

# **BROOKNOTES**

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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# Mrs. Orr Turns 100

On her 100th birthday, Brookwood resident Helen Brown Orr plans to celebrate quietly with family and friends. "But there will be a cake," she said, her eyes shining, "a Rhodes bakery cake." That's one of the few institutions that hasn't changed in the 37 years that Mrs. Orr has lived in the neighborhood.

Dressed in a smart navy and white dress, the spirited Mrs. Orr expressed amazement that she had reached her centennial birthday. "I can't believe anyone would live to be this old," she said. Daughter Barbara Parham, who lives at 70 Brighton, said the reason for her mother's longevity is obvious: she's always been very interested in everything going on.

Interested and independent. Since she was widowed for the second time in the 1950's, Mrs. Orr has maintained her own home. She keeps up with her friends Elsie Marx, Lorraine Clark, and her neighbors Tom and Virginia Preacher and Joe Myers and Jennine Hough. She also enjoys daily visits from her daughter Barbara. "She's my friend," Mrs. Orr says of her daughter. "And her husband Howell is my other friend." Since she gave up driving ten years ago at age 90, the Parhams have become her chauffeurs, taking her to the country club for dinner or to Druid Hills Methodist Church, where

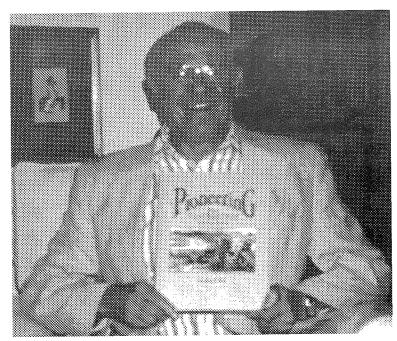


she used to sing in the choir. "She's always had a gorgeous voice," said Barbara, "and trained at the Bush Conservatory in Chicago."

Mrs. Orr still needlepoints whenever someone gives her something to work on, and cares for her African violets that she has grown from a single leaf. "They're old," she says of the lush plants blooming in her den, "Not as old as I am, but pretty old."

In recognition of her birthday, daughter Betty Thomson has flown in from Kansas City. Celebrating with her two daughters will be her five grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren. Hilary and Bill Clinton have sent her a special birthday card, but Willard hasn't called yet.

Mrs. Orr posed with Alison Caughman, Brookwood Hills Community Club President, to receive a certificate naming her an Honorary Member of the Community Club. She was delighted to hear that she now had privileges to use the swimming pool and tennis courts. As youthful and energetic as she is, we we wouldn't be surprised to see her taking up a tennis racket 'soon.



Jack Watt Pioneers New Book

by Elizabeth St. John

John R. (Jack) Watt comes from a family of pioneers. As he describes in his new book, <u>Pioneering</u>, <u>From Covered Wagons Onward</u>, his ancestors were among the first to settle Seattle, Washington Their journey cross-country was a difficult one, walking beside their Conestoga wagons packed with household possessions and supplies. Jack's grandmother was a six-year old when she made the trek on foot with her father, pregnant mother and four-year-old sister.

That pioneering spirit lived on in her descendants. Drawing on their independence and energy, several family members successfully ventured into other new territories, including inventing, foreign diplomacy, radio broadcasting and high finance. Explains Jack: "Pioneers tend to create more pioneers."

Enlivened by Jack's everpresent sense of humor and peppered with 126 illustrations, the book paints a charming and very personal picture of life in the earlier part of this century.

Jack's previously published books have been on technical subjects. He and his wife Lillian, who contributed many painstaking hours to proofing his manuscript, live at 300 Camden Road. Their daughter, Madeleine Watt, teaches art at the Howard School in Roswell and designed the book jacket.

Call Jack at 351-3588 to reserve your autographed copy (\$24.95).

#### **New Directory**

DON'T BE LEFT OUT. An updated Membership Directory of Brookwood Hills Community Club will be printed next month. Only those member who have paid their 1995 dues by May 15 will be included. For changes to your entry, call Nancy Bramlett (351-3609). Look for your name on the enclosed list of those who have paid.

# Of Missing Signs and Missing Neighbors

Not only are we still missing some neighbors from the annual membership drive, but now we are missing one of our "Annual Fees Due" signs. Parents, please check your garage and under your teenager's bed. We promise to look the other way if the sign mysteriously resurfaces.

### **Bulletin Board**

- Swim Team Registration is going on now. For a registration form for children 5-18, call Susan Nowack (355-8304).
- Register for swimming lessons. A full range of levels is being offered: parent-tot, pre-school, older children, and all levels of adult classes. We are making plans for two sessions: June 12th-July 13th (skipping the week of July 4th), and July 17th-August 10th. Each class will be thirty minutes long and will meet either Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday. Classes are offered at the following times: 10:45, 11:15, 11:45 and 12:15. The cost per eight lesson session is \$50. A minimum enrollment is required. Call Kelly Holt, 923-6959.
- ◆ Water aerobics, a great way to beat the heat and stay in shape. Call if you are interested in forming a lunch-time work-out. Kelly Holt, 923-6959.
- ◆ Learn synchronized swimming this summer! Classes will be available for children ages 8 and up. Each session will meet Wednesday and Friday, 12:00-1:00 p.m. for two weeks. The cost per session will be \$49 and will include a free noseclip. Session 1 will run June 21-30, Session 2 will run July 12-21. At least eight students will be necessary in order to offer this class. Call Anita Bryant at 607-7082 for more information.
- ◆ Councilman Lee Morris invites you to the Town Hall Forum on Land Use Issues in the 7th District on Tues., May 16, 1995 at 7:00p.m., in the Fellowship Hall at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, 3180 Peachtree Road.
- ♦ Volunteer to be a Street Captain to welcome new neighbors. Call Nancy Bramlett (351-3609) or Elaine Moynihan (351-5479).

### **CALENDAR**

# ♦ April 29 Brookwood Girls Camp-Out

The Brookwood Girls are planning a camp-out in Brookwood Hills Park the night of Saturday, April 29th. The girls and their dads, grandfathers or special friends should plan to gather at 5:00-5:30 p.m. at the park entrance. Activities will include "campfire," ghost stories (not too scary), and a night hike. Please confirm to Larry Pless at 892-6024. Anyone who has not attended a BWG function must call Larry to be included on future mailings.

#### ♦ April 30 New Neighbor Party

All new (within the last two years) residents of Brookwood Hills are invited by the officers and directors of the BWH Community Club to an informal gathering at the home of "old timers" Barbara and Chuck Slick, 22 Woodcrest Avenue, on Sunday, April 30, 3:00-5:00 p.m. The purpose of the party is to welcome our many newcomers and provide an opportunity for all to get acquainted. If you are interested in attending, please call Nancy Bramlett (351-3609) or Elaine Moynihan (351-5479).

#### May 8 Board of Directors Meeting.

The next meeting of the Brookwood Hills Community Club Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, May 8, at 7:15 at the home of Nancy and Bill Kennedy at 35 Northwood. If you would like to attend, please call Nancy at 874-0746. All Community Club members are welcome.

### May 18 Kindergarten Kaleidoscope at E. Rivers

There will be a party for all incoming kindergarten children and their parents at E. Rivers School on Thursday, May 18th at 3:15 p.m. For a personal invitation, please contact Marilyn Rosenberg at 351-2904.

#### ♦ May 21 Party With A Purpose

The invitations have been delivered for the annual neighborhood "Party With A Purpose" to benefit the American Cancer Society. This year's party will be held on Sunday, May 21st, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Caroline and Harry Gilham, 106 Camden Road. A new neighborhood favorite, Sfuzzi, located at 2200 Peachtree Road, will

be providing a light Tuscany flavored buffet for the evening. Even if you have a schedule conflict, donations are welcome. If you have any questions about the party, please call Laurie Bray at 352-2116 or Laura Inman at 352-5072.

### May 21 Brookwood Girls Planning Meeting

The annual planning meeting for Brookwood Girls for the 1995-96 school year will be held at the home of Larry Pless, 25 Palisades, on Sunday, May 21st, at 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

# ♦ June 3 Brookwood Boys Camp-Out at Lake Lanier

The grand finale scheduled for the Brookwood Boys will be a camp-out at Lake Lanier Islands on Saturday, June 3. The current plan is to meet at Brookwood Hills Park at 2:00 p.m. and drive together to Lake Lanier. Please call Dan Sullivan, 102 Wakefield Drive, 352-8856, by April 21 to confirm your family's interest in braving the wilds of Gwinnett County. Snipes may not be in season yet, so ideas for other activities would be welcome.

### **BROOKWOOD BUZZ**

**Deirdre Stiles and Marc Delesalle** have moved to 23 Northwood from Houston, Texas. Marc is originally from Lille, France and is a partner with Anderson Consulting. Before daughter Katie Ann. 2 1/2, entered the picture, Deirdre was also employed by Anderson Consulting. Deirdre and Marc are awaiting the imminent arrival of a new baby boy ("It will be the shock of the century if its not a boy," says Deirdre). Marc enjoys golf, but his real passion is bird-watching. Deirdre hopes before long to return to work on her doctorate in French.

Teri and Billy Hartman have

set up camp in the basement apartment of their new home at 272 Brighton while renovation takes place overhead. Teri is an Assistant VP at Robinson-Humphrey, and enjoys running and water sports. She grew up near Syracuse, New York, but husband Billy grew up in Virginia Highlands. They moved here from a condo in midtown. Says Billy, "This is as far north as we're going to get." Billy is employed by Umbro, and yes, he does get a significant discount on those shorts. He is also, appropriately, a soccer fanatic and plays in an amateur league.

Jeff Moynihan, son of Jim and Elaine Moynihan, graduated last June from Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala. in Biology/Chemistry. He has recently accepted a position with Waste Management in Gulfport, Miss. as Division Compliance Coordinator. Jeff was a 1989 graduate of Pace Academy.

GRADUATES! Next issue is your issue. Let us know your post-graduation plans.

The deadline for the next issue of <u>Brooknotes</u> is Friday, May 12. Submissions must be in writing and shoud be dropped off at Betsy Crosby's house, 34 Brighton Road.

# Historical Perspective - The Civil War

## The Battle Began in Brookwood Hills

### by Gene Murphy

The Civil War Battle of Peachtree Creek started in Brookwood Hills. On the afternoon of July 20, 1864, the Union Army of the Cumberland was situated just north of Collier Road along a line which was approximately two miles in length and ran from Howell Mill Road on the west, into Brookwood Hills on the east. The easternmost portion of this line was occupied by an army Division of approximately 3,200 soldiers under the command of Union General John Newton.

General Newton's Division was divided into three Brigades. At 3:00 p.m. on July 20, the First Brigade was positioned in a line along the high ground north of Collier Road, running west from Peachtree Road. At the spot now occupied by the Sheffield Building, General Newton's Second Brigade, commanded by Colonel John W. Blake, connected with the First Brigade. Col. Blake's soldiers were positioned shoulder to shoulder in a single line running from the Sheffield Building, across Peachtree, and along the northern side of Brighton Road to about as far as Brighton's intersection with Wakefield Drive. Immediately upon taking up this position, the soldiers began erecting a log and rail barricade.

Beyond the end of this line, two of Blake's regiments (consisting of between 400 to 600 soldiers) were positioned as "pickets" to occupy the area between the Brighton/Wakefield intersection and the cul de sac at the end of New Camden.

The soldiers in Newton's Third Brigade, commanded by General Luther Bradley, were not deployed in a line of battle, but, rather, were kept in reserve along either side of Peachtree Road, from Brighton Road north to site where Blockbuster Music is now located.

At 3:30 p.m., a Confederate Division commanded by General William B. Bate began the Battle of Peachtree Creek by attacking Newton's Union Division. From the Confederate camp, which was located in the Piedmont-Ansley Park area, the troops in General Bate's Division had marched just north of the "White Columns" television studio on the present road bed of I-85, and had formed into their battle line. The Confederate battle line consisted of two rows of soldiers standing shoulder to shoulder, one row directly in front of the other, extending from Peachtree Road on the left to Pea Vine Creek (now Clear Creek) on the right.

As the Confederate battle line proceeded through the Brookwood Hills area, its right side became mixed up in what the Confederate commander reported as "an almost impenetrable thicket." The confusion created by the difficult terrain caused the Confederate attack to become very uncoordinated, with the result that the left side of Bate's Division attacked Col. Blake's Union Brigade along Brighton Road, while the right side travelled down and along Huntington Road and went past the Union line and into the lower Camden area where the two regiments of Union pickets were located.

The Union troops posted behind the newly constructed barricades along Brighton Road had little difficulty driving back the Confederate soldiers, who were charging up the hill through Wakefield Drive and Camden Road. A half hour later, Confederate General Bate attacked the lower Camden area occupied only by the two Union picket regiments, causing the Union soldiers to retreat, some running east across Clear Creek and some running west to Peachtree Road. The Confederates pursued the retreating pickets toward Peachtree Road through the area behind Brighton Road now occupied by the Brookwood Valley Apartments. As Bate's men emerged from Brookwood Hills and approached Peachtree Road just north of Blockbuster Music, they were met by the roused troops of Bradley's Union Brigade, who also received support from the left-most regiment of Col. Blake's Brigade and an artillery battery of four cannon that had by then been put into position. These combined Union forces repulsed the Confederates, thus ending the fighting on this side of the Peachtree Creek battlefield.

This phase of the Battle of Peachtree Creek concluded without Confederate success. The Confederate forces did have some brief success in the later fighting of the Battle (which took place west of Peachtree Road, across Collier Road). Blake's and Bradley's Union Brigades reported only 66 casualties, while the Confederate losses, though never authoritatively reported, were certainly several times that number.

Gene Murphy is an attorney whose hobby is Civil War history.

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## **CULTIVATIONS**

### Olympic Gold

by Daphne Pottle Coley, for the Brookwood Hills Garden Club

The Garden Club of Georgia, of which the Brookwood Hills Garden Club is a member, is cosponsoring with the Buckhead Coalition a beautification plan for Peachtree, from Interstate 85 north to Club Drive.

Called the "Peachtree Pathway of Gold," its purpose is to showcase this area for the Olympics. Garden Club members will be calling on property owners along Peachtree to encourage them to plant goldenhued flowers and shrubs to bloom this year, as well as in 1996.

Peachtree Road involves two important Olympic venues, the marathon and the bicycle race. With all the expected media coverage, Heartbreak Hill will surely be a familiar term worldwide come July 1996.

Mary Lyn Eckl and Jean Dennis, on behalf of the Brookwood Hills Garden Club, have spearheaded the effort to canvass local businesses. Please make a point to thank these merchants who exhibit their floral gold. Knowing that their patrons appreciated their endeavors is a real way to garner their cooperation.



Drawing by Kay Summers



From left: Celeste Porter, Diane Ray, and Elizabeth St. John

### Garden Club Honors Diane Ray

#### by Daphne Pottle Coley

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club honored Diane Ray at their March meeting with a Lifetime Membership for her twenty years of service to the Club. Celeste Porter, in her last gesture as president before turning over the office to Elizabeth St. John, knighted Diane with the Club flower, the "glovedenia," a garden glove tied into a flower shape around the handle of a trowel.

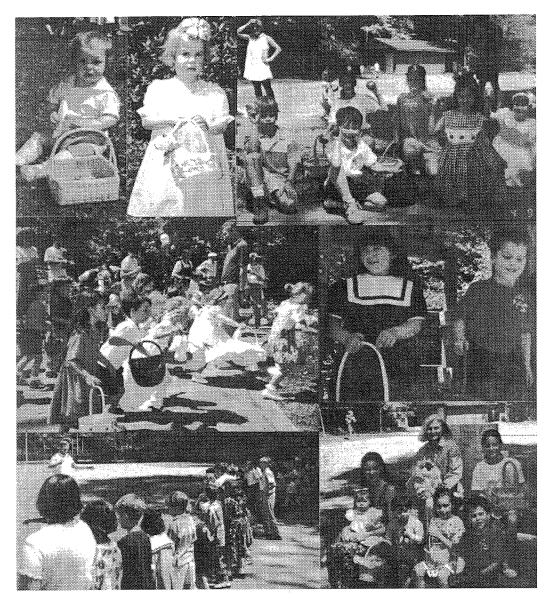
In the past twenty years, Diane has hosted numerous meetings, and served as president for two terms. During her presidential tenure, the Club marked its 50th Anniversary of neighborhood service with an elegant, tented affair in the park. The whole neighborhood joined the celebration, and afterward the Brookwood Hills Girls Scouts used the tent for a wonderful covered camp-out. The profits from that event were used to reshape and refurbish the islands on Brighton and Palisades.

The Brookwood Hills Garden Club applauds Diane. Our neighborhood is better for her being here.

### **CLASSIFIEDS**

- Rental Wanted. Professional female working in area looking for garage or studio apartment to rent. Please call Yvette Tolson at 897-1866. For references call Anne Sapp 892-5705.
- Found on Wakefield Drive. Silver and gold bangle-style bracelet. If yours, call 351-3609 (Nancy).
- ♦ Childcare Wanted. In-home daytime childcare needed, 20-30 hours per week. References necessary. Call Deirdre Stiles-Delesalle. 249-9544.
- Someone to Iron. I am looking for someone who will do ironing in my home. Call Deirdre Stiles-Delesalle, 249-9544.
- ◆ Bikes For Sale. 20-inch girl's bike with hand and foot brakes and 16-inch boy's bike. Best offer for each. Call Betsy Crosby. 351-8821.

If you still are not receving your <u>Brooknotes</u> in a timely manner, please call Judy Horton at 351-6257. We apologize for any earlier inconveniences.



### Eggslactly How Many Did You Find?

Warm weather and a bright day provided the perfect setting for the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt this year. The park was packed Palm Sunday with neighborhood children who scampered to fill their baskets with Easter treats while their beaming parents looked on.

The children were on a mission to find not only the most eggs, but the prize gold, silver and green eggs. In the 5 and under age group, the winners were: Gold - Margy Love; Silver - Carolyn Harris; and Green - Alex Long. In the 6 and older age group, the winners were: Gold - William Murphy; Silver - Elizabeth Robinson; and Green - Alyssa Phillips.

Many thanks to Patti Junger for her generous donation of balloons, prizes and candy for the event, and for all who helped at the hunt, especially Patti's daughters Michele and Jenni.



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