

Southside Neighbor
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College Park Woman Still Active at 86

At 86, Mrs. Marge Hayes of College Park spends a great deal of her time reading the Bible and thinking about life in the next world.

"I don't know anything I've done to live so long," Mrs. Hayes said as she sat in a porch swing at her home at 217 Redwine Ave. "It's been through no merit of mine, but God's will. My days are numbered but I don't know for how long."

But Mrs. Hayes doesn't think her days are so numbered that she cannot be an active member of her block club or the Senior Citizens Club of Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc.

She is chairman of EOA Block Club No. 9 and is also chairman of the Senior Citizens' Club No. 1.

How did she become interested in EOA and its activities? "Well, when my late

husband was sick Mrs. Thelma Abbott, who worked with EOA, made sure that he was taken to the doctor or the hospital every time he had an appointment. She was a blessing to us."

"And, EOA also showed us how to get things done through CNAC (Citizens Neighborhood Advisory Committee). Through block clubs No. 9 and 4 we petitioned for a bus in our area. We also petitioned that my street and Roosevelt Avenue be opened and paved. Roosevelt was opened last year and they will finish my street this year."

"Another reason is that if you are going to be a Christian you've got to help your neighbors as much as you can and believe in God."

Mrs. Hayes said she was born March 8, 1883 in Luther-ville, Ga. "That is not very

long ago when compared to eternity," she commented.

She had 11 children in two marriages. "Eight of my children are still living including my son, The Rev. R. N. Martin, who is my pastor. He preaches a pretty good sermon."

She is proud of a silver pitcher and dish that she received from Rich's at two parties for 80 year olds. "I won last year because I had the most descendants, 90. I won again this year because I now have 100 descendants. And, if I live, I hope to win at next year's party."