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From Vineyards to Private Mansions: Tennis on Stage in Early Republican Ankara

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Between the late 1920s and the 1940s, tennis courts emerged across a wide array of settings in Ankara, ranging from vineyard estates and private mansions to embassy compounds, educational institutions, and sports clubs. This talk traces the origins of Ankara's earliest tennis venues and clubs established during the first decades of the Republic, many of which have not survived to the present day. Drawing upon such sources as club archives, oral histories, historical postcards, brochures, and personal accounts, it offers a spatial and social panorama of the city's pioneering tennis landscape and its community.

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