

Pembroke Student Member of Dartmouth Class of 2007

HANOVER, NH—Mark Simeon Brooks, from Pembroke, has enrolled as a member of the class of 2007 at Dartmouth College. Brooks is the son of Ted Brooks and Rosella H. Brooks. Dartmouth, the ninth oldest college in the nation, was founded in 1769. Noted as a highly competitive college, Dartmouth has a total enrollment of 4,200 undergraduate students in engineering, business and medicine.

High Class to reunite Nov. 28

1968 Pembroke High 35th School Class Reunion will be held November 28, 2003 at the JayCee Club House, Pembroke, NC.

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Burleigh and Pearl Lowry.

Lowry family honors parents with endowed scholarship

PEMBROKE, N.C.—The sons and daughters of Burleigh and Pearl Lowry have joined together to honor the memory of their parents with an endowed memorial scholarship at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

The Lowrys lived in the Harpers Ferry Community near Pembroke where they raised 12 children and farmed 350 acres.

The Burleigh and Pearl Lowry Endowed Memorial Scholarship is a perpetual scholarship at UNCP. The award will go to a student who has demonstrated financial need, preferably is a resident of Robeson County and preferably a member or a relative of a member of the Harpers Ferry Baptist Church.

Family members started the scholarship with gifts and

pledges totaling \$15,000. They expect to continue building the endowment.

"We discussed the idea of a scholarship at family reunions, which we hold the second weekend of October every year at the home place," said Burlin Lowry. "Every body liked the idea."

Church and family were the cornerstones of the Lowry home, but they were also strong supporters of education in the community.

Mr. Lowry was a member of the School Committee at Harpers Ferry Elementary School until 1939 when Pembroke High School was built as a separate operating high school from the Normal College. Pembroke High School was located property adjacent to the Normal College property. Mr. Lowry switched to become a member of the Union

Elementary School Committee. He was also superintendent of the Harpers Ferry Baptist Church.

"Daddy was born in 1889 and took charge of the family farm when he was 12 years old," said Klyne Lowry. "He could not continue his education."

Odessa Lowry continued. "He was a World War I veteran," she said. "He and mom married in 1920. They had seven boys and five girls."

Burleigh Lowry died in 1963 and Pearl died in 1967, but their lives will be remembered eternally with this scholarship. UNCP Chancellor Allen C. Meadors said.

"This is a great way to honor great people," Chancellor Meadors said. "This gift will help young people from the community for years to come."

Korean War Shipmates of USS George Clymer reunited in Pennsylvania

by Mary Largent
History Of USS George Clymer (APA-27)

U.S.S. George Clymer (APA-27) is a single screw, 15,500 ton attack transport, built as S.S. African Planet by the Ingalls Shipbuilding Company at Pascagoula, Mississippi in 1941. She was built for the Maritime Commission for passenger/freighter service and was acquired from the Commission as soon as she was completed. (The merchant name can still be seen marked on her bows by weld marks.)

The ship bears the name of an American Patriot who was born in Philadelphia in 1739 and died in 1813. In addition to being a signer of the Declaration of Independence and holding numerous positions in connection with the early American government, George Clymer was one of the first two Continental Treasurers in 1775.

During World War II George Clymer steamed approximately 163,000 engine miles, and became the first United States Navy Attack Transport to participate in World War II operations in both the Mediterranean and 32 in the Pacific.

Called the "Lucky George" (The only damage that she suffered during the war was a shell from a Moroccan shore battery which cut the main radio antenna), she dropped anchor at more than 46 ports throughout the world-over a dozen in the United States, Hawaii, and the Canal Zone; two in the Mediterranean and 32 in the Pacific.

For her final combat operation of WW II, USS George Clymer took part in the assault and occupation of the western beaches on Okinawa Island 1-5 April 1945. Clymer was then a unit of Transport Division 35: 51 officers and 1,251 troops of the Second Battalion, 29th Marines and their equipment were embarked. Upon completion of unloading at Okinawa on 5 April, the ship returned to Saipan. Clymer stopped at Eniwetok Atoll 24-25 August 1945 and then steamed on to Manila, Philippine Islands, via Ulithi. After a brief layover in the Gulf of Luzon, on the 20th she departed for occupation.

Loaded to 125 % capacity, on 1 November 1945 Clymer steamed the "Magic Carpet" duty home. By direction dated March 1946, USS George Clymer (APA-27) has remained on active duty with the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

In 1950, Commanded by Captain Branneman, USN, and later by Captain Raymond L. Lamb, USN, Clymer was called into action for the Korean conflict. Soldiers, sailors, and marines from the "Lucky George" hit the beaches at Pusan, Inchon,

Wonsan, and Hungnam. Since 1953, when the Korean conflict terminated, numerous cruises to the Western Pacific have been made in support of our foreign policies as a part of the always-ready "Force of Peace" that the U.S. Seventh Fleet maintains against Communism.

In August, 1965, Captain John M. Thomas, USN, relieved Captain Whitman in San Diego. Five months later, in February, 1966, the ship was again on its way to the Western Pacific, in support of our forces in Vietnam. For seven months the ship crossed the South China Sea, landing supporting Marines and other U.S. Military in "faraway places with strange sounding names"-Vung Tau, Qui Nhon, Chu Lai, and Anhol, and returned stateside in September 1966.

Reunion of USS George Clymer Shipmates

The coordinator of the USS George Clymer reunions is none other than Fred Pellegrine. Fred joined the Navy in 1945 after graduating from high school.

As the story goes, he came home with the Navy Recruiter much to his father's chagrin and his mother's tears.

He became the ship's cook. After his stay on the USS George Clymer, he attended college and became a U.S. History teacher.

Fred and his wife Mary Ann live in Michigan where they raise pears, peaches and gardens. Fred is also a Broker for frozen grapes and wine consultant for Peter Buhm Vineyards.

The first reunion in Clymer had a tremendous turn out, with a parade and floats.

The Penns Manor School in Clymer adopted the shipmates. The ship mates in turn have set up scholarships for Penns Manor School. Since the scholarship has

been set up, not one student has dropped out.

The first day of the reunion On September 24, 2003, Mr. Ervin Jacobs and I drove to Indiana, Pa. to attend the reunion of his shipmates who were aboard the USS Clymer.

The activities were scheduled for the 25th through the 28th.

Our first day the crew was scheduled to be picked up in a school bus and taken to the town of Clymer to visit Penn Manor Middle School that has adopted the USS George Clymer shipmates.

Upon arriving, we were escorted to the auditorium and entertained by their wonderful 118 member marching band.

After many patriotic songs, we were escorted to a corner of the gym that had been set up with lovely decorated tables and a scrumptious lunch of roast beef and gravy.

It was an enjoyable and memorable experience.

The audience appreciated each one of the 38 shipmates giving some history and experience of their duties and activities while serving on the ship.

Later in the evening we were again escorted by the same bus driver, Mrs. Ruby Karlinsey, to the American Legion Hut where we again were treated to a delicious meal of stuffed chicken

breasts.

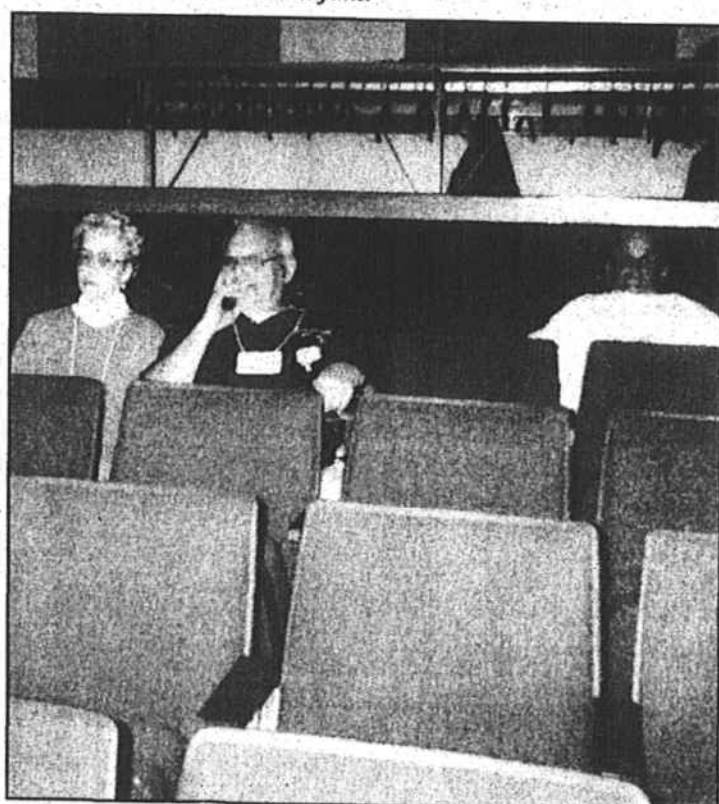
We were able to view the archive of the many pictures, news stories written during the conflicts.

To look at the pictures of the young sailors when they were aboard the USS Clymer and today was quite a contrast. (Such handsome men in their uniforms!)

This article will be continued in next week's issue.



Representing the Lowry family are (from left) Klyne, Nell, Odessa, Lycourous Vanice, Oceanus and Burlin. Not pictured are: Eurania and Wanda. Deceased siblings are: Oberon, Learlene, Henry and an unnamed infant.



Coordinator of the USS George Clymer Reunions, Fred Pellegrine and his wife.



Mrs. Ruby Karlinsey, served as bus driver during the reunion.



Korean War Veteran Ervin Jacobs of Maxton is shown on the bus during the recent reunion of shipmates of USS George Clymer.

Billy Mills at UNCP

PEMBROKE, N.C.—Legendary Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills will speak at UNCP Pembroke Tuesday November 4 at 7 p.m. at the Givens Performing Arts Center as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series. Tickets are \$10.

To this day, Mills is the only American to ever win the 10,000 meters in the Olympic Games, a feat he accomplished in the 1964 games while setting an Olympic record.

Mills was born in Pine Ridge, S.D. He is Oglala Lakota (Sioux) Indian and was raised on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Billy's given Lakota name is Makata Taka Hela, which means "love your country" or more traditionally translated, "respect the earth." He grew up in poverty and was orphaned at the age of 12. He turned to sports as a positive focus in his life and took up running while attending the Haskell Institute, an Indian boarding school in Lawrence, Kan.

In the late 1950s, Mills attended the University of Kansas on an athletic scholarship. At Kansas, he was named a NCAA all-American cross-country runner three times. He graduated with a B.S. degree in physical education.

After graduation, Mills was commissioned as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He returned to running and qualified for the 1964 Olympics in the 10,000 meters and the marathon.

Mills was inducted into the United States Olympic Hall of Fame in 1984, and is a member of the United States Track and Field Hall of Fame, the National Distance Running Hall of Fame, the Kansas Hall of Fame, the San Diego Hall of Fame, and the National High School Hall of Fame.

His life story was made into the film, "Running Brave," starring Robby Benson.

Billy Mills remains active in Native American causes today.

Mills will be followed in the series by Dave Barry December 2nd and Spike Lee February 2, 2004.