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GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING!

Third Quarterly Meeting of Historical Society Monday, July 18; 8:00 P.M.

After every meeting you wonder how Eleanor Rawlings is going to come up with another program as good as this one--but she has done it again!



JACK PORTER ATKINSON is a native of Georgia and a graduate of Emory University and Emory's Candler School of Theology. Having served as a Peace Corps volunteer and later in public relations with the Peace Corps Southern Regional Office, he brought unusual sensitivity and live experiences to his role as an instructor in the Social Sciences at Oxford College of Emory University, where he has also served as registrar since 1975.

His enduring avocation has been historic preservation; and he has served in a number of key positions to promote that interest. He is a past president of both the Oxford Historical Shrine Society and The Newton County Historical Society; Chairman of the Georgia National Register Review Board; current Board member and "Rambles" chairman of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation; and member of the National Committee of the National Register Review Board. Mr. Atkinson is the recipient of the first annual Preservation Award by the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation in 1978.

Deepstep Exhibit - This community is known for doing a good job of everything they undertake. The effort of Carol Ramsey and her group was true to form and their exhibit attracted more visitors than any exhibit we have ever had. Also as a result, many valuable artifacts were added to the society's permanent collection. More on these later.

Stan Strickland Show and Reception - Under the capable direction of Barbara Jordan was a great success. This was an important event in the cultural life of Washington County and is another example of what we can accomplish if we are willing to put forth the effort. Thanks again to all those who helped!

Another note on Family Reunions - The President received a call from a group in town for a family reunion asking if they could visit the museum. Of course he went down and opened up for them. One person from out of state was so impressed with the Genealogy Room, that he extended his stay an extra three days to work there. Another example of what Elizabeth Newsome has not only meant to our lives but to countless others unknown.

REMEMBER THE MEETING! MONDAY, JULY 18, 8:00 P.M. AT THE WASHINGTON EMC BUILDING.

Osgood Bateman, President