programs

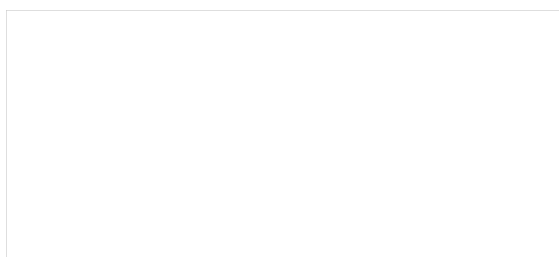


If you have stories about the old days or communities in Carroll County, please write them up and send to CCHS. Sharing them now will assure their preservation for future generations. If you need help, just let us know.

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