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Charles M. Holmes Presented Special Achievement Award after 44 Years Service with Federal Government

After 44 years of government service, Charles M. Holmes of Oklahoma City, OK has retired. He served for 25 years in the U.S. Air Force and more than 18 years with the Federal Aviation Administration. In recognition of his many years of service Holmes was presented a Special Achievement Award from the US Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration.

Upon his retirement in January 1999, Holmes was a Supervisory Medical Records Technician. In this capacity Holmes was responsible for the maintenance of some 2,000,000 medical records of all U.S. civil airmen, for all incoming mail, for the FOIA/Privacy Act Desk, for the microfiling of airmen's medical records and for the production of approximately 70,000 pieces of correspondence annually. He served in this position for nineteen years.

In a memo from the Manager of Aeromedical Certification Division, the following justification for the Special Achievement Award was given:

"The FOIA/Privacy Act Desk responsibility was placed under Mr. Holmes' excellent supervision in December 1997 in addition to the

new Pilot Records Improvement Act (PRIA) duties. Under his guidance, another employee from the correspondence area of AAM-331 was cross trained and given dual responsibilities for typing and assisting with the FOIA/Privacy Act Desk to improve responsiveness. In December 1997 there was a backlog of 1,024 PRIA cases to be done which equaled almost a 3 to 4 month delay for airmen awaiting certified true copies of their records. Thanks to the excellent work-juggling efforts of Mr. Holmes, at the end of November, 1998, there was a backlog of only 21 cases.

"Above and beyond this, however, Mr. Holmes feels personally responsible to every airman for the proper handling of his/her record. He will often spend extra time running down a "lost" record when an airman is grounded and needs some information from that record to get back into the air. Mr. Holmes has long recognized that locating records that have been removed from AAM-331 for processing is one of the biggest problems that the division faces. To solve that problem, Mr. Holmes began pursuing the possibility of optical electronic imaging of the medical records. Following approval of the imaging

project, Mr. Holmes' in-depth knowledge of the current records system, his understanding of the various interrelations between his section and the review process, and his undying enthusiasm for the imaging project have made this process flow very smoothly. He has caused the entire division to look forward with anticipation to the final implementation of the system. The new imaging system will eliminate "lost" records and provide unparalleled administrative support to the division as well as to the 450,000 airmen who apply annually for medical certification. Without Mr. Holmes' enthusiastic participation in every phase, this project and its enthusiastic reception would not have been possible."

Holmes was also awarded a cash award along with the Certificate.

Holmes, a native of the Saddle Creek community in Robeson County, North Carolina, was valedictorian of his 1954 graduating class at Magnolia High School. Following his graduation from high school, he joined the U.S. Air Force in October 1954 and retired in November, 1979.

He is married to the former Shelvie J. Emanuel who is the great

niece of Henry Berry Lowrie. They were married December 24, 1959.

Holmes began his second career with the Federal Aviation Administration in May 1980. He retired with a distinguished record. In 1994 he was chosen Division Employee of the Year.

In 1996 he was presented the FAA Office of Aviation Medicine, Administrative Excellence Award. He has also received several cash awards for Outstanding Performance and several on-the-spot cash awards for Individual Achievement.

Holmes is active in his church and community in Oklahoma City, where he serves as lay preacher, lay scripture reader, part time Sunday School teacher, and he is a supporter of Feed the Children ministries. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, coin collecting, hobby gunsmithing and antique furniture restoration.

During his retirement, Holmes is enjoying grandparenting, part-time baby sitting for a very energetic ten-month old grandson.

Holmes' future plans include the continuation of his college education. He is studying Native American Studies. He will continue to be an ambassador for the Lumbee Indian Tribe.



Shown left is Charles M. Holmes receiving his Retirement Certificate from Dr. William Collins, Ph.D., Director of the Civil Aeromedical Institute FAA, Oklahoma City, OK.

Nursing Program at UNCP Examines Aging Process

Pembroke--For millions of Americans, the beginning of the new millennium may usher in more than just computer-related problems. It could also create more ailments as the population ages.

According to the May 1998 US Census Bureau, by year 2000 about 76 million Americans will be age 50 or older. That is 27.7 percent of the US population.

The American Association of Retired Persons, which prefers now only use the acronym AARP, estimates that 34.1 million Americans will be age 65 or older. That is one of every eight Americans.

To meet health needs of this ever-growing group, nursing education is continually examining its courses and adjusting to the latest research.

According to Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Opitz, RN, MSN, professor of nursing at Southern North Carolina Nursing Consortium (the joint program of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke and Fayetteville State University), the gerontological nursing course offered at UNC Pembroke examines the normal process of aging.

"Physical, psychological, socio-cultural and spiritual aspects of aging are examined within the context of the family and society," Opitz said as she detailed her student's recent field trip to Washington, D.C.

Gerontological nursing courses explore demographic data of the aged population and the implications for professional nursing practice of older clients.

Opitz points out that her students learn to differentiate fact from fiction related to the older population. She said her students learn to examine the community resources available to older clients and develop strategies to maximize their optimal health potential.

During their visit to Washington, the seven nursing students received information briefings on managed care, Medicare and Social Security by AARP staff members. They also met with 7th U.S. District Rep. Mike McIntyre who co-chairs the Rural Health Coalition.

Opitz said she and her students also enjoyed meeting Sen. Strom Thurmond, who at age 96, is still representing the people of South Carolina.

The Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing students who visited Washington are Elizabeth Herring from Dunn, Sherby Locklear from St. Pauls, Patricia Miller from Rafterd, Katherine Owens from Lumberton, Jane Bullard Smiling from Maxton, Marilyn Stout from Laurinburg and Mary Ann Turner from Clarkton.



Travis Bryant named new Police Chief for Pembroke

McDuffie Cummings, Town Manager for the Town of Pembroke, announced Wednesday, April 27, 1999, that Royal Travis Bryant has been named Chief of Police for the Town of Pembroke effective May 3, 1999. Travis is currently a Sergeant with the UNC Police Department and formerly served as a police officer for two (2) years with the City of Fayetteville. Travis holds a B.A. Degree in criminal justice with a minor in Public Administration from UNC-P. Travis is married to Teresa Dial

Bryant and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alford Bryant and resides in the Mt. Airy community. In making the appointment, Cummings says that "Travis' youth will provide the energy and his training and experience will bring the knowledge to make the Pembroke Police Department one of the finest in the state." The Pembroke Police Department currently has staff of twelve (12) sworn police officers, two auxiliary police officers and four communication officers and an operating budget of \$500,000.00.

Henry Berry Lowrie Film to Debut at UNC Pembroke

Pembroke, N.C. - A large crowd is expected at UNC Pembroke's Givens Performing Arts Center for the world premier of "Through Native Eyes," a film about the legendary Henry Berry Lowrie. The first showing is at 8 p.m., May 1, followed by a Sunday, 3 p.m. Date.

The movie, set during the Civil War and Reconstruction, was shot locally by Van Coleman and Bernd Reinhardt. The pair are working towards their Master's in fine Arts at UNC Greensboro.

The film was made at a cost of \$40,000, raised from private sponsors. Mr. Coleman, the film's director, became interested in doing the movie while he was working on another project with Robert Locklear, the actor who plays Henry Berry Lowrie.

"I had heard about Henry Berry Lowrie but I didn't really know the whole story," Mr. Coleman said. "Robert told me some of the legendary history of Lowrie, and I became interested in doing this project."

Robert Locklear and Carnell Locklear are two of the film's stars that have ties to the outdoor drama, "Strike to the Wind!" Carnell served as general manager and played Boss Strong for 15 years. Robert was stage manager and he also served as general manager.

Carnell Locklear, the film's narrator, said he is expecting a large crowd for debut at GPAC.

"This project is done very, very professionally," said Carnell Locklear. "The grass roots people here put their hearts, energy, horses and wagons into this very historical film about Henry Berry Lowrie, a man who fought for justice for people of all colors."

"Through Native Eyes" was filmed along the Lumbee River for nine days with a cast of 130 actors, according to Bernd Reinhardt, the film's director of photography. The cast was very cooperative and worked 17 hours a day. "Mr. Reinhardt said, "No one on the film was a paid professional."

Mr. Coleman expressed his enthusiasm for the film's debut. "It is a privilege to tell the people's story of Henry Berry Lowrie," he said. "The actors give a beautiful and moving performance, and I believe people will go away surprised."

With plans to distribute the film to foundations, schools, and libraries, the story of the Lowrie War and hero Henry Berry may reach a wider audience. "Henry Berry Lowrie is a great story that deserves to be told," Carnell Locklear said. "He was America's most wanted man for about 10 years. And they never got him!"

Cost of tickets is \$6 per person of all ages.

CEO with Pembroke roots to speak locally

Pembroke, N.C. -- "I was so proud when I got a promotion as a stringer while working in Tobacco," said Mary Ann Elliott.

Since her days in a Robeson County tobacco field, there have been many more promotions for the woman who now owns her own telecommunications company in Falls Church, Virginia.

Mary Ann Elliott's roots in Pembroke have brought her back home for keynote addresses on Tuesday, May 4th.

The chief executive officer of Arrowhead Space and Telecommunications, Inc. will deliver addresses at the Angus W. McLean Executive Symposium at 10 a.m. in the Moore Hall Auditorium at UNCP and at the Business Visions 1999 annual banquet at 6 p.m. at Pine Crest Country Club in Lumberton.

Born in Robeson County and a member of the Tuscarora Tribe, Ms. Elliott said in an interview last week "It is coming together, and it will create a large number of jobs in the area."

Ms. Elliott said Robeson County,

with its high unemployment and economic dislocation, qualifies as a federal historically underutilized business zone.

Arrowhead is a Department of Defense contractor that designs, installs and maintains international communications networks from the ground terminals to leasing satellite time. The company also provides Y2K support for the government.

"When people ask me where I get my work ethic from, I tell them about working in tobacco," she said. "I lived in Robeson County for my first five years, but for 12 years, I came home during the summer to work in tobacco."

Reservations for the banquet may be made by calling UNCP's Regional Center at 521-6198.

The Symposium is an annual business lecture that is underwritten by BB&T to honor its founder, former North Carolina Governor Angus W. McLean of Lumberton. It is free to the public.

Business Visions is sponsored by the Robeson County Chamber of Commerce Coalition. A number of awards

will be given out at the banquet, including Business Person of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Business Student of the Year, MBA Student of the Year and a Spirit of Unity Award.

Ms. Elliott runs Arrowhead Space and Telecommunications, Inc. She is recognized as a leading technology industry visionary.

Arrowhead won the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's 1997 Blue Chip Enterprise Initiative Award for its savvy in spotting trends and developing solutions to problems in high technology.

In addition, Arrowhead is listed in a "fast fifty" company by Washington Technology business newspaper for its rapid earnings growth and potential. The company was also named Virginia's number one high-tech firm.

Ms. Elliott is listed by Defense Daily as one of the "top 40 most influential people in defense aerospace and national security."

She is an advocate of economic development for Native American communities.

Area Wide Celebrate Jesus 2000 Harvest Crusade begins May 2nd at Robeson Fairgrounds

Celebrate Jesus 2000 Harvest Crusade with Dr. Jerry Drace and his team will begin Sunday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. Under a giant canvas cathedral located at Robeson County Fairgrounds. Service will continue nightly through Thursday, May 6. All seats are free and the public is invited.

Dr. Drace, renowned international evangelist from Jackson, TN will present dynamic messages nightly in an attempt to "bring Christ to everyone in this area." His passion for people who need God, and his burden for church renewal, will provide a balanced message that will impact thousands expected to attend nightly, according to crusade leaders.

The Crusade is being organized and directed by Christ for the World, Inc., the Orlando, FL organization founded by the late Dr. E. J. Daniels John Bos is the Crusade Director.

"This event is for people from ALL churches of ALL denominations, as well as for those who never attend ANY church," stated Dr. Lynn Bullock, pastor of Godwin Heights Baptist Church and Chairman of the Crusade's Executive Committee.

Exciting Music Nightly
Music for the Crusade will be under the director of Ken and Lois Holland from Franklin, TN, who have worked with the Drace organization since 1981 and have presented exciting music to tens of thousands around

the world. They will perform through vocals, keyboard numbers, as well as handbells. There will be a mixture of their original songs as well as the "old favorite."

The Hollands will also lead a 100-voice crusade choir made up of local singers nightly, as well as lead the vast congregation in music worship. All those interested in singing in the High choir are invited to come to the pre-crusade rehearsal at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2, and 6:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Free Childcare Available

A free, well equipped childcare facility with efficient workers from various participating churches will be provided nightly for children through age 4 in the Exhibit Hall, Robeson County Fairgrounds. Parents are asked to register their children IN and OUT. This service is a courtesy of the crusade and facilities are open to the public 6:30-9:00 p.m. Church membership is NOT required to use these excellent

ing people for Christ."

Pizza Blast for Teens

There will be a giant PIZZA BLAST for all middle and high school students on Thursday, May 6, 6:00 p.m. at the crusade location. According to Rev. Todd Stout, Chairman of the Youth Committee, "There will be plenty of free pizza for everyone, and lots of soft drinks to 'wash it down.'" This function will be free of charge although tickets will be required for crowd control. Tickets will be made available at the crusade and by students giving them to their friends in school.

Free Transportation

Those needing transportation to the crusade are asked to call 738-8186 or 521-9850 before 4:00 p.m. of the day this complementary service is needed.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help erect the huge 3,000 seat tent on Saturday, May 1, 7:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Members of the Crusade's Executive Committee are: Dr. Michael Moore, Rev. Larry Locklear, Dr. Lynn Bullock, Rev. Michael Cummings, Mr. Bill Brewington, Rev. Don Satterwhiet, Rev. Chester Chavis, and Rev. Baxter Leigh.

The public is cordially invited to all crusade services.

Commissioner Noah Woods to hold district meetings

Robeson County Commissioner for District 4, Mr. Noah Woods, will hold Public Forums in Robeson County Commissioner District 4 at the following locations on dates and at times listed.

PROSPECT, May 4, 1999 - 7:00 PM, Prospect School, Maxton, NC

PEMBROKE, May 6, 1999 - 7:00 PM, Courthouse, 210 Main Street, Pembroke, NC

The purpose of the Public Forums

is to receive comments, input, and to answer questions from constituents regarding matters of interest to citizens of Robeson County.

Commissioner Noah Woods welcomes your attendance.