

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS:

“You can’t take it with you!” How many times have you heard that saying? Yet when Paula and Ray Jageman moved to Treemont they did their best to disprove that adage, at least on this side of the grave. Since their Memorial area home was scheduled for demolition, the buyer told them to take anything they could use, even to hardware and plants in the garden. Soon, with the expertise of Don and his helpful crew, their apartment on the second floor of Building A was transformed with their Waterford chandelier, ceiling fans in every room, and even the mahogany and beveled glass door that separated Ray’s office/man-cave from their bedroom.

Perhaps even more special was the



creation of a garden spot at the NE corner of the building. Their lawn furniture

was arranged into a comfortable conversational setting interspersed with big pots of hibiscus, hydrangeas and begonias, and just across the sidewalk Reynoso and his helpers laid a carpet of blooming vinca backed by roses, English hawthorn, and several small pieces of garden statuary. Since the fire the Jagemans are temporarily displaced to E Building, but Paula goes out daily from her home away from home to water, groom, and enjoy her garden.

Paula Jageman (nee Thompson) was born in Houston and grew up in the Sage/Woodway area when Post Oak and San Felipe

PAULA AND RAY JAGEMAN

were dirt roads with truck farms and stables. The Thompsons even had a horse for their children on their one-acre



property. After graduating from Lamar High School and attending the University of Colorado (for two years of skiing), she took a degree in Elementary Education from the University of Texas. Born to loving parents and joined by younger siblings, one brother and one sister, she feels that her life has been blessed from birth with not only special relationships but special privileges.

She was teaching fourth grade in a Houston area school when a neighbor met a young man who had impressed him greatly with his fine mind, courtly manners and plans for the future. His name was Ray Jageman and he was working for an oil company after taking an Engineering degree from Rice University (then Rice Institute). The neighbor hosted a dinner party to introduce the serious young engineer and the blonde beauty queen from across the street (Miss Houston Beautiful 1953). A romance quickly developed and they were married in June of 1960. They became parents of five children, the eldest of whom died tragically at age 15.

After several years in the oil patch in Texas and Louisiana, Ray began to branch out and eventually went into business for himself as a builder, contractor and entrepreneur. He

was one of the first computer owners in Houston—a huge contraption costing thousands of dollars but less powerful than any of today’s desktops. He owned his own plane and loved to fly his sizeable family to Colorado or Utah for ski trips. Today, having come through several health problems he is able to enjoy life again, with special interests in guns and hunting, cars and planes, and computers. He loves reading mystery and adventure books and derives much pleasure from the Library at Treemont so capably managed by volunteers Peg Anderson and Carmin Cleavenger.

Paula loves swimming, skiing, gardening, Bible study, and people. Relationships of all kinds are precious to her, especially with their nine grandchildren, several of whom are familiar around Treemont. Paula and Ray have two daughters, Susanne and Sheryn, living in Houston with their husbands and families, and a third daughter Mary Alice, who lives in Norfolk, Virginia with her Navy Commander husband and three little boys. Their son, Roy, an oil company executive, lives in Ft. Worth with his wife and two daughters. Since Laura’s parents also live in Houston Roy often flies his family in their own plane to Houston to visit both sets of grandparents.

Both Paula and Ray are enjoying Treemont’s atmosphere and its people. Ray is right on schedule with a self-directed through-the-Bible-in-one-year program using the



Archaeological Bible with its numerous notes

about digs that offer tangible evidence of the Scriptures’ reliability as history. Paula is also into in-depth Bible study and is a deeply spiritual person whose joy in the Lord and love for His people is evidenced by her cheerful demeanor and radiant smile. Look for her bright patio dresses, Capetown cap and running shoes.



”One is nearer God’s heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth.” Gurney

Meet Your Neighbor is for the benefit and enjoyment of all Treemont residents. If you know someone here that you think would be interesting to feature, please call Alice Pillsbury at the front office, 713-783-6820, or Lois McCall, 713-783-9485.