

The Playing Fields of Athens

The History of Athletics in Athens, Georgia

Sunday, October 20, 2002

**3:00 p.m., Athens-Clarke County
Library Auditorium**

One of Athens' best-known sports figures, the former UGA tennis coach and native Athenian, Dan Magill, will treat us to the history of athletics in Athens. Maybe we'll hear about Dr. Herty (yes, the same man who figured out how to make paper from pine trees) and football at UGA; "Mr. W.T." Forbes, Kelley and the YMCA; and the many sports heroes that were (and are) proud to say they're Georgia Bulldogs.

Coach Magill retired as tennis coach after the 1988 season, but continued to serve the Athletic Association as the Director of men's and women's tennis as well as assistant athletic director for public relations and the Georgia Bulldog Club, a booster organization he founded in 1953.

The Athens Historian should be mailed to AHS members around the end of the month. Editor Henry Ramsey notes that it will include the papers from two programs given to the Society earlier this year: Steven Bush's history of the Jewish community of Athens from the January meeting, and Dr. Lester Stevens' talk on Joseph and John LeConte, which was presented in March. Other articles in this issue cover the North East Georgia Railroad, a WPA interview of Atlanta Life Insurance representative John H. Roberson, the Sams family of Athens and local artist Lucy Stanton.

The next AHS meeting will be January 19, 2003, at the Athens-Clarke County Library Auditorium. Our speaker will be Rayburn S. Moore on the Athens connections of noted Charleston, SC, poet Paul Hamilton Hayne (1830-1886).

The 2003 Nominating Committee will be preparing our slate of officers for next year. The slate will be published in the December newsletter and voted on at the January meeting. Please say "yes" when they ask you be involved.

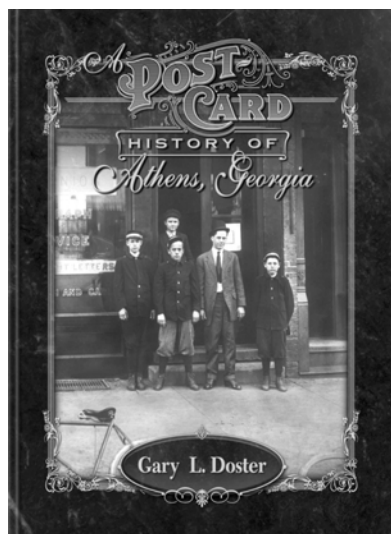
Details for the AHS Christmas Party will be announced soon!

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