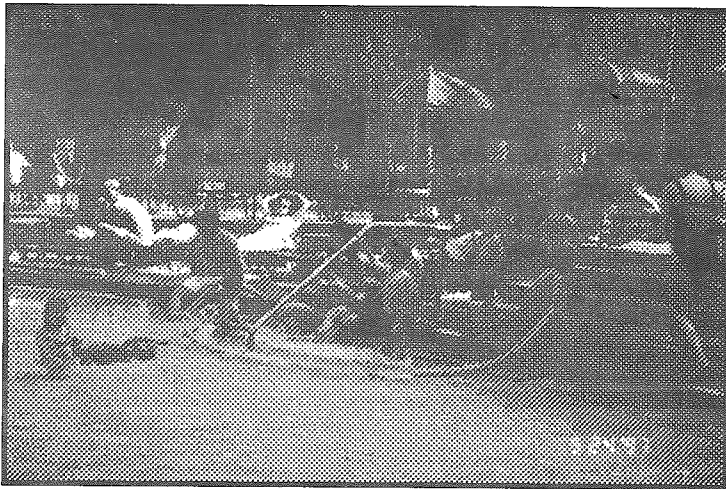


# BROOKNOTES

The Newsletter of the Brookwood Hills Community

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## Pool Opening is Cool



*Swimmers enjoy opening day at the BWH pool*

This year the opening ceremonies at the BWH pool were cool in more ways than one. Unseasonably cool temperatures and over cast skies prevailed on Saturday, May 23rd as the pool kicked off the unofficial beginning of summer. Still, swimmers were out in force enjoying the long awaited first dip of the season. For those unwilling to brave the cool water, there were hot dogs and hamburgers to fill the tummy and friends to warm the heart.

Certainly one of the coolest things about the pool is the fresh clean look it is sporting. Everyone is delighted with the face lift and even tiny members notice the difference in the bathrooms. A temporary glitch in the telephone service has been worked out (351-0327) and things are running smoothly thanks to pool committee board members Kathy McCune and Bill Long and the great pool staff.

If you haven't made it to the pool yet, head down soon and enjoy one of the best things about living in BWH in the summer.

## Huntington Rd Parties on Piedmont

On June 8th, Huntington Road held its annual block party. The event, spearheaded by Sarah Hagood, was a great success thanks to the help of all the residents of Huntington Road. Due to the threat of rainy weather, the party was held at the Piedmont 2001 building parking deck. A special thank you to Hayes Wilson for securing the spot for us all. Special thanks also go to: Beth Gaffney for delivering invitations and coordinating events and activities (her organizational skills ensured a success!); Melissa Sage for being in charge of flowers and balloons; Rob & Belinda Donovan for planning great activities and games for the children; Ruth Murphy, along with Jeff & Lisa Richardson, for supplying tables; and Millie Reed & Lombard Puri for taking care of the beverages.



*Lft to rt: Melissa Sage, Sarah Hagood, Beth Gaffney enjoy the fruits of their labor.*



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**Brooknotes welcomes articles, artwork, photographs and story ideas. The deadline for the next issue of Brooknotes is August 1, 1997**

Submissions should be in writing and should be dropped off at Deirdre Stiles' house at 23 Northwood Ave.

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## Letter From the Editor

With summer here, many of us are in and out on vacations and such but I think we probably all look forward to catching up on neighborhood news despite our busy summer schedules. So, I want to take this opportunity to share two important issues concerning Brooknotes.

The first came to my attention last month and concerns the listing of real estate property in Brooknotes. Being new to this process, I included a classified for a home for sale in BWH. I have since learned that it is an unwritten policy of Brooknotes that real estate listings should not be a part of our newsletter. As we all know, Brooknotes is generously underwritten by two of our neighbors/real estate agents Sarah Hagood and Patti Junger. They do this as a service to the neighborhood and do not run listings of their own properties in Brooknotes. I think we would all agree that we want to keep our newsletter from becoming a venue for real estate advertisement.

The second issue is one that I have been grappling with since accepting the position of editor - how to produce the July issue of Brooknotes in absentia from France. After much consideration, I have decided on a combined July/August issue this summer. **The deadline for submissions will be August 1st** and I plan to have the issue out around August 10th. We will then return to our regular end of the month issue in September. Please feel free to drop off submissions anytime during July, someone will be in and out of the house all month long, so my Brooknotes box will be checked regularly.

I welcome your input and suggestions concerning the new summer format and hope you all have a happy and not too hot month of July in BWH.

Deirdre



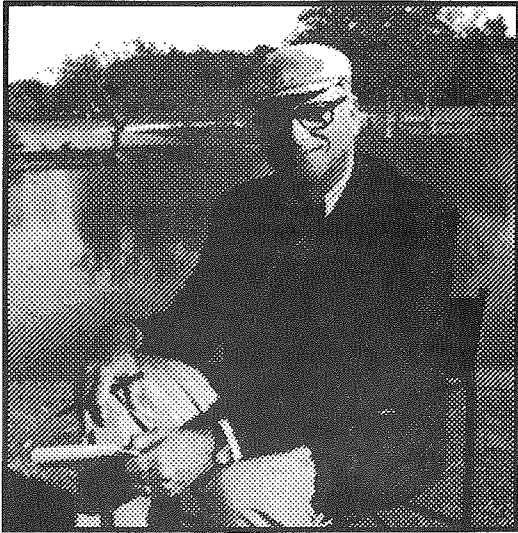
## Join in the BWH July 4th Celebration

Mark your calendars to be a part of the annual BWH Independence Day festivities. After you watch (or run) the Peachtree Road Race, plan to head to the park and pool for an afternoon full of food, games and activities. The pool will open at 11:00 am and the grill will start up at 12:30 p.m.

with hamburgers and hotdogs for hungry swimmers. There will be a moonwalk, a dunking machine and lots more. Plan to bring bikes, trikes and lots of red/white & blue for the annual 4th of July Parade at the park. The parade will begin at 12:00 noon and paraders can cool off afterwards with delicious snow cones thanks to Laranne Oser and Chuck Wood of Harry Norman Realtors.

**\*\*\*Please note that the pool hours for July 4th are 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

# BWH Neighbor Profile



*Dr., Linton Hopkins*

*by Sandra Player*

Tiger Woods is being credited for introducing the game of golf to many new people who before felt no identity with it. However, before Tiger Woods came along there was another golf legend, our own Bobby Jones who grew up in Atlanta playing at East Lake, now beautifully restored into the East Lake Golf Club. Our long time neighborhood resident, Linton Hopkins has written a book about this remarkable golfer and his relationship to the course - *Where Bobby Learned to Play*. When Hopkins joined East Lake several years ago, he became fascinated with the rich history of the course and Bobby Jones' lasting impression on the game of golf, not only because of his incredible golf wins but also because of his grace and charming personality. He has included many stories recounted to him by some of the older members of the club (Charlie Yates, Tommy Barnes and others) who knew Jones well during his heyday.

The restoration of East Lake by Tom Cousins has brought new life to the East Lake community because of the razing of the East Lake Meadows public housing project, which was violent and drug-ridden. In its place

new housing is being built, which will be a public-private mixture spread around a brand new public golf course designed by Rees Jones, the man who re-did the original golf course in 1994. Also the "New Community at East Lake" will feature state-of-the-art YMCA and Golf Academy for community youth.

Sales of Linton's book (available at The Atlanta History Center 814-4075 and at East Lake Golf Club 687-8955) will benefit the Robert T. Jones Scholarship which is an exchange program between students at Emory University and the St. Andrews University in Scotland.

Linton, when he is not walking around the East Lake Club, is at Emory, where he is vice chairman and a teacher in the neurology department. He and his wife Priscilla raised their two children, Laura and Linton, in Brookwood Hills and are now chasing after their two grandchildren, Colin and Ellet Stone.

Back to Tiger Woods: child prodigy, golf phenomenon, national idol and roll model for children. Where have we heard this before? Read the book!

## Bulletin Board

### BWH Board Meetings

The next meeting of the BWH Community Club Board of Directors will be on **July 7th, 7:15 p.m.**, at the home of **Anne and Dave Sapp, 15 Northwood**. All members are welcome. Please call the Sapps at 892-5705 if you plan to attend.

The August meeting of the BWH Board will be held **August 11, 7:15 p.m.** at the home of **Belinda and Rob Donovan, 80 Huntington**. Please call the Donovans at 817-7551 if you plan to attend.

**Brooknotes deadline is August 1st**

## BROOKWOOD BUZZ

**Kenan Donaldson**, daughter of **Sam and Anne Donaldson** of 24 Northwood Avenue, and **Chester Alexander** of Charlotte, N.C. were married at All Saint's Episcopal Church on Saturday June 7th. After a lovely reception at the Georgian Terrace, the newlyweds took off for a honeymoon trip to St. Barts Island. Kenan attended Queens College in Charlotte. Chester graduated this summer from McGill University in Montreal and will be an internal medicine resident at Emory University. One afternoon, while looking for a home here in Atlanta, Kenan and Chester spied a great house. As they walked up the walkway to ring the doorbell, who should open the door but David Kennedy, son of Nancy and Bill Kennedy of 35 Northwood. Kenan and David grew up together on Northwood and now Kenan and Chester have moved into David and wife Hannah's first home. It is a small world.

**Michael Capron**, son of **Laney & John Capron** 129 Brighton Rd., graduated from The Lovett School and will attend Washington & Lee University in the fall.

# THE LANDSCAPE OF A LEGACY

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by LeAnne E. Benfield

In 1934, when most women didn't work outside the home, Edith Henderson embarked on a career as a landscape architect - an award-winning venture that has lasted 50 years and made her not only a household name in Atlanta but a sought-after expert throughout the Southeast. Now retired, Edith spent much of her early career quietly proving to male colleagues that a woman could excel at landscape design.

"Most people thought that only men were [landscape architects],"

**"Never forget the magic of night; design your plan to get the most out of it."**

says this mother of two sons and grandmother. "It never occurred to them that a woman should do [it]." One man who knew she could was her husband, Jimmy, who supported her throughout her career and now remains her biggest fan.

Not only did Edith have to deal with chauvinism, she also had to educate the public about her profession. "Nobody had ever heard of what I was doing. They didn't know what a landscape architect was," Edith recalls. Because of her efforts to promote the profession, Edith was given the highest honor given by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) - the

title of Fellow - a fitting award for a noteworthy career.

"There should be a tendency to feel humble when in the presence of any growing thing," she writes in her book, *Edith Henderson's Home Landscape Companion*. "Remember that you are not really in charge."

Edith's awe of nature began early. Her mother loved plants and encouraged Edith's interest in nature. As a child, Edith would often sit for hours watching a flower open, something she still enjoys doing.

Her career began to flower in the mid-1930s after she graduated from the Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture in Groton, Massachusetts. One of her earliest commercial jobs - and a highlight of her career - was developing the landscape design for the first federally-funded housing project in America, Atlanta's Clark Howell Homes. The project opened the door for many opportunities to come.

Edith's success, whether with commercial or residential designs, can be traced to a simple but often overlooked principle: start with a well designed plan. "If the basic design is right, three-fourths of the

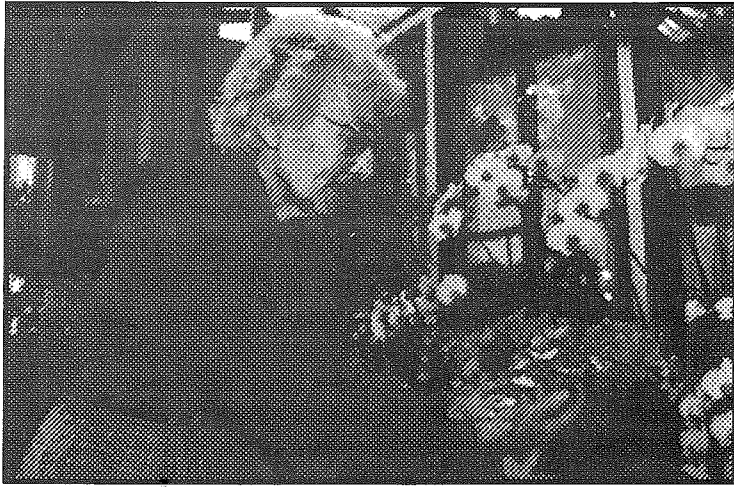
battle is won already," she believes.

That's one of the many lessons she has passed to her thousands of clients over the years.

The beauty of Edith's plan, says Thaea Lloyd, her protegee, long-time business partner, and close friend, is that, over time, the design stays cohesive with very little maintenance required of the homeowners. Thaea adds that Edith's designs always provide a focal point and a tranquil resting place for the eye - a far cry from most landscape design which provides constant stimulation, like lights blinking on and off.

Ironically, one of Edith's greatest challenges didn't pertain to design at all but to human relations. Often husbands and wives didn't agree on a particular color or type of plant, putting Edith in the position of mediator. In these situations, she would do her best to satisfy them both while helping them to understand the philosophy behind her design. Just as clients have different likes and dislikes, so do plants, Edith points out. "The key to success when handling living, growing material is to understand that plants, too, have personalities and have a great instinct to fulfill their destinies."

Edith believes that, regardless of the season, something should always be in bloom. In her own yard, for instance, quince blooms beautiful and white in the dead of winter. "I don't think I have ever come into their house when Edith and Jimmy haven't had something [in it] from their garden that was blooming,"



*Edith examines flowers at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. She is a lifetime trustee of the Garden.*

Thaea smiles. "And that takes a bit of skill."

Sharing this skill has been a key goal of Edith's. "From my own lifetime with nature, I want to tell my secrets for protecting and enjoying all growing things with which we have been blessed." Over the years, Edith has told her secrets not only to individual clients but to large audiences as well. She has lectured extensively throughout the South to garden clubs and other organizations, and she has been a prolific writer. The garden editor of the *Atlanta Journal* was so impressed after she solved a landscaping problem for him, that he asked her to write a weekly column for the *Journal*. Her columns beginning in 1955, appeared in the paper for 20 years. In addition to her newspaper writing, she also has written for magazines such as *Southern Accents* and *Veranda*.

But, her most ambitious writing project to date is her book, *Edith Henderson's Home Landscape Companion*. This book, which is on the recommended reading list for the National Council of State Garden Clubs, reads like a conversation reminiscent of those she had during visits with clients. Her voice, her personality, and her love for landscape design shine throughout. True to her teaching style, she wants readers to use the book as a work-

book, carrying it with them as they walk through their yard.

For the benefit of coming generations, Edith's collection is being donated to the Cherokee Garden Library at the Atlanta History Center. It will be available to researchers by late spring.

"No part of nature is ever final, so prepare yourself for an incomparable journey." Edith's career has been quite a journey and, all over Atlanta and the southeastern states, she has built a living legacy. "Having done over 10,000 clients consultations," Jimmy says, "there are a lot of gardens she has designed that she's never seen. People come up and tell her that she did their gardens." Many of these same clients had their children and their grandchildren call Edith for design help. "She stayed in their families," Thaea says.

In addition to her residential work, Edith's hand can be seen in public areas in Atlanta and elsewhere. She has done work for MARTA, the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga, several churches including her own, and many small Georgia towns.

In addition to offering financial support to students through a scholarship administered by the ASLA Foundations, Edith has encour-

aged many young people over the years, including Thaea. When asked how the two became partners, Thaea says with a smile, "Divine guidance."

Although she's a successful landscape architect in her own right, Thaea says of her friend, "It's impossible to fill Edith's footprints." She gives an example of the depth of Edith's knowledge. During the winter, the two friends love to look at the winter skyline, at the shape of the trees. To Edith, the tree line resembles a black-and-white sketch. Says Thaea, "Edith can look out, even at a distance, at a bare tree and identify the type of tree it is because of its shape, its branching structure. And she's not even close enough to see the bark."

Like the branches on those trees that Edith loves, her legacy will spread farther and reach higher as the years pass and new generations learn from her lifetime with nature.

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*Edith and Jimmy Henderson have lived at 250 Brighton Road for over 30 years.*

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