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Built by Marcus Dew for McLauchlin and his bride from Australia, Christiana, the neo-classical Greek revival frame home and its five-acre grounds were bequeathed to a nephew, Neil Fadyen, now deceased. His widow, Mary Virginia McFadyen, was accompanied by son John on Sunday. Both expressed pleasure that the home will become a museum. Mrs. McFadyen said she had once harbored a fear that the home might one day have been demolished with condos built in its place.

Jane Blue Pratt Davis, a niece of the McFadyens, happily pointed out some characteristics of the house that struck her fancy when she was a child — storage cubby holes under the stairs and the tiny upstairs kitchen.

Davis also said beveled glass in the double front doors acts like a prism, and as children she and her cousins would play with the crystal-reflected colors in the carpet in the front hall.

Davis also told the story of a foot-operated "buzzer" in the dining room floor under the table that her aunt used for calling a kitchen servant during family meals. She said the children would sometimes scoot down in their chairs and push the button with their toes. Much to Mrs. McFadyen's amazement, the butler would appear to pick up dishes while diners were still eating.

The museum committee was particularly pleased to obtain the McLauchlin-McFadyen House because of J.W. McLauchlin's contributions to the history of Raeford and Hoke County. He has often been called the "Father of Hoke County" because he introduced, in 1911, the legislation which carved Hoke from parts of

Cumberland and Robeson counties.

On Sunday, the scene was reminiscent of the home's genteel past as visitors came and went, and the

house's depths were filled with friends greeting one another, idle talk, memories shared, lots of laughter, and live music of the last century.



Virginia McFadyen, center, visits with friends in her former home.



Musicians played tunes from the past century as visitors strolled through the McLauchlin-McFadyen home.



More than 200 signed the guest book at the new museum.



Cousins John McFadyen and Jane Blue Pratt Davis exchange memories of McFadyen's home that is being turned into a museum.



OBITUARIES

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Sylvia McMillan

Mrs. Sylvia McMillan, 65, of Red Springs, died Monday, June 10, 2002 in her home. Mrs. McMillan was a member of Red Springs Presbyterian Church.

A memorial service will be conducted Wednesday, June 12 at 2 p.m. in Red Springs Presbyterian Church held by the Rev. Michael McGehee.

Survivors include her husband, David A. McMillan of Red Springs;

one son, David Shook of Wilmington; one daughter, Cathy Baker of Concord; her mother, Grace Harvell of Newton; two brothers, Karl Shelton of Panama City, Florida and Nink Harvell of Newton; and three grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Red Springs Presbyterian Church, PO Box 428, Red Springs, NC 28377; or to Hospice of Hoke County, 333 S. Main St., Raeford, NC 28376.

Crumpler Funeral Home and Cremation Services served the family.

Joshua L. Shaw

Joshua Lawrence Shaw, infant son of Willie and Laura Shaw, of Fayetteville, died Sunday, June 9, 2002 in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville.

A graveside service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 13 in China Grove Baptist Church cemetery held by the Rev. Timothy Mason and Evangelist Ovelia Lewis.

In addition to his parents, survivors include three sisters, Deanna Avery and Willyisha Shaw, both of Fayetteville, and Erica Leech of Lumberton; one brother, Willie McMillan of Raeford; his maternal grandmother, Ola Avery; and his paternal grandfather, Arvester Shaw.

Cunningham and Sons Mortuary in Fayetteville served the family.

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