

Mrs. Stockard Speaker For 'I Remember Hour'

Dolores Stockard, a prominent south DeKalb community leader, will be the speaker at the "I Remember Hour" of the DeKalb Historical Society on Thursday, April 26, at 4 p.m. in the Old Courthouse on the Square in Decatur.

Dolores and Bob Stockard moved to south DeKalb 25 years ago and have been among the area's greatest promoters ever since. "We had already moved around a good deal with his company (AT&T)," Mrs.



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Stockard said, "so when given a choice we took the Atlanta area because it was about halfway between Florida and New York. We had lived in both states and had many friends and family members in each.

"I'd always felt strongly about being involved in your community, and had learned how through our many moves. So immediately I got busy with the church (Hillside Presbyterian) and later with our daughters' schools, Columbia Elementary and Columbia High."

Her work with school PTAs led her to be instrumental in the establishment of the para-professional program here. It brought two-and-a-half million in federal funding to provide remedial in-

struction in reading, math and other basics for 13 south DeKalb Schools.

MRS. STOCKARD has seen many changes come to her chosen community and in those years been in on many of the positive improvements. She helped to organize the South DeKalb Community Relations Council and is a past president of the Community Council on Aging. The latter organization has seven centers in the county that provide meals, recreation and social activities for the elderly. It also manages the well-known "Meals on Wheels" program.

She is the only woman to serve on the DeKalb Soil and Water Conservation Commission as a contact with the garden clubs. She has also been very active in the Candler Road Redevelopment Corporation.

And that isn't all this energetic woman is involved in. Through activity with the renovation of the gardens at the Callanwolde Fine Arts Center and her own garden club she has served as president of the DeKalb Council of Garden Clubs and continues on their advisory committee.

She will head the 1990 Christmas-at-Callanwolde event. This will be her third time to lead this major project. "I've always been very interested in arts and education," she said, "and believe in getting out there and taking a stand."

Mr. Stockard, now retired, recently built greenhouses on their place to encourage his wife's hobby. Both daughters are still in the area.

This oral history program of the society is open to the public. Speakers are video taped and their programs added to the growing archives of first person accounts of the history of DeKalb County. A social hour follows in the historic old Superior Courtroom with Belva Cleveland and Ruby Zumbrook as hostesses.