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Whatever Happened to ...

Dovie McMillian Locklear

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With old age often comes privilege. Mrs. Dovie McMillian Locklear knows plenty about both longevity and rights. She's 98 years old; of sound mind and still wields power of authority.

This is especially so when it comes to matters affecting her health care. And she's certain of one thing on the subject. She hates taking shots. "I don't like taking 'em and never will."

She says that when the "flu" vaccination was introduced in the area not so many years ago her physician practically demanded that she get a shot.

"He even told me if I didn't cooperate with him, he'd tell my sons on me. I told him he could tell them if he wanted to, it wouldn't do no good because I'm my own boss. They're not."

Born and raised in the White Hill community, Mrs. Locklear was the oldest child of four children born to William McMillian and Maggie Locklear McMillian. Mrs. Locklear is the only living child of the couple.

She married Edward Locklear in 1910. Born to the couple were 12 children. Four died in infancy. Five sons and three daughters live today.

Mrs. Locklear says she well remembers working hard while growing up in her native Robeson County.

"I had a good mule to plow. I mean that mule could go. His name was Henry," she fondly remembers. Mrs. Locklear received her early education from Harper's Ferry School, Barton School and the Indian Normal School in Pembroke.

Lumbee great-great-grandmother says she remembers one patient in particular.

"She'd had a miscarriage and did not get proper medical attention. I'd go every morning and care for her...cook breakfast then come home. I'd go back and cook dinner and return and cook for my family."

Seven days of cooking three meals a day for the patient's family and three meals for her own family in addition to "washing and boiling" the clothes of the ill woman took its physical toll on Mrs. Locklear. She says when the woman died she was unable to attend her funeral because of the exhaustion.

There were to be dozens of patients she'd care for, far and near.

And during post war years when food products were rationed, Mrs. Locklear would travel to neighboring Scotland County to get lard and meat for community people.

"I'd travel in our 1939 Ford to Laurel Hill, load the car down and come back and give practically everything I'd gotten away," she remembers. "I always felt a need to help other people when they were in need."

She says her husband was a good natured person and always offered support and encouragement to her efforts in rendering service to ill and oppressed people.

Good health has protected Mrs. Locklear for the most part of her life. She'd never been hospitalized until 1974 when she suffered a fall and dislocated an elbow.

Upon arriving at the emergency room of a local hospital, she was told she had to stay. The order didn't set very well with her, but she reluctantly allowed a doctor to

the excitement was that Mrs. Locklear had requested that she be given her snuff and a newspaper to read. Mrs. Locklear was recovering and would soon be home again.

And it is home where she lives with an unmarried son and daughter that Mrs. Locklear is most happy. She rises early in the day to a playing television and to one of four newspapers she reads daily.

"I love to read them front to back," she says of the newspapers. Even her children say visitors in her home are hard-pressed to get much conversation from their mother if there is a newspaper in hand's reach. The 98-year-old matriarch was fitted with glasses last year for the first time in her life. And though she can still thread a needle with ease, she no longer quilts.

"We got so many quilts now, we don't need to quilt anymore."

Don't suggest daily naps to Mrs. Locklear. "I don't take naps because I don't want to," she argues.

But the one thing she wants to do is shop. "Take her to

town several times during the week and she's happy," says her daughter, Myrtle. It used to be Mrs. Locklear thought nothing of walking from Island Grove Baptist Church to Red Springs several times a week. Then sometimes she'd take the family mule and buggy for her shopping trips.

Mrs. Locklear is a longtime member of Island Grove Church and one of Green Pines Church senior citizens club where she meets every Tuesday for a day of socializing and club activities.

Yes, old age has its privilege. And for Mrs. Locklear it has offered her the blessings of 31 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren. She has lived to enjoy the fruits of five generations.

She says she owes her long life to the Good Master; caring for the ill and downtrodden and to a sensible health program which has included very few shots which she says she never needed in the first place.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1991 SPRING CONFERENCE Pembroke State University

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL STUDIES?

Outdoor East

There are to be four conferences to consider a North Carolina High School of Social Studies. On Friday,

March 8, the conference will be held at the Old Main Building on the Pembroke State University Campus.

March 15 the conference will be held at Broyhill Inn & Conference Center at Appalachian State.

April 12 the conference will be at the Conference Center at Elizabeth City State University.

April 26 the conference will be at UNC-Asheville at the Owen Conference Center, 3rd floor.

Each conference begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. John Rimberg is the Conference Coordinator. He may be reached at 919-738-9000

Property Tax Relief for Elderly and Disabled Persons

North Carolina excludes from property taxes the first \$12,000 in assessed value of certain property owned by North Carolina residents who are aged 65 or older or who are totally and permanently disabled and whose annual disposable income does not exceed \$11,000. The

exclusion covers real property (or a mobile home) occupied by the owner in connection with his or her permanent residence. Disposable income includes all monies obtained other than gifts or inheritances received from a spouse, lineal ancestors, or lineal descendants. If

you have not been receiving the exclusion and are now eligible, you can apply at the Robeson County Tax Office. You must apply before

April 15. For further information call 919-671-3054. After 6 p.m. call 919-521-3165.

Magnolia School News

Nicole S. Smith of Magnolia School has been chosen to participate in the North Carolina Youth Legislative Assembly in Raleigh on March 1-3. She is the daughter of April Smith and the late David Smith. Nicole is one of the ten Robeson County students sponsored by Title V Indian Education.

Magnolia School celebrated its final homecoming February 8 with a packed gym. Sherry Clark was crowned homecoming queen. She is a senior and the daughter of Barney and Phyllis Clark.

John W. Sampson, former coach, was the grand marshal for the occasion. FSU is endowing a basketball scholarship as a tribute to him and his fine work at Magnolia.

A reception was held throughout the day in the school library. The alumni gathered throughout the day renewing friendships and reminiscing about their Magnolia years. Special bulletin boards were prepared with pictures from annuals of past years which all enjoyed.



Mrs. Dovie McMillian Locklear

After her marriage she and her husband lived a brief admit her as a patient. When the doctor suggested time with his parents in the Prospect community before surgery to correct her injury she insisted on being moving to the rural Red Springs area where they engaged released from the hospital. Two days later she returned in sharecropping on the Jim Townsend farm near Island home without the surgery and recovered "just fine."

Grave Baptist Church. They were to live there approximately 40 years. It was there they raised their eight children.

It was also there that Mrs. Locklear began a journey in serving the needs of the ill and downtrodden people in and around the New Prospect community. It was a journey that was to span several decades.

"I reckon that's why I've lived as long as I have...taking care of sick people," she comments. The

Last year when she had a bout with pneumonia she was hospitalized under the care of her physician grandson, Kenneth Locklear. Her daughter, Myrtle, says she went to visit her mother and was approached by her mother's anxious intensive care unit nurse.

"I just knew Dove had taken for the worse and it scared me," the daughter recalls.

Her worry was short-lived when the nurse assured her that Mrs. Locklear's condition had not worsened. Instead

Spelling

Bee Champ



Cheryl Jones is the winner of the Spelling Bee for Union Chapel School. She represented the school in the county-wide competition on February 13. Cheryl is a sixth grade student. She is the daughter of Mr. Callie Jones.

Robeson Young Republicans attend reception at Governor's mansion

A group of 14 Robesonians traveled to Raleigh to attend a reception at the Governor's Mansion Feb 26 in Raleigh. The group were members of a recently formed Young Republicans Club.

This particular reception was attended by 70 person's which gave Governor James G. Martin an opportunity to have a close-up and personal conversation with those attending.

Those attending from Robeson County were Steve Stone, Chairman, Andy Adams, Lisa Willis, Carlton Britt, Ladoska Britt from Lumberton, Ginger Bluemke, Michael Hatcher, Ronald Sanderson, and Penny Todd, Buffy Lawson, Stacy Oxendine from Pembroke and Timothy Lane from Red Springs.

The Robeson County Young Republican were formed in January 1991

at an organizational meeting held at Pembroke State University. The organization was chartered with 18 charter members. This local club is affiliated with the North Carolina Federation of Young Republicans and has ties to the National Federation of Young Republicans.

The Robeson County Young Republicans

want you, if you are interested in joining an organization that is active in 50 states, with a membership of over 500,000 members.

It provides its members with an opportunity to become involved in community affairs, which also makes a difference in their own local communities, and assist honesty, equality and openness at all levels of government.

The members plan to attend and participate in the Robeson County Republican Party Convention March 5th. The convention will select delegates to the State Convention of Young Republicans March 22-24 in Winston-Salem as well as delegates to the North Carolina Republican Convention to be held May 31 and June 1 in Wilmington.

The new club is also in the planning stages of a trip to Washington D.C. this summer to speak to the North Carolina Congressional delegation and a possible trip to the White House is being considered.

Anyone wishing to inquire into the membership of the organization can contact Steve Stone at 739-1723 or write Robeson County Young Republican Club P.O. Box 901 Lumberton, N.C. 28359 or any member of the club listed above.



Robeson Young Republicans attended a reception at the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh February 26. Those attending from Robeson County (left to right) Ron Sanderson, Michael Sanderson, Ginger Bluemke, Michael Hatcher, Ladoska Britt,

Tim Lane, Carlton Britt, Stacey Oxendine, Buffy Lawson, Governor James G. Martin, Andy Adams and Steve Stone.