"Miss Lucile" was a vital force in the Clayton Community

A note from Dr. Hocutt to Miss Lucile written less than a year before their marriage.

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Street, reserving lifetime rights, to the Town of Clayton for a future library site. The gift was made as a memorial to her husband and her father, R. Lawrence Cooper, mayor at the time her decision was made, worked closely with Miss Lucile in arrangements for acceptance of her home.

The drive to establish a library was only one of many instigated and led by Miss Lucile through the Woman's Club. She served in all capacities in that organization on the local and statewide level. The clubhouse today holds a significant collection of pictures which she contributed. In February 1966, Miss Lucile was selected as "Outstanding Club Woman" in recognition of "faithful, honorable and creative service in various offices and projects."

While Miss Lucile worked through many organized groups, she was also a "one-woman committee section." She encouraged young people in securing an education, in taking advantage of all opportunities to make their lives better, and in spiritual growth. The Hocults had no children, but three nieces and a nephew were reared under their guidance.

While not a natural mother, these words were used in a feature story by Belle Allen in the Raleigh Times years ago: "A lovely person, Miss Lucile has always loved people and although no children were born to her and Dr. Hocutt, Miss Lucile has many adopted children. There is probably no one more frequently remembered on Mother's Day. These children, ranging in all ages, come to her to bring a good report or to discuss a personal problem. Her interest in their problems and joys, and her willingness to share them, is known, appreciated and loved."

This love and interest is evident today — it bridges the past and the future — in the realization of the Hocutt Ellington Memorial Library, a monument that will live forever, and in living people provide a place of learning and enjoyment to children yet unborn.

Congratulations & Best Wishes
We were happy to be your Consulting Engineers for the Project.

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