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We had a great meeting in July as Gerald Johnson shared stories and events in Carroll County during the 1970's and the 1980's.

He posed the question "Where was the most popular place to eat during the 1970's ? After several incorrect answers from the audience, he stated "Home". Home was the most popular place as "fast food" was new to Carroll County.

In 1977, there were only 35 restaurants in Carrollton. The seven "fast food" chains included: Burger Chef, Hardee's, Jack's, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Long John Silvers, McDonald's, and Sonic Drive In. Carlos Mexican-American Foods was the only Mexican restaurant. There were three pizza restaurants and two National chain steak houses, Bonanza Sirloin Pit and Western Sizzlin.

Of the 35 restaurants, fourteen were National chains and the others were local families.

Huddle House was the first 24 hour restaurant. Located on South Park Street. Waffle House would become their neighbor in 1995. In 1987, ten years later, the number of restaurants grew to 55.

What's For Supper



Carrollton now has three Mexican, eight pizza, twelve "fast food", and three National chain steak house restaurants.

Twenty-four National chain restaurants have found their way to Carrollton. McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Domino's Pizza, and Wendy's restaurant each opened two locations.

New to Carrollton is Arby's, Burger King, Captain D's, Del Taco, Krystal, Pizza Inn, Lee's Famous Chicken, Shoney's and Western Steer.

Twenty-two restaurants that were open in 1977 closed moving toward 1987. This list includes some local favorites; Audrey's Café, Burger Chef, Tasty Grill, and Long John Silvers. Young's Drive In became Pollards and Terry's Kountry Kitchen became Jerry's Country Kitchen in the same location respectfully.

Three Chinese restaurants were part of the scene in 1987. Chinese Pagoda on Columbia Drive, Eggroll Connection on South Park Street and Golden River on Maple Street.

Appearing in the City Directory for 1977 and 1987 were: Ann's Pizza on Maple Street, Big Chic on South Park Street, Bonanza Sirloin Pit on South Park Street, Carroll House Restaurant on Alabama Street, Green Front on Bradley Street, Hardee's on Maple Street, Huddle House on South Park Street, Maple Street Mansion on Maple Street, McDonald's on Maple Street, Pizza Hut on South Park Street, Polar Club on Bremen Hwy., and Western Sizzlin' on Bankhead Hwy.

Danyel's Restaurant, and Spyro Gyro Sandwich Shop both became local favorites.

Eating out back in the 1970's and into the 1980's was a thought process and mostly for special occasions. Families with three or four children and two adults would ring up a sizable tab.

Today, little consideration is given to eating out or eating at home. With the drive through window and restaurants accepting cards, it is a quick and easy exchange. Can you imagine explaining GrubHub and Uber Eats to our Grandparents in 1980?

Still, the great debate and time consuming conversation continues,

“Where do you want to Eat?”

Nothing is constant but Change

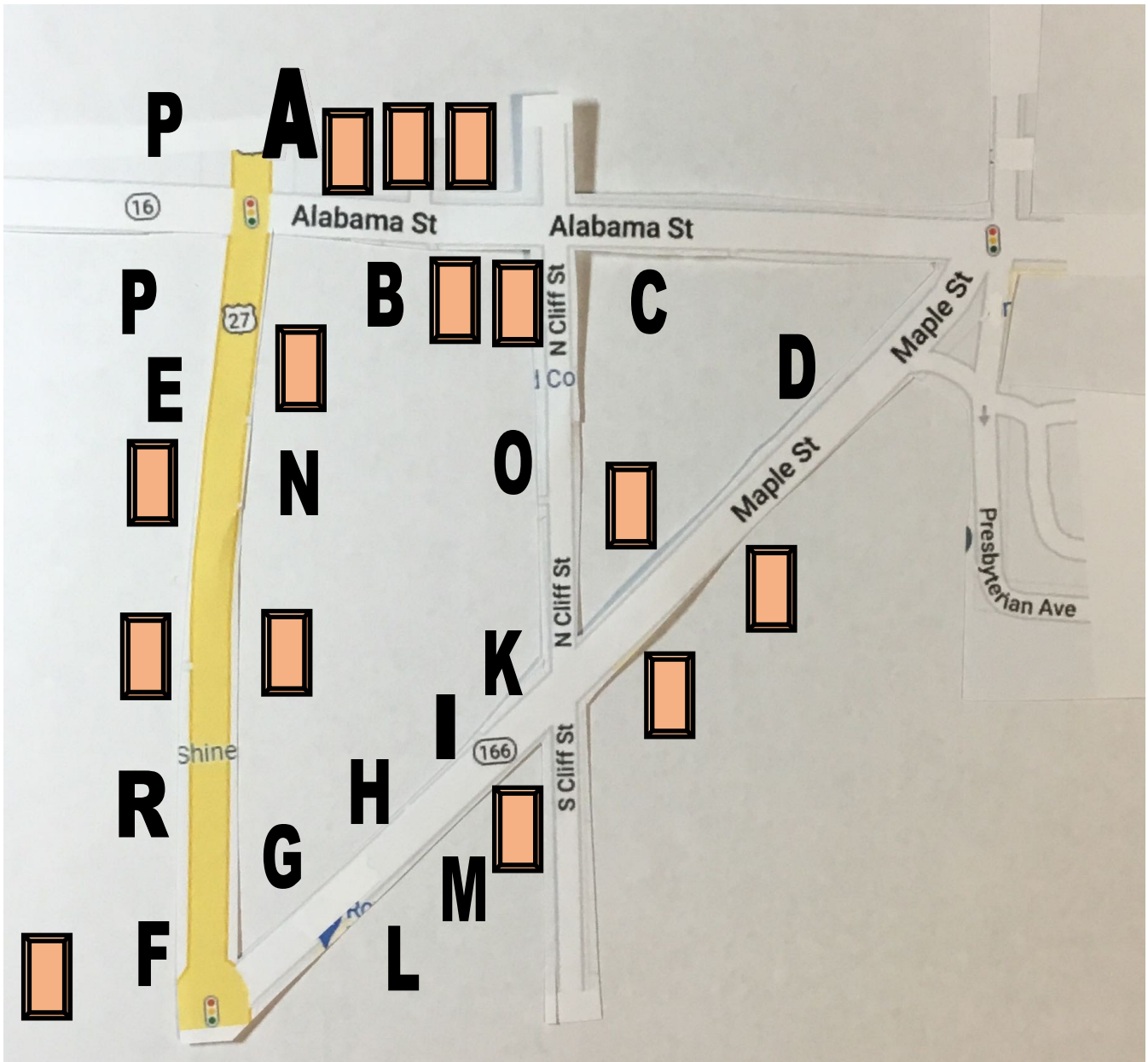
America was going through a change where the agricultural South was moving to the city. 1930, Carroll County was just over 100 years old. The Adamson Square was the commerce center of Carrollton. Merchants wanted to be as close as possible and residents were right behind. One city block West of the Square, South Cliff Street to Maple Street to South Park Street then to Alabama Street. There were 22 homes adjacent to this “square” near town. Oddly, there were two service stations just across the street from homes. Snead Johnson grew up on the South side of Maple Street. During the early 1930's, he remembers the gas station above their house was leaking gasoline underground and entered the well behind their family home. They would draw enough gas out of the well to sell, paying for their school books one year. City water was connected to the house and the well was not in use.

In 1945, three houses would come down to make room to erect the building at 208 Alabama Street. Eight houses in 1985 would be taken down to make room for West Georgia National Bank. Only one house from the original 22 remains today. It belongs to the Carrollton Presbyterian Church and is not used as a home.

In 1947, Snead Johnson and his wife Marie purchased a house on South Park Street using the G.I. loan for \$3,500. It had a garage apartment behind the house which he used as his shop.

The map on page 3 lists the homes and businesses in the immediate area. Keep in mind, Hwy 27 was only a two-lane road in 1930.

Note: information for this article was taken from an article that appeared in the Times-Georgian in 1997.



A—Kaylor Lumber Yard

B—Homer Phillips House

C—Wayne Jackson Service Station

D— Carrollton Hotel

E— Fletcher Kaylor House

F— Jeff Kaylor House

G— Aubrey Johnson’s Service Station

H— Frank Morris Store

I— Frank Morris House

K— Folds House

L—Bakery in house

M—Snead Johnson’s parents home

N— Big Buck Buchanan House

O— Mrs. Gaines Beauty Shop

P— City Cemetery

 House

R— Snead & Marie Johnson House

How do you remember it?

Carroll County Historical Society

Meeting September 20th 6:00 P.M.

Walking Tour of Carrollton High School Historic Archives

Ms. Rita Gentry will provide a walking tour of the Archives of the Carrollton City School System.

The Tour will begin promptly at 6:00pm. We will enter at the Main Entrance.

Please be on time as the door will be locked once the Tour begins.

Curtis-Marlow-Perry House Archive

Progress Report

1. Books in the Collection	285
2. Artifacts Identified	208
3. Documents Identified	1,497
4. Pictures	2,201
5. Family Folders	438
6. Maps	14
7. Historical Resources	72

We are ready for Volunteers to assist in scanning documents and pictures. Photographing and cataloging artifacts. Identifying photographs.

We can meet on a Tuesday mornings and possibly a Saturday morning monthly.

Please email cchsorders@carrollcountyhistory.org



Miss. Mildred Jane Smith

Miss. Smith was born April 4, 1899 to Lewis Kerry Smith and Leonora Byrom Smith. Mildred Jane died October 20, 1917 at the age of 19. Her two sisters would also have a short life. Margaret at 14 and Dorothy at almost 2.



No Bowdon Historical Society meeting in August

18th Villa Rica Historical Society

31st Last day of August

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