

Chronicle Profile

Her wheelchair is just an object

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Ever wonder why some people are always happy when you know everything in their lives isn't as rosy as it seems?

An ever-smiling Maxine Settle has the answer. "I never get depressed," she says. "I don't allow myself to become depressed. I don't deal in the negative and I don't deal with negative people, especially the ones who call you up on the phone and tell you about all their aches and pains."

In 1966, the Reidsville native, who was a practicing medical technician, had an automobile accident on a Winston-Salem expressway. Which one, she doesn't remember, but she does remember waking up in a hospital with two broken legs, only later to be told by doctors that she had lost full use of both. The news also meant two months of rehabilitation and therapy, and confinement to a wheelchair for the rest of her life.

"Hey, it could have been worse," she says. "It never really phased me when they told me I wouldn't walk again because I had two broken legs already."

"I just told the doctors to fix them and everything would be all right," says Settle.

Everything has turned out all right for the exceptionally high-spirited Settle, who prefers not to reveal her age, for fear it might lower her prospects of nabbing a husband this year.

"This is leap year, you know," she says, letting out a girlish giggle.

But while she was undergoing rehabilitation, she learned a valuable lesson that now requires three

hours of her full and undivided attention each week.

"I never thought I'd be a volunteer until I stayed in a hospital," says Settle, who was surprised to learn about the volunteers who spend endless hours in hospitals helping patients write letters, comb their hair or just lend a listening ear. "Now I know when you give something, you get something back and that's a fact."

What Settle says she gets back is the reward of volunteering her time to teach senior citizens ceramics, cross-stitching and, right now, doll-making. During the summer months, she spends her time volunteering as a vacation Bible school teacher.

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young," she says. "You can always learn a lot from them."

Other than a friend who stops by occasionally to check on her, Settle pretty much goes about handling daily chores without any help.

Of Settle's many hobbies, sewing and cooking seem to be two of her favorites. On a warm afternoon, most of her attention is centered on the small, cast-iron grill that sits outside her apartment door. She likes to cook hamburgers on the grill and invites all her guests to join her.

Inside her small apartment are the many reminders of Settle's handiwork. Draping her bed is a colorful



Maxine Settle: Being confined to a wheelchair hasn't altered her zest for life (photo by James Parker).

homemade canopy she says she made because she couldn't afford the "real thing."

Amid numerous pots of exotic plants, her bathroom takes on the scene of a tropical jungle.

One of her "huggable huggies," which is patterned after the famed Cabbage Patch Doll, sits on display on a table among the others yet to be finished.

Her independence and exuberant cravings for creativity, Settle says, can partly be attributed to

those who have supported her since the beginning.

"There's a lot of people who have been very supportive of me and I think that has helped me a lot," says Settle, brushing back the frosted hair she fixes herself. "My family, my friends and my doctors were all supportive of me."

"A lot of people aren't that fortunate," she says.

"They have families who don't expect anything of Please see page A9

Community Calendar

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Branch NAACP will meet at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at 795 Northwest Crawford Place at 4 p.m. Immediately following the executive session, there will be a general public meeting at 5 p.m.

The Sawtooth Center for Visual Design and the Forsyth County Public County Public Library will again sponsor its Spring Program of cultural arts instruction at the Art-Is House at 740 N. Cleveland Avenue. The eight-week session is geared toward students ages 6-15 years old. For more information call 722-0966.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

A Self-Defense Workshop for families ages 6 and older begins at the Glade Street YWCA from 7-9 p.m. For more information call 722-5138.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Registration for students of intermediate and advanced dance for the Technique Class For Dancers will be held at the Art-Is House at 140 Cleveland Avenue from 6:30-8 p.m.

The YWCA Mother's Network will feature a program titled "When Shy Is Too Shy" at the Glade Street YWCA at 10 a.m. Joyce Schadel of Forsyth/Stokes Mental Health will be the guest speaker. Call 722-5138 for more information.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plans are now being made for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Special Olympics, Spring Games to be held during the week of April 16. Mentally handicapped children and adults are eligible. If you are interested in entering a participant or volunteering to help with the games, call 727-2063.

Tickets are now available for the North Carolina Black Repertory Company's second production of the season, Phillip Hayes Dean's, "The Sty Of The Blind Pig," Feb. 24-26 at 8:15 p.m. at the Arts Council Theatre of the Hanes Community Center. Tickets are available at the Stevens Center Box Office. Advance tickets are \$8 and \$10 at the door. For reserve tickets and for information on group rates, call the NCBRC office at 723-7907.

Flora Buff Flower-Garden Club meets

The Flora Buff Flower-Garden Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Washington with the president, Mrs. Doris Hartsfield, presiding.

The feature of the meeting was table sittings arranged by Mrs. Gloria Cain and Mrs. Ester Rockett. Mrs. Rockett presented summaries, which emphasized decorating the table, making napkin holders, learning the glass selection guide, selecting and caring for table linens and distinguishing between the setting for a formal dinner and for a luncheon.

The collect of the day was presented by the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Peggy Martin. The Flora Buff Club presented a flower to the East Winston Library for Christmas decoration. The Fourth District Garden Club plans to provide a bus trip on Aug. 5-7 to Wilmington for the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs Convention.

The club then agreed to support the queen of the Fourth District Garden Club.

On April 11, 1984, the Flora Buff Garden Club will conduct the devotions for opening of the Fourth District Garden Club. Mrs. Doris Hartsfield is the chairman and Mrs. Geraldine Smith is the co-chairman of the Fourth

District Flower-Garden Club for 1984.

An invitation from Prince Feathers Garden Club to take a tour to Charleston, S.C., on April 14-15, was read to the group. The members encouraged the club and pledged support.

An appreciation invitation for participation in the Human Relations Commis-

sion Awards program, which will be held on March 1, was also read. Mrs. Doris Hartsfield was selected by the club to submit her name for the awards competition for her volunteer efforts.

Commendations were received for Mrs. Lil Whitehurst, an Atlanta-based interior and commercial decorator. Commendations for her contributions came from Mrs. Ann Dew.

Urban League sponsors contest

The Winston-Salem Urban League, in conjunction with Grand Met, formerly the Liggett Group, and the National Urban League are sponsoring their 1984 Essay Contest.

Thomas Elijah, president of the local affiliate, said that the purpose of the annual event is to "foster national awareness of the benefits and opportunities

derived from education and the free enterprise system." The topic of the essay is "A Minority Perspective on Education as a Challenge in a Free Competitive Society."

Fifteen academic scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded to winners, payable to an accredited institution of higher learning. All entries

must be submitted to the Urban League and postmarked by midnight, March 31.

The contest is open to all minority students in Forsyth County who are prospective college freshman or presently attending an accredited college. Interested students should contact the Winston-Salem Urban League for further details.

Military

Lawrence Eric Miller, son of Paul and Esther K. Miller of Northview Street, has been assigned to B Battery, 3 Training Battalion of the U.S. Army Field Artillery located at Fort Sill, Okla. He graduated from Forsyth Technical Institute in 1983.

United Way results reported

Mayor Wayne A. Corpening joined with Mayor John Forbis of Greensboro and High point Mayor Bob Wells to hear the results of United Way city campaigns. Ellen Padgett Lee, member of North Carolina United Way's executive board, gave an overview of the contributions state

residents made to the record 1983 campaign. The meeting took place at the airport Marriott Hotel at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Dr. Austin Commers, director of special projects for the governor's office, read a special gubernatorial proclamation which said, in part, that 1983 giving

statewide rose by 16 percent last year. Lee announced that the North Carolina total campaign results were over \$4.7 million.

On hand to give local reports to the mayors were 1983 campaign chairman Nick Daves and chairman of the board of directors, Barbara Galloway.

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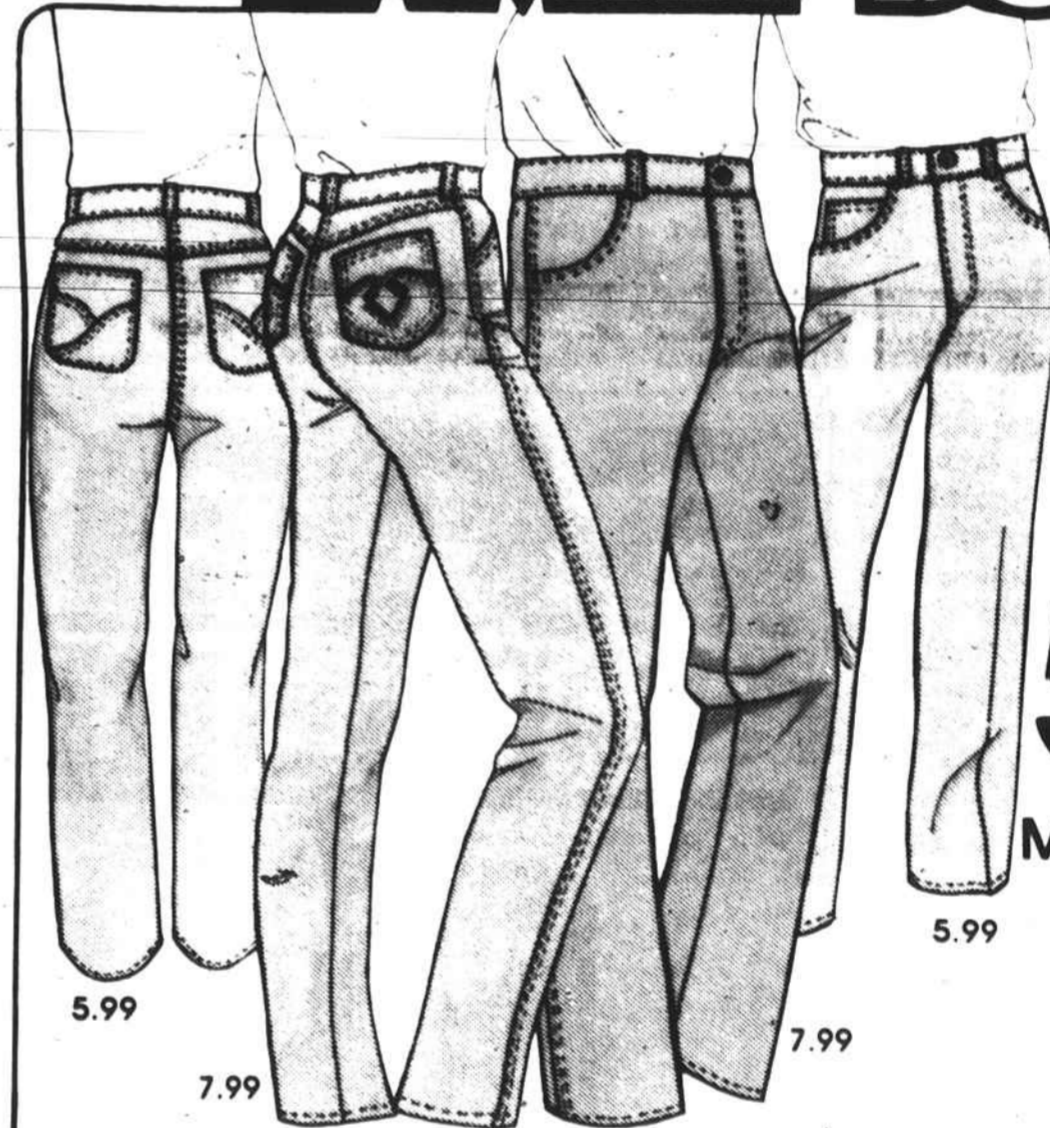
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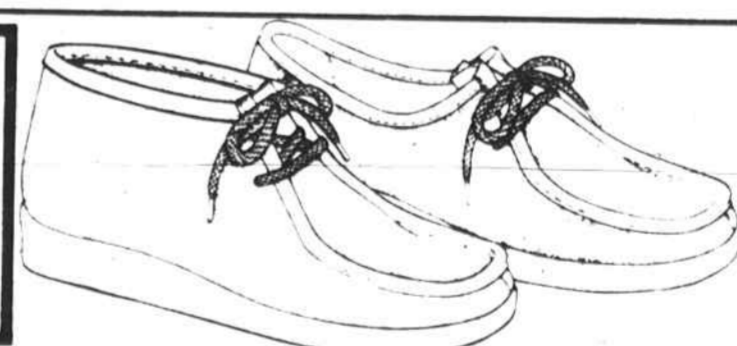
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Prices Good At All Family Dollar Stores Through This Weekend While Quantities Last. Quantities Limited On Some Merchandise. No Sales To Dealers.

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