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MARK BROOKS FUNERAL SERVICES HELD AT MAGNOLIA SCHOOL

An Estimated 1,000 Family members and Friends Attend



MARK BROOKS

Magnolia School-An estimated 1,000 family members and friends turned out Wednesday afternoon to honor Mark Brooks who died of a sudden heart attack early Sunday morning. Brooks had served as principal of Magnolia School since 1973.

Special music was by the Harpstones, a musical group from Harper's Ferry

Baptist Church where he was a member. Scripture and prayer was by Rev. Bob Mangum, pastor of Prospect United Methodist Church; Eulogy by Rev. C.W. Maynor. A special tribute was also rendered by Jeffery Wynn, president of the senior class at Magnolia School. Pembroke VFW Post 2843 Chaplain Archie Oxendine also paid a special tribute to his fallen comrade in arms. Brooks was a naval veteran.

The message was given by Rev. Steve Jones, the pastor of Harper's Ferry Baptist Church. Interment followed in the S.A. Hammond Family Cemetery.

Rev. Charles W. Maynor said simply, "I know of no man who made as positive an impact in his community as Mark Brooks did in the 45 years he lived." Rev. Maynor ended the eulogy by saying, "He (Brooks) left this community a better place than he found it."

Brooks, indeed, had led an active life. He had also served stints as principal of Rex Rennett and Union Elementary Schools.

In addition to his duties as an educator, Brooks was a member of the board of directors of Lumbee Bank in Pembroke, Progressive Savings and Loan in Lumberton and Southeastern General Hospital, and Robeson Technical College.

He was a former member of the Pembroke Town Council and was presently serving as chairman of the Robeson County Democratic Party.

Area Citizens win top honors in Statewide Indian Art Contest

Area citizens walked away with top honors at the statewide Indian Art Contest in Charlotte recently. The contest was held during the Sixth Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference March 5-7, sponsored by the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.

Winning works were selected from over 300 entries. Contest winners were recognized during the conference banquet Friday, March 6, by Wanda Burns Ramsey of the Commission of Indian Affairs staff. Winners received ribbons, certificates and small cash awards.

Local first place winners in the painting category were David Lowry, a seventh grader at Pembroke Middle School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lowry of Pembroke; Jerome Locklear, an eleventh grader at Orum High School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Locklear of Lumberton; Karen Coronado, a senior at East Carolina University, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Coronado of Pembroke; and Patricia Locklear, a senior at Red Springs Senior High School, daughter of Pernell Locklear of Red Springs. Miss Locklear also won second place in the drawing category.

Second place winners in the painting category included Paul Cummings, a seventh grader at Pembroke Middle School, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cummings of Rowland; Bonita Jacobs, a senior at Fairmont High School, daughter of Harry Jacobs of Fairmont; and Eli Locklear, a senior at Pembroke Senior High School, son of Bill R. Locklear of Maxton.

First place winners in the drawing category included Teresa Bullard, a fifth grader at Red Springs Middle School, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bullard of Red Springs, and Clyde

Jacobs of Lumberton, an art teacher at Lumberton Senior High School. Jacobs who was judged in the professional artist category, also received second prize in drawing.

Other second place winners in the drawing category included Dexter Emanuel, an eleventh grader at Lumberton Senior High School, son of Lettie Emanuel of Lumberton, and Laurie Brooks Herndon, a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, daughter of Dr. Martin L. Brooks of Pembroke.

Judges for the contest were Allen Stout, director of the Schiele Museum in Gastonia; Craig Allen Locklear, a cultural enrichment specialist with the Indian Education Project of Pembroke; Stuart Schwartz, curator of the Mint Museum in Charlotte; and Carl Woodring of Charlotte, Osage Indian artist.

The annual contest recognizes the talents of American Indian artists in North Carolina and is open to any Native America age 6 or older.

Other art contest winners were Darwin Britt of Fayetteville, Noland Crowe of Cherokee, Barbara Garner of High Point, Clifford Goins of Hamlet, Barry Johnson of Hiddenite, and Marion Ward of Greensboro.

Under the auspices of the Robeson County Title IV Part A Compensatory Indian Education Project, and under the instruction of Mr. Craig Allen Locklear and Ms. Magenta Maynor, Cultural Enrichment Specialists, two students were awarded first place awards and two students were awarded second place awards. SEE PHOTOS OF WINNERS PAGE 2.

Pembroke One of Fastest Growing Towns in Area

by Bruce Barton

According to preliminary figures just released by the bureau of census, Pembroke is one of the fastest growing towns in the area, having skyrocketed from a 1970 count of 1,982 to 1980 figures of 2,689.

Robeson County also showed substantial growth as a whole, increasing in population from 1970 (84,842) to a 1980 census count of 101,498.

ROBESON COUNTY FIGURES

Here are the preliminary figures for Robeson County. 1970 figures are in brackets. Robeson County 101,498 (84,842)
Lumberton 18,187 (16,961)
Lumber Bridge 184 (117); Maxton 2,695 (1,885); Pembroke 2,689 (1,982); Parkton 567 (550); Red Springs 3,616 (3,383); Raynham 83 (not inc.); Proctoville 199 (157); Rowland 1,834 (1,358); St. Pauls 1,638 (2,011); Fairmont, 2,665 (2,827); McDonald, 116 (80) Rennett 175 (not inc.)

Increases in population can mean a number of things to a community, ranging from representation in the state legislature and congress to eligibility for government grants.

Pembroke Gets Help in Counting Assets

The Town of Pembroke welcomes members of the 450th Civil Affairs Reserve Company. Members of the 450th Civil Affairs Reserve Company are working in conjunction with the 82nd Airborne Division to set up and complete a fixed assets system and control procedures for the Town of Pembroke.

Members of the 450th working in Pembroke are SSG Shirley Singer who is employed with the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, DC. where she serves as a federal women's program manager; Sp. Dewey Pringle who is employed with the Department of Treasury in Washington, DC where he serves as a computer operator; and Sp. Atlay Brown who is employed with the Department of Defense in Washington, DC where he serves as an administrative specialist.

The town hopes to have all fixed assets listed and catalogued in the very near future, according to McDuffie Cummings, town manager. He said, "We are grateful for the assistance of the Civil Affairs group."

The listing and cataloging of the town's fixed assets will respond to a recommendation from the town's auditors.

PEOPLE AND PLACES AND THINGS

ACCEPTING BIDS

The Robeson County Recreation and Park Commission will be accepting bids for the operation of concession stands in Maxton, Red Springs, Union Chapel, and Rowland, until 2 p.m., March 23, 1981. Bid Sheets and specifications may be obtained from the Directors Office on Elizabethtown Road, Lumberton.

LOCAL STUDENT HONORED

The North Carolina Institute of Chemists, Inc. annually honors students in Chemistry Departments or Chemical Engineering Departments who have been chosen by their department as being their outstanding senior. This year the following student is among twenty students from various colleges and universities who will be honored: Tammy Haywood, Pembroke State University, 220 North Hall, Pembroke, N.C. 28372.

The awards banquet will be held in the Presidential Dining Room at Meredith College on Saturday, April 11, 1981, at 6:30 p.m.

PEMBROKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION TO BE HELD MAR. 27

Registration for Kindergarten and First Graders entering Pembroke Elementary School next fall for the first time will be conducted on Friday, March 27, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, in the school gym according to Principal James C. Dial.

A survey has been made and letters containing registration forms have been distributed to parents. Any parent who has not received the registration forms may secure them from the principal's office at the school.

The parents are requested to complete the registration form and return to the school prior to the pre-school clinic on March 27.

All children must be five (5) years old on or before October 15, for kindergarten, or six years old for first grade.

Parents of children already enrolled in kindergarten at Pembroke Elementary School will not be required to come for registration.

A birth certificate and an immunization record must be presented at the registration desk. Children are asked not to attend this clinic.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN MARCH 22

Philadelphus United Methodist Church will begin their Revival March 22, 1981 and will run through March 27. Services begin nightly at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist will be Rev. Bob Mangum and the Rev. Simeon F. Cummings. Special singing will be featured each night. Pastor S. Dufrene Cummings and the church cordially invite each and every one to attend.

A CORRECTION

RALEIGH--Recent published statements that the House Agriculture Committee intends to abolish the State Agriculture Extension Service in a budget-cutting move were incorrect. The Committee does not intend to abolish the service, nor is there any proposal before the Committee to do so.

Please rest assured that this is a simple misunderstanding and there is no reason to be concerned.

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are now being accepted for graduate fellowships in Educational Administration at the Pennsylvania State University. The overriding purpose of the existence of this fellowship program is to provide Indian communities and schools which serve substantial members of Indian children with school administrators who are, themselves, Indians.

Several Lumbee Indians have participated in this Indian Program. They are Larry Ray Brayboy of Laurel Hill, Rhonda Dial of Pembroke, Linda Oxendine of Pembroke, and Shelby Jean Conley, Coharie, Pembroke.

Those who wish to apply should contact immediately:

Dr. Grayson Noley
Pennsylvania State University
319 Rockley Building
University Park, PA 16802

or

Belinda Scott Harris
Lumbee Talent Search
Lumbee Regional Development Assoc.
P.O. Box 68
Pembroke, N.C. 28372
(919) 521-8664.

Deadline is April 1, 1981 for fall session.

WIN A BICYCLE

In an attempt to raise funds for the LRDA Food Coop, the CFNP project will hold a raffle April 30, 1981. Winner of the raffle will win a 10-speed 27" Huffy 12, Le Grande Bicycle. The bike was partially donated by Pembroke Hardware. Tickets are on sale for \$1.00 and may be purchased from any staff member of CFNP. Call 521-8602 for ticket sales or any additional information.

CHRONIC DISEASE SCREENING PROGRAM SLATED

A FREE Screening Clinic is available to those persons 60 years of age and above. You will be tested for High Blood Pressure, Diabetes, Glaucoma and cancer of the breast and uterus. Diet counseling is also available for instruction on Diabetic, salt-free and weight reduction diets.

Hypertension screening is for anyone 20 years of age and older. You will be checked for High Blood Pressure. If your blood pressure is elevated, further testing will be done. Diet counseling is also included in this program. This provides instruction for salt-free and weight reduction diets. There is no charge for this service. This free clinic will be at the Prospect Volunteer Fire Department on Monday, March 23, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

PRE SCHOOL CLINIC PLANNED

There will be a pre-school clinic at Union Chapel School on Thursday, March 26. It will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 12 noon. Parents of children that will enter kindergarten next fall are asked to attend and bring birth certificates and immunization records of the children. Children must be five years old on or before October 15.

SATW AUDITIONS PLANNED

Auditions will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 12, from 2 until 4:30 p.m. at the Amphitheatre for players for the outdoor drama "Strike at the Wind." There will be parts available for all ages and everyone is invited to attend and participate in these auditions.

LITERACY WORKSHOP MAR. 31

Robeson County Church and Community Center will be sponsoring a Literacy Workshop March 31, April 2, 7 and 8, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. All persons will be certified to tutor with National Affiliation for Literacy Advancement.

For further information call 728-6261.

PROSPECT PTA

MEETS MONDAY NIGHT

There will be a meeting of the Prospect PTA on Monday night, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Special guests at the meeting will be representatives from the Lumbee River Legal

Services, Pembroke, who will discuss laws governing education and respond to questions. Jimmy Goins, president of the PTA, encourages all parents and teachers of Prospect School to attend.

PEMBROKE SUFFERS 'RASH OF FIRES'

PEMBROKE--Pembroke has suffered from a rash of fires recently. Ray Hunt, chief of the Pembroke Fire Department calls the outbreak, "the worst in recent history."

According to records compiled by the fire department, more than 30 fires have been discovered in March alone; for instance, 8 fires were discovered Tuesday night.

A number of the fires seem to have been set deliberately. A number of fires were discovered Tuesday night burning beside the railroad tracks, fronting Union Chapel Road. Also, a number of the fires seem to be the result of careless trash burning although all trash burning permits have been disallowed for the time being.

But the rash of fires seemed to be precipitated by unusually high winds -- even for March...and a decided lack of rain.

In Cumberland, Bladen and Robeson

counties, an estimated 1,700 acres of woodland have burned, including a 900-acre area in Bladen County east of Elizabethtown owned primarily by International Paper Company as a pine plantation.

A statewide ban on burning is in effect, as fire officials continued to closely watch forecasts of high winds.

The story was the same across the state as hundreds of fires raged across North Carolina over the weekend.

"Things are very, very bad," said Gil Green, operations officer for the state Forestry Service office in Raleigh. "This time we have so many (fires) we don't even have an update on how many and the acreage. If I gave you a figure, five minutes from now it would be out of date."

An empty house belonging to Alfred Cook burned to the ground last Thursday. Arson is suspected.

Robeson Youth Critically Burned

ST. PAULS--A 14-year-old Parkton youth was reported in critical condition Sunday after being seriously burned when his clothing was ignited by a brush fire Saturday. Shaun Brice was rushed to the N.C. Jaycee Burn Center at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill with second and third-degree burns over a large part of his body.

Authorities said Brice was helping relatives burn off a field near Interstate 85 north of St. Pauls when the incident occurred.

The youngster's mother, Nellie Brice, was treated at Southeastern General Hospital in Lumberton for burns sustained when she tried to get out the flames on her son's clothing.

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