



The CCHS Newsletter

Carroll County Historical Society

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October Meeting to Hear Moore's Bridge and House Families

At the general meeting in September Gwyn Chesnut launched a new program called **REMEMBERING**. It was a very popular topic; we all have memories to share. Our October program at the Depot will be about such memories. This program will be about the People who lived in the James D. Moore home. Mrs. Betty Joyce (Watkins) Belcher was born in the house in 1933. Betty's family lived there from 1930 to 1940/early 1941. The family has a lot of pictures of the house, family, property, and surrounding buildings. Betty and her family will be at the Depot to talk about life and memories of Whitesburg and the James D. Moore house and bridge. We also will have William Lee Watkins, 98 years old, who will be at the meeting to share his memories of the bridge and house at the James D. Moore Park. William's story of the bridge and house is of courtship and the love story of a girl named Emily.

These family memories of Moore's Bridge will bring to life some of the history from the 1930's era. This program will be the first of a living history of the park. Doug Mabry is involved in the history of the Moore property, bridge, and house. With the information from Doug and people of the area, we will be able to put together a time line from 1800 to the present day. We have been talking to several other people who remember houses, share cropper's homes, old homestead places including barns, corn cribs, smoke houses, and other out buildings. We have reason to believe that in its history there were small farms and businesses such as making sorghum syrup, whiskey, and ferry systems across the river. We have a great many stories and events that are part of the James D. Moore Park.

Any body who has memories, pictures, or people who lived there or in the immediate area please come to the October meeting. All are welcomed. This is a very exciting time for all of us at the Carroll County Historical Society.

Tuesday, October 18th, at 6:30 PM
The Carrollton Depot
The public is cordially invited.

Visit the CCHS Web-site at <http://www.carrollcountyhistory.org>

Can You Help Identify Anyone in These Old Carroll County Photographs?

If you know any of the people in either photograph, please let us know. The Historical Society has hundreds of old Carroll County pictures with interesting, but unidentified people. You or someone you know may be shown.



The Students in the Whitesburg School



WPA Road Work Crew in Carroll County in the 1930's

Call for Anyone Who Has Lived In or Near the James D. Moore House or Moore's Bridge Area

If you have lived in or near the James D. Moore House or the Moore's Bridge area, **please call Scott Eldred at 770-295-9789** and let us know your connections to the area and provide us with any stories, photos, or other information you may have. We are researching the area as part of our Moore's Bridge and House and would like to have your input.

We have received a number of photographs from former residents and family members.

Word of Appreciation for Donna Eldred

For several years Donna Eldred has provided delicious refreshments for the general meetings of the Historical Society. Her tasty cakes, cookies, fruit, and other treats have made our meetings special.

Her work to provide food for the Summer Picnic was outstanding; the 300 cookies she made added the finishing touch to the dinner! Thanks Donna for all that work.

Donna's recipe for Shrimp Etouffee is not adaptable for the general meetings but she shares it here for other cooks in the Society. Let her know if you try it.

Shrimp Etouffee

1 cup butter
1 cup finely chopped white onion
1/2 cup finely chopped celery
1 cup finely chopped green onion
1 teaspoon minced garlic
2 tablespoon flour
1 cup whole tomatoes (preferably fresh)
2 cups fish stock
2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
2 cups chopped shrimp
Dash of cayenne
1 cup rice, cooked

Melt butter in a large saucepan.

Add the onion, celery and green onion and saute until tender.

Add the garlic and continue cooking for 1 minute.

Gradually add the flour and stir constantly until golden brown.

Add the tomatoes and blend in the stock.

Simmer the mixture for 10 minutes.

Add the salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, shrimp, and cayenne.

Cook slowly 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Serve over hot fluffy rice.

Serves 4

(Crawfish may be used instead of the shrimp.)

Request for Family Stories

CCHS wants your Carroll County Family stories for the Newsletters and for the Museum files. If you have collected genealogy information or have family stories that have been handed down, please contact the Society and let us help you document them.

Every member has information to share that would be of interest to other members. If you don't act soon to save those stories, they may be lost forever.

Please act now to preserve your part of Carroll County history!

Message from Our President

Greetings to All—

Last Friday I had the pleasure of speaking to the Carrollton Kiwanis Club concerning our society and our present activities. I gave them an overview of our goals and projects in general, with particular attention to our present on-going effort with the Moore's Bridge property.

In response to their many questions, I explained all we have done to this point and our plans for the future. The question and answer session lasted for approximately 30 minutes and was definitely time well spent. It was a great chance to generate additional interest in our project— interest that I hope will morph into momentum. Our Vice President Scott Eldred and I stand ready to speak to any organization or group concerning our society's achievements and goals.

Best Wishes-

Jack

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