

## A WSTA Super Soldier Steps Down for the Last Time *[Continue from page 12]*

Her former membership reads like a who's who:

- National Council of Negro Women
- National Women of Achievement
- Black Political League
- Sigma Gamma Rho Society
- Skyland Senior Citizens Club
- Red Hat Women Association

She cites present membership of 32 years in the American Legion Auxiliary, 27 years in Order of the Eastern Stars, and Board of Directors for the Forsyth County Emancipation

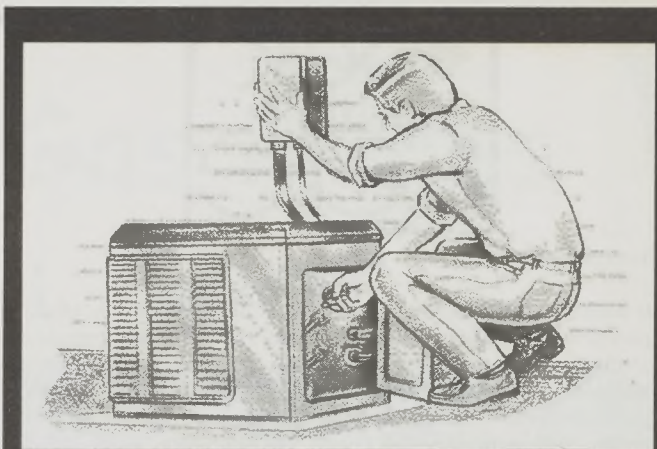
"They said I've done a lot, but I've just done my best to help people, but now its time for someone else to take over. Time for some young people to come in here and help", she said.

An active member of Union Chapel Baptist Church, Jones is leaving the WSTA board and much of the work that she has done for over half a century. However, don't look for her to go home and sit down.

"I guess I put too much on myself, probably too much stress... just took on everyone's problem, tried to help everyone" she recalled. "But I'm going to take it easy now, just work on getting my health better", she said. "I just want to stay here as long as I can".

On Thursday, July 26 at 4pm, the WSTA board members and others will gather at 100 West 5th Street to honor a woman described by some as a, "super public servant", and a shining example of the popular expression: "things will grow and come to pass, but only those things done with love, will last". Martha "Helper" Jones' legacy remains a legacy of total commitment inspired by a legacy of total love for community. The work she has done, speaks for itself, much like the fruit that does not fall too far from the tree.

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