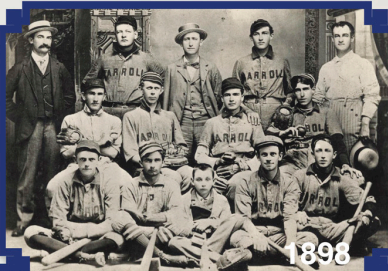
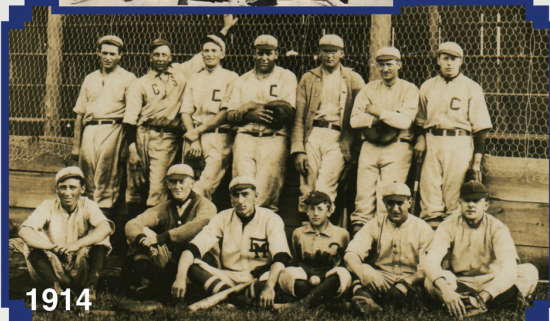


# SEMI-PRO BASEBALL IN CARROLL



1898



1914



1917



1939



1941

1875 - early 1900s - baseball played at County Fairgrounds, Maple Park, Fireman's Field, and Minchen Park; 1932 - new diamond built at **Minchen's/ Fireman's Field** (grandstand, scoreboard, backstop); games also played at Graham (City Park) Athletic Field and American Legion grounds east of the swimming pool

1932 - 1934 - **Carroll Firemen**; 1933 - 1934 - junior (amateur) team were **Carroll Tigers**

1935 - renamed the **Carroll Merchants**; sponsored by local businesses

1936 - 1937 - no semipro team in Carroll due to lack of players

1938 - 1941 - **Carroll Merchants** revived; sponsored by local businesses

1941 - 1942 - renamed the **Carroll Ramblers** (also name of a teenage boys' baseball team and a girls' 4-H club)

1941 - joined Northwest Iowa Semi-pro League

1943 - 1944 - no semipro team in Carroll due to World War II

1945 - 1946 - **Carroll Warriors**; 1945 - part of the Carroll County League; no home ballfield so all games were played on the road

1947 - renamed **Carroll Indians**; junior squad was the **Carroll Warriors**

1947 - new athletic field with a baseball diamond and a football gridiron was planned by the City of Carroll and the school district on 15 acres of land south of the American Legion swimming pool

1948 - no semipro team; ballpark was not fully developed

1949 - **Carroll Merchants** team revived; grandstand and dugouts built in **Merchants Stadium**; college players from around the country were given jobs and stayed in homes during the summer

1949 - 1955 - **Carroll Merchants** in Iowa State League

August 9, 1955 - **Carroll Merchants** played an all-star team of former players from the **All American Girls' Professional Baseball League** (Merchants won, 9-1)

1956 - 1959 - **Carroll Merchants** in Central States League

1960 - **Carroll Merchants** sponsored men's fast pitch softball team

2005 - 2009 - **Carroll Classics** semi-pro team organized with small college players and former high school players

2011 - **Carroll** (formerly Des Moines) **Vikings**

2015 - 2016 - **Carroll Merchants** revived as a member of the Corn Belt Summer Collegiate Baseball League

2017 - **Carroll Merchants** member of the Pioneer Summer Collegiate Baseball League



1947 Goetz Distributing Team



1947 Schlitz Falstaff Team



1950



1954

