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Carlin Historical Society Newsletter - Carlin, Nevada



ABOVE: One of Carlin's "town" teams. The Carlin 9 traveled far and wide to take the field against any who were willing!

America's Pastime: The Carlin 9

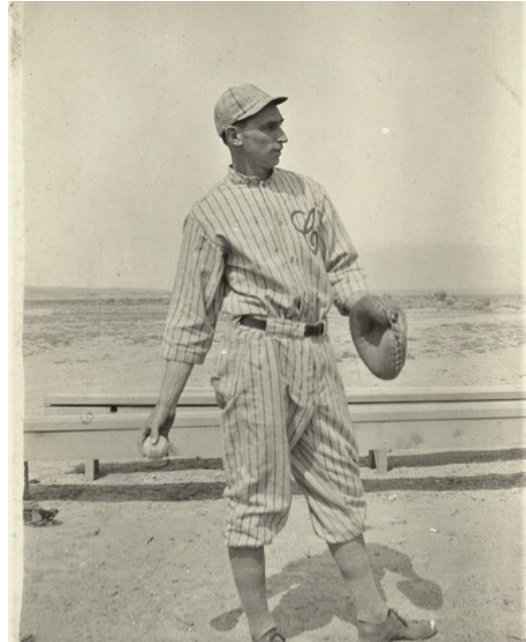
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The men of Carlin, especially railroad employees, enjoyed taking the field against similar teams from Eureka, Elko, and others. The "Carlin Nine" as they were often called, played and practiced on a baseball diamond between Oak Street and the Western Pacific tracks on the south side of Carlin. The earliest mention of a game was in 1888 (played against Battle Mountain) and one of the last was in 1947.

During WWI, the Carlin team played a makeshift team of soldiers stationed at Palisade. Carlin won with a score of 32 to 7. Even mines would form a team and enter the fray. The season would usually go from May to September, with special games often played on the Fourth of July. Sometimes teams would come to Carlin and other times Carlin would hit the road.

In 1925, the teams of Northern Nevada formed a baseball league. The Humboldt League included teams from Carlin, Winnemucca, Wells, Lovelock, Battle Mountain, and Elko. In the first season, there were 30 games and the players paid for all their own expenses for travel, etc. The league was still playing in 1947 but in 1955 had to be "revived". In 1956, the newspapers reveal that the funds of the Humboldt League had been given to the communities to finance little league teams. So ended a long-lasting, small-town tradition.

An original uniform worn by the Carlin 9 is currently on display at the Carlin Open Door Senior Center at 320 Chestnut Street. In the picture below, a game is being watched by quite a large crowd!



News and Gossip

**Monthly Meeting - 3rd Tuesday
of each month at the Carlin
Museum at 5:30 p.m.**

**We recently received a very generous
donation which will allow us to continue
with the renovation of the inside of
the Carlin Museum! The work will
mostly be in the large exhibit room!
Stay Tuned for Updates!**

**We will be hosting a series of evening
historical "talks" about Carlin at the
Museum this winter and spring! Look
for an email with dates!**

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