## Brooks, Big Game Hunter, To Give Council Program

Beautiful Color Film To Be Shown At Joint Meeting; Brooks Will Narrate It

Members of the Carolina Council and the Junior Council will make a safari to equatorial Africa at a special program Thursday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m., at the Leaksville-Spray junior high school.

By way of a color motion picture, "Passport To Safariland," they will accompany Berry B. Brooks, noted explorer and big game hunter, on a photographic expedition behind-the-scenes of tourist Africa.

Mr. Brooks will be here in person to narrate the true color film story of natives, animals, flowers and scenery. The motion picture is the result of 13 months he spent on two expeditions and over 25,000 miles he traveled through places seldom seen by white men.

Mr. Brooks is the only man in history who has headed two great private expeditions into equatorial Africa for the adventure and thrill of making close-up color motion pictures of biggame animals.

#### Adventuring Is His Hobby

Adventuring is a hobby with Mr. Brooks, who is a cotton merchant of Memphis, Tenn., and the current president of the Memphis Cotton Exchange. He is a long-time friend of S. R. Fifield, Fieldcrest vice president, purchasing, who arranged for his visit here.

Mr. Brooks is listed in International Who's Who as an explorer, world traveler, and leader of hunting and photographic expeditions. He has made films in 28 foreign countries and now has added Kenya Colony, Uganda, Egyptian Sudan, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia and the Belgian Congo to his list.

He is a member of the East African Professional Hunter's association, Nairobi; the Adventurer's club, Chicago; the Camp Fire club of America, New York; and the Explorer's club, New York.

The film records Mr. Brooks' visit with remote tribes in their native habitat and shows how their simple lives conform to the climate, vegetation and wildlife of the Dark Continent.

### Unusual Customs Are Shown

Also presented are visits with the Mangbwettu tribe (The Longheads) and their giant chieftain, Ekibonda, whose harem consists of 189 wives, the Turkans whose custom decrees that the menfolk wear a strange head dress composed of the hair of their ancestors mingled with ostrich plumes, and the Masai natives whose sole diet is milk and blood.

"Passport To Safariland" also shows the Dinkas who spear fish in the swamps of the Nile while the sacred ibises fly overhead. These stork men imitate the great bird by supporting themselves on the reed beds while standing on one foot with the other resting on the knee.



BERRY B. BROOKS ... Big Game Hunter ...

## S. R. Fifield Praises 'Safariland' Picture

S. R. Fifield, vice president, purchasing, has seen the film, "Passport To Safariland." He was asked by The Mill Whistle to comment on the picture.

Mr. Fifield's statement follows:

"I attended the first showing of "Passport to Safariland" in Memphis, Tennessee, immediately after Mr. Brooks returned from his second expedition to Africa. It would not be an overstatement of fact to say that it was the finest motion picture of Africa, its people, its beautiful scenery and its wild animals that I have ever seen.

"In making this film Mr. Brooks, accompanied by his wife, spent 13 months in two expeditions, traveled 24,000 miles by truck, 1100 miles on foot and 200 miles in crude native canoes. It is all filmed while he was actually hunting, and not a foot was taken in game preserves or parks.

"We, here at Fieldcrest, are indeed fortunate to have Mr. and Mrs. Brooks visit us and present this beautiful motion picture. It has taken us quite a few months of planning to arrange this showing, as he is in great demand as a speaker throughout the country.

"It is interesting to note that this film has only been shown on two other occasions anywhere in the Eastern part of the United States-once in New York City at the Explorer's Club and again at the invitation of the National Geographic Society where Mr. Brooks enjoyed a capacity house in Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C.

"I urge you and your family not to miss this wonderful picture. The opportunity will probably not come again."

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