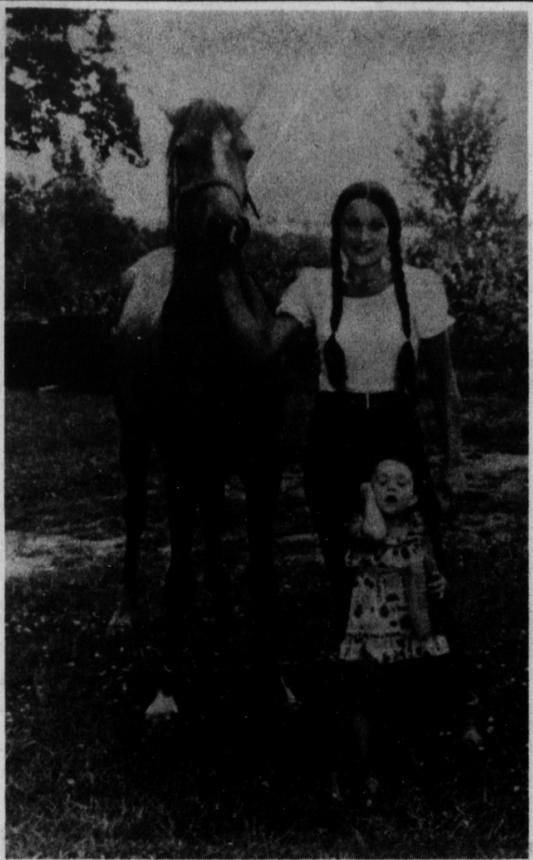


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Louise and Chrissy McCraw and Faith...

'Faith's' Story A Love Story

Louise McCraw, an avid horsewoman of the Antioch Community, is grooming her pure-bred Arabian horse, "Our Faith," for horse shows while teaching her two and one-half year old daughter to ride.

In fact, the whole family loves horses, including husband Larry, who comes home from Livingstone Coding Company of Charlotte every evening and helps care for the couple's six horses which frolic on green countryside on the old Dickson 100-year-old homeplace near Antioch Baptist Church.

When Louise isn't working at Foote Mineral Company where she is a chemical operator, she heads for the pasture and saddles up Faralynn, Faith, and Rocket, all pure-bred Arabians, or Star of Night, a black walking horse. Their daughter, Crystal is learning to ride Andy, a quarterhorse, and like her mother adores Faith and Silver Shoot, the foal of Faralynn.

"Our Faith's" story is, however, a love story, according to her owner, who said that she raised a near-dead animal, nursing her to health while nine months pregnant herself with child.

"Faith," who incidentally was so named because her life was a "miracle," is daughter of 23-year-old Wild Thyme and a natural futurity champion stallion called Lea Baron, the latter which has been valued at \$85,000.

According to her proud owner, "Faith" comes from a long line of good, hardy stock since her grandfather lived to be age 32, longevity of survival for horses, said Mrs. McCraw.

Faith weighed about 40 pounds at birth, could not stand, and required bottle feeding for sometime. Mrs. McCraw recalls that she turned the animal every two hours for days and nights and kept her wrapped warmly in what is now the renovated kitchen of the couple's two story white colonial house which they are remodeling and where they have lived for five years. "Faith had pneumonia, she was dehydrated, and required my constant attention," said Louise, who was having a difficult pregnancy and was told by her family and veterinarians to "forget about this foal. She just isn't going to make it."

Mrs. McCraw, who formerly taught riding at stables in Charlotte, did not give up on the animal. "My faith had never been too strong at that time but I started praying for that animal and for me. And we both survived and Faith is bringing real joy to our lives."

Baby Chrissy, who is the real joy of her parents lives, arrived a month late and 30 days after the foal, weighing in at seven pounds seven ounces and after her mother was in 28 hours of labor. Now Chrissy is two and

one-half years old. Faith started growing by leaps and bounds and now weighs about 600 pounds and the family is hoping to enter her in an English pleasure show. Her natural reaction is great, according to her rider and trainer, and she will be a natural winner.

"Horse riding and training is good, clean fun," according to Mrs. McCraw, who hopes to open her own riding stables as a hobby at some future time. She encourages people of all ages to learn to ride and to show off their horses. Mrs. McCraw has won trophies for riding and both she and her husband have exhibited their horses and brought home numerous trophies.

Mrs. McCraw, the former Louise Ledford of Shelby, grew up on a farm. Although she owned no horses during her growing-up years, the family owned mules and other animals. While teaching at a Charlotte Riding Academy she also helped break young colts and learned advance riding in an English saddle from an Indian Trail man who still enjoys horses and riding at age 84.

Discipline and hard work are both important factors for training both the horse and rider, says Mrs. McCraw who said that she has taught horse lovers of all ages to ride and properly care for their animals. "I saw only two kids fall off a horse during the six years I was an instructor in Charlotte and the horses didn't throw them. Riders must be taught proper leads, coordination, balance, and how to be both firm and gentle," she said. Mrs. McCraw said she worked with many teenagers and never saw them get into trouble with drugs or alcohol. They liked the competition that a horse show and training provides and they were proud of their accomplishments, whether the horse won a trophy or not.

"Faith really made a believer out of me in many ways and coming eyeball to eyeball with death made me appreciate life," said Mrs. McCraw as she sat in her comfortable kitchen with a statue of a horse on the mantel, trophies and her daughter on a rocking horse nearby.

Louise and Larry McCraw experienced a new birth for three consecutive months, on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The foals arrived during the months of January and February and the baby came in March. Looking back on those days, Mrs. McCraw noted that she was glad that the baby arrived later than expected since she had her hands full keeping a vigil over the sick foal.

Horses are a big part of the McCraw family's life and they expect to continue to love and raise animals. They love their hobby.

There have been no new arrests in connection with the shootout early July 8th at the Chesterfield Courts Apartments on Margrace Road.

A 22-year-old woman, Beverly Ernestine Mauney, was killed and four persons were injured in the incident which police say was triggered by a dispute between a white family and a neighboring black family.

A Forest City man, Henry Boone, 33, described by police as a friend of the Mauney family, was jailed in Cleveland County Jail on charges of second degree murder.

Kings Mountain police said yesterday at presstime that their investigation is continuing, that they are questioning more suspects, and that additional arrests expect to be made.

Also injured in the shooting was the dead woman's father, Ernest Mauney, 57, Herman Queen, 25, and Kings Mountain Police Sgt. Johnny Belk. Both Belk and Mauney continue hospitalized at Kings Mountain Hospital where both are reported in good condition. Queen has been discharged from the local hospital and a fourth shooting victim, Gene Mauney,

20, brother of the dead woman, was treated for injuries and released.

Thomas Harper, executive officer of the Kings Mountain Housing Authority which operates the 50 family low-rent housing complex three miles south of the city, said that only one family has moved from Chesterfield Court since the incident. The family lived next to the apartment of Wilma Mauney and has moved into another similar apartment at another site operated by the Housing Authority.

Benjamin Kootsher, a field

representative with the Charlotte office of the N.C. Human Relations Council, said Friday that his report to the state office in Raleigh has been filed. "I have found absolutely no evidence of racial problems. It was a domestic situation with two children and the parents involved. There was a black and white confrontation but we don't know if this was after the fact or a result of it. Most people I've talked to, including those at the Chesterfield Courts, agree there is a good relationship in Kings Mountain between blacks and whites," he added.

Shooting Investigation Continues

Suspects Being Questioned

Dr. Davidson To Speak

Dr. Robert James Davidson, 91, longtime principal of the former Davidson School and for whom the school was named, will return to Kings Mountain Sunday to deliver the keynote address at the third annual reunion of alumni at 3 p.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Davidson alumni will be arriving in the city Saturday for a 2 p.m. picnic at Davidson Park, a 9 p.m. dance at Davidson Gymnasium and other activities.

Dr. Davidson, now of Charlotte, served as principal of the all-black school for 20 years and is remembered for his long service on the KM rationing board during the war years. Davidson received a citation from President Franklin D.

Roosevelt for his service on the rationing board.

A native of Charlotte, Dr. Davidson is the last surviving child of 12 of the late Rev. William M. and Mrs. Emma Moore Davidson. He is a widower and father of six children, two of whom are in education and three in medicine. He resides with a daughter, Mrs. Gwendolyn Cunningham in Charlotte.

His first principalship was in Spindale at Western Union Academy of Baptist Junior College and he served Hopewell Baptist Church for 20 years as pastor and retired from Shiloh Baptist Church after 33 years. He served as president of the

Ebenezer Sunday School Convention for 33 years, the Ebenezer and Baptist State Convention for 50 years and general supervisor of all Baptist churches between Asheville and Greensboro for 10 years. He was listed in "Who's Who of the National Clergy in America" in 1936.

Dr. Davidson completed his educational training at Johnson C. Smith University and Theology Seminary with the A.B. and S.T.B. degrees. Three honorary doctorate degrees have been conferred on him, one by his alma mater, and the other two by Shaw University, Raleigh, and Friendship Junior College in Rock Hill, S.C.



DR. R.J. DAVIDSON

Vandalism Is Reported

Several incidents of vandalism and larceny are under investigation by Kings Mountain Police Department.

Jewel Watson, of Battle Forest Apartments, reported that someone stole an electric guitar, amplifiers, a wrist watch, rings and a leather jacket valued at \$900 from her apartment during the weekend.

Anthony Perkins, Galilee Rd., reported that someone threw a bottle at his car while he was driving on North Piedmont Avenue.

Becky Smith, of 1001 Princeton Dr., reported the theft of a trail bike, valued at \$300, from her residence.

Julius Burton, 200 Waco Rd., reported that four tires were cut on his vehicle parked at his residence.

Gloria Smith, of 604 Bridges Dr., reported that her 1973 Chevrolet was "egged."

Mattie Carroll, of Watterson St., reported that her house was broken into during the weekend but apparently nothing was taken. Damages of \$20 were done to a window, she told police.

Tommy Barrett, of 122 Center St., reported the theft of a bicycle, valued at \$125, and Edie Blair, of 609 Crescent Circle, reported theft of a bicycle, valued at \$150.

Gilbert Hamrick, of 308 Oriental Ave., reported theft of a wallet containing personal papers and an undetermined amount of cash, and James Henson, of 205 N. Piedmont Ave., reported the theft of three personal checks.

KIWANIS CLUB

Dr. William Manikas of Gaston College will present a program on relations between the Soviet Union and the United States, with particular emphasis on the Persian Gulf and the oil-producing states, at Thursday night's meeting of the KM Kiwanis club at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.



Photo by Gary Stewart

MAN, IT'S HOT - The Midwest isn't the only place having three-figure temperatures these days. Several times during the past week, the temperature at Home Savings and Loan in Kings Mountain has topped the 100 mark, and in mid-afternoon Sunday showed a 101 degree reading. Oh, well, back to the pool.