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### Honorable Discharge

This is to certify that

ERNEST B PARRY 12 023 675 SERGEANT 296 ORDNANCE MEDIUM MAINTENANCE COMPANY

### Army of the United States

is hereby Monorably Discharged from the military service of the United States of America.

This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Monest and Faithful Service to this country.

Given at SEPARATION CENTER FORT BRAGG NORTH CAROLINA

Date 25 JUNE 1945

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This is to Certify That * PARRY, Ernest B 002-357194 Asst Ldr
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July 11, 1940 at Camp S-68, Oxford, N.Y., is hereby
HONORARLY DISCHARGED therefrom, by reason of **
Said Ernest B. Parry was born in Syraguss, N.Y.
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Given under my hand at Camp S-68, Oxford, N.Y, this twenty-first day
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# Life of a retired president

By Amber L. Whitley

Daily Times Staff Writer

"I highly recommend retirement," says Ernest Parry, 79, as he leans back in his chair and closes his eyes.

After a moment, he laughs, opens his eyes and stares out the line of windows to his left.

Parry's living room overlooks his pond, several brightly colored trees and the houses of both of his children.

That particular section of the property is tranquil in the late afternoon hours and its soothing effect is obvious from the relaxed look on Parry's face.

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### Neighbors

our Bibles," Parry adds with a laughter Parry, a man who served in the armed forces, taught school and was president of two colleges, retired to

president of two colleges, retired this house in Sims with his first wife Edna, in 1982.

When he lost Edna to cancer in 1997, Parry said he also lost himself.

The couple had been married 54 years, and they shared a special bond.

Parry was miserable alone, and he knew something was going to have to change in his life.

And what happened next is a love story fit for Hollywood.

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After only a few days apart, Parry knew he wanted to spend the rest of his life with Adams.

"I could hardly wait to get home," Parry said. And Adams shared his feelings.

The couple was married in September 1999.

Parry is enjoying his new marriage and his retirement. But the road to his retirement was not an easy one. Looking back, Parry now wonders if he spent too much time working and furthering his own education.

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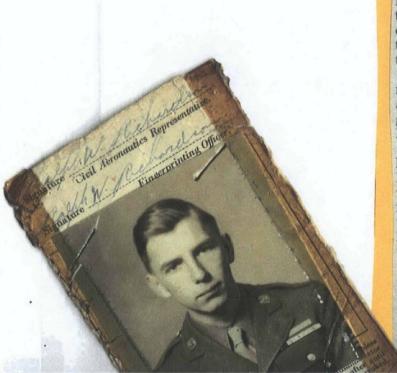
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But Parry was persistent, and he asked Adams if she would like to take a drive in the country once she felt better.

She agreed, and the road trip started a string of dates.

throughout their But courtship, Parry was looking ahead to the month of June. He had already committed

himself to visit his brother, Jim, in Alaska. He would be gone the entire month.

It would be a "cooling off" period for the couple. In Parry's absence, he would have to decide whether he wanted to ask Adams to marry

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It's been years since the two men have seen each other. But despite the passage of time Farris remembers Parry as one of the best men he's ever met.

"He was one of the most dependable people you could ever meet and he was wel respected in the community. Farris said. "He's a very delightful person and I wish

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of Wilson All America.





Adele met Ernie when he first came to Wilson Tech in the fall of 1972.

She was so impressed that he insisted that we all call him Ernie, not Dr. Parry. He is obviously a very down to earth person who doesn't stand on ceremony. On the other hand, as a boss he can work you so hard you wonder why you are in the job at all...just joking, Ernie. :)

In 1982, Dr. Parry retired as President of Wilson Tech, intending to spend his time teaching, doing volunteer work, farming, traveling, and remaining active in community affairs. Though he never found any time for teaching in the classroom, he worked harder farming and working for the betterment of the community welfare than he had as President of "The Tech." The Parrys always had to get a "Cow Sitter" when they planned on traveling anywhere. While remaining active in the First United Methodist Church, Parry became extremely interested and involved in the Wilson Area Habitat for Humanity. Two of his many years of service to date included being its President, while in the last few years, he has been one of the main driving forces for the building of two homes. He has nailed, painted, dug, puttied, cleaned, supervised a team of Pennsylvania college students for a week, and in general kept all the other volunteers on track. You can see the results for yourself at 1017 and 1019 Lodge Street.

To see Ernie as a leader you need only recall the splendid job he did as President of Wilson Tech. During his ten years there, the evidence of his leadership ability was plentiful. He helped move the board toward more equitable racial and sexual balance. He emphasized organization and planning, including long-range planning and establishment of the first comprehensive personnel plan the institute ever had.

His leadership with Habitat for Humanity has already been mentioned and other civic groups such as Wesley Shelter, Wilson Kiwanis All-American and First Methodist Church Volunteers in Mission have also benefited greatly from his leadership.

There is ample evidence of Dr. Parry's personal and business progress. He enlisted in the Army in 1940, was assigned to Fort Bragg, where he made his North Carolina "connection," meeting Edna Ogburn of Angier, whom he would later marry. After his service in the Army, Ernie quickly learned that in order to survive, he had to get interested really quickly in trying to earn more than \$35 a week, especially since the Parrys had one child by this time. He returned to school in a summer school program in New York state, where he obtained a high school equivalency certificate in 1948. He later earned a bachelor's degree in industrial arts and began his career in education as an industrial arts and machine shop instructor. He immediately began working on a masters degree in education at the University of Maryland, earning the degree in 1955. While working as supervisor at Northern Illinois University, Parry enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, obtaining his doctorate in administration and supervision in 1959. He returned to North Carolina in 1962, where he served as the initial president of Forsyth Technical Institute until the Parrys' move to Wilson in 1971. By then the Parrys had one daughter who was married and living near Raleigh and one son, recently graduated from high school.

Parry is a devoted family man, who was married to Edna for 53 years before her death. He has three grandsons and a granddaughter. He epitomizes the person who cares about other people, and if those others are less fortunate than he is, he will help them in any way he can.

The latest chapter in Ernie's life is his new bride of three years, Alice.

Both of them had lost their spouses at about the same time, and they seemed to hit it off right from the start. Bowie and Adele have fond memories of a trip we took with Ernie and Alice to Pennsylvania on the train. Both are great companions and a lot of fun to be around.

Ernie, Alice, we love you both!!!

Bowie and adele

Bowie and Adele Gray