

WAS SHOOTING PREMEDITATED?

J. W. Kesterson, College Street Locksmith, Repaired a Pistol For Alex H. Brooks Day of Shooting.

MR. KESTERSON THROWS NEW LIGHT ON AFFAIR

Says Brooks, Few Hours Before Shooting Frank B. Hugill, Was Exercised Because Pistol Wouldn't Fire.

J. W. Kesterson, a locksmith at No. 17 1/2 North Main street, repaired the pistol, a .32 caliber Colt that Alex H. Brooks, the West Asheville merchant, used when he shot Frank B. Hugill last Wednesday afternoon in front of the store of Mayor A. L. Bright in West Asheville, following a quarrel over a fight that is alleged to have taken place between the small son of Brooks and the brother of Mr. Hugill, according to statements made to a Gazette-News reporter yesterday afternoon by Mr. Kesterson.

Mr. Kesterson says that as he was going to the car from his home in West Asheville, Wednesday morning, Mr. Brooks called to him from the latter's store and when he went up Brooks stated that he had a gun he wanted repaired and wanted to know if Kesterson could do it at once, as he might need it that day. Mr. Kesterson says he told Brooks that the pistol could be repaired in a short time, whereupon Brooks gave the pistol to him and remarked that he would call at Mr. Kesterson's place for it about 9 or 10 o'clock that morning. The firing pin of the pistol was too sharp, according to Mr. Kesterson and he easily repaired this. Brooks gave Mr. Kesterson six cartridges which had been snapped on and told him that these were the ones he tried to use but the gun would not fire. Mr. Kesterson now has these cartridges in his place of business. Mr. Brooks came to the shop conducted by Mr. Kesterson about 9:30 o'clock on the morning of the shooting, but as the proprietor was out he left remarking to one of the workmen in the shop, that he would call later. He came back about 11 o'clock and was given the repaired gun. While in Mr. Kesterson's shop the

last time about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, the following conversation passed between Mr. Brooks and Mr. Kesterson, according to Mr. Kesterson's statement to a Gazette-News reporter:

"Will this gun shoot now?" Brooks asked.

"There are the cartridges you snapped and it has burst those," replied Mr. Kesterson.

"That is all right, if it fired those it will shoot and I am satisfied that it will shoot," Brooks said.

Mr. Kesterson says that Brooks then reloaded the gun, put it in his pocket and walked out of the store and he did not see him any more until a few minutes after the shooting.

Mr. Kesterson states that Brooks appeared very nervous when he was talking to him about the pistol and he says that he noticed this particularly, as he had known Mr. Brooks for a long time and had traded at his store for some time. He says that Brooks seemed to be in a big hurry and anxious to get the gun and leave the place. The gun matter was first brought up with Mr. Kesterson last Monday, he says, when Brooks approached him and said that he (Brooks) had two pistols, the Colt and another one, neither of which was very good, and wanted to know if Mr. Kesterson would trade him one good pistol for the two and let Brooks pay the difference. While Mr. Kesterson says that he agreed to do this, nothing else was said in regard to the trade and the matter was not mentioned again until Brooks gave him the gun Wednesday morning and said that he wanted it repaired.

STUDENTS WILL ATTEND FROM GEORGETOWN UNIV.

Will Send Large Delegation of Students to U. S. Military Training Camp Here.

Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., will send a large delegation of students to Asheville this summer to participate in the students' military training camp, according to a letter which has been received by Secretary N. Buckner of the board of trade from E. Clarence Rice of the university. Mr. Rice says that he regards Asheville as an ideal site for such a camp and your city is certainly to be highly congratulated on securing one of these students' camps. Complying with his request Mr. Rice has been supplied pamphlets and campsite booklets which have been issued, advertising the coming camp. Georgetown is only one of the many universities and colleges in the south and the southeast that will be represented at the camp to be held here in July and August.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Y. M. C. A. Literary Society Had One of Best Meetings Yet Last Night.

One of the most interesting meetings yet held by the Y. M. C. A. Literary society took place last night. Scriptural reading was conducted by Hamden Smith. A poem, "The Modern Philanthropist," was given by R. A. Braun and was much enjoyed. The debate, "Resolved, That the City of Asheville Should Adopt a Commission Form of Government," was given, with L. L. Owens and Mark Lance upholding the affirmative, and Roy Boling and C. G. Tennent taking care of the negative and winning side. Several good points were brought out and the arguments were very strong. An impromptu speech was well given by R. T. Newton, his subject being, "Moving the Postoffice." J. R. K. Tipping rendered an interesting oration on "Committing to Memory."

As usual, a business session followed the literary program and during this session a report was heard from the committee appointed at the last meeting to draw up rules and regulations for the membership contest. It was accepted after some little discussion and minor changes. This contest will be launched formally at the regular meeting of May 14, and some very prolific results are expected from it.

PRESBYTERIAN BARACAS PLAN MEETING TONIGHT

Supper Will be Served at 7:30 and Number of Short Talks Will be Delivered.

The members of the Baraca class of the First Presbyterian church are planning a large meeting to be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the class building on Church street. The meeting will open with a supper at 7:30 and following this the business of the class will be transacted, after which the following program will be carried out, the speakers responding to toasts: N. Buckner, "The Other Fellow;" William Coleman, "How to Get New Members;" E. B. Brown, "How to Hold New Members;" Oscar White, "Opportunities to do Good;" J. L. Goode, "Welcoming a New member;" Doane Hage, "A Stranger in the City;" Allen T. Morrison, "One Hundred Men."

The following men will make short talks to the class during the meeting tonight: Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell, R. R. Williams, W. J. Grist, D. L. Jackson, C. H. Honess, W. J. East and several others. The toastmaster for the evening will be F. E. Johnson.

CLASSES OF BILTMORE ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

The Baptist Baracas and Philatheas Review Good Work At Last Meeting.

At a recent meeting of the Baraca-Philatheas classes of the Biltmore Baptist church, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, Herman Miller; vice president, Miss Nell Brevard; recording secretary, Miss Myrtle Miller; treasurer, Garfield Wood. These classes have enjoyed a large growth during the last few months and the members are taking a great deal of interest in the work the classes are doing. Only recently members from the classes have organized a class at the Gash's Creek Baptist church, five teachers and a secretary being furnished from the Biltmore church.

POLICE COURT

Three out of 17 defendants in Police court this morning were given jail sentences by Substitute Judge W. P. Brown. All of these defendants were negro women arrested last night in a raid the officers made on a house on Short Bailey street. The record for today follows:

Lizzie Haynes, Annie Rowley and Louise Heman, all colored, were each given sentences of 30 days in the county jail on charges of a disorderly nature.

Ed Rinehardt was taxed with the costs in a case of a disorderly nature. Tom Vest and H. Guest, colored, were each fined \$5 and the costs on charges of a disorderly nature.

A case against Henry Sweeten for keeping intoxicating liquors on hand for sale was continued.

In the case of retailing against Lizzie Henson, the court held that the prosecution was malicious and frivolous and taxed the prosecuting witness, Mont Hancey, with the costs.

Seven "drunks" drew fines of \$2 and the costs each.

Record for Wireless.

San Francisco, May 8.—Officers of the Pacific Mail liner Mongolia, which is in port from the orient, today reported that on April 21 the ship's wireless picked up a message from Boston 8500 miles away. This is said to eclipse all previous distance records.



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Let's Talk It Over. Ask Central for Phone 69

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