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WILL PRESENT BROOKS PORTRAIT

Event to Take Place September Sixth Will be Notable Occasion at Raleigh

An event of unusual interest in this section will take place at Raleigh on September sixth when an oil portrait of Judge George W. Brooks will be presented to the Federal court by the Brooks family. The portrait is the work of a Baltimore artist, L. P. Dietrich. Judge Brooks' surviving children are Mrs. Maggie Cobb of Elizabeth City, Dr. George C. Brooks of Sunbury, Attorney J. C. Brooks of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. W. H. West of Cornland Va.

The speech of presentation is to be made by Hon F. D. Winston of Windsor, and a most interesting occasion is expected. Judge Brooks is remembered all over the State for his fearless action, during Governor Holden's administration, in releasing from custody Adolphus G. Moore, who had been arrested by the notorious Colonel George W. Kirk.

This was in the darkest period of Reconstruction when, following the organization of the Ku Klux Klan, Governor Holden had declared martial law in the counties of Alamance and Caswell. Moore was arrested upon the charge of belonging to the Ku Klux Klan and for complicity in the murder of J. W. Stevens of Yanceyville. A writ of habeas corpus was sued out before Chief Justice Pearson. To the demand of the officer of the law for the delivery of the prisoner Col. Kirk replied: "Tell your judge that such things have played out. My orders come from the Governor and I will obey none others."

The writ was exhibited to Governor Holden and a message from the Chief Justice was delivered to the effect that he had no power to disobey the writ, but the Governor refused to honor the paper. Then, according to Judge Holden, "the power of the judiciary" was "exhausted".

It was at such a crisis that Matt Ranson came to George W. Brooks, District Judge of the United States Court, at Elizabeth City with a petition for a writ of habeas corpus which, after going over the ground thoroughly, Judge Brooks signed. The writ was made returnable at Salisbury and there, when court convened, the prisoner was brought in by a military escort under the command of Col. Kirk. Judge Brooks looked up from the bench, ordered the military guard from the court room, discharged the prisoner, and taxed Col. Kirk with the costs of the entire proceeding. This act of Judge Brooks, who was a Republican, but an incorruptible judge, assured him a permanent place in the annals of North Carolina history.

ELECTED GRAND HIGH PRIEST

At Tuesday morning's session of the Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows in Kinston H. T. Greenleaf of this city was elected Grand High Priest of the organization. Mr. Greenleaf was also appointed Deputy of the First District by the Grand Patriarch.

DREW GUN ON STEPDAUGHTER

J. R. Harrell, white, of Chowan county was sent to the roads for four months Monday morning upon the double charge of carrying a concealed weapon and of assault with deadly weapon.

Harrell is a cotton mill operative at Edenton. Some time ago, himself a widower, he married a widow with several children and both the stepchildren and his own children worked in the mill, turning all their money over to him. Bessie Edwards about fifteen years old, and one of the step-children, grew tired of this arrangement and came to Elizabeth City to work for herself. Harrell came after her, went to her boarding house, pulled out his gun and ordered the girl to return with him. He had seized her and was leading her along the railroad track toward the depot when he saw officers coming whereupon he hid the girl a dollar and told her to come home taking to the woods himself. He boarded the train at Okisko and got off at Edenton stepping into the arms of an officer there.

CAMDEN TO HAVE PICNIC

September the first is the date for the Camden County Farmer's picnic and this will be at Arneuse Creek on that day with speeches by experts from the State Department of Agriculture and with a big Basket dinner. The program in detail will be published in the next issue of The Advance.

BIG CROWD TO GO TO BEACH

The excursion to Virginia Beach scheduled for Thursday of this week and under the direction of the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Sunday School bids fair to carry a large crowd of pleasure seekers for a day's outing. The younger members of the Sunday School are the guests of honor but the entire Sunday School and church membership and many outsiders will be among the number to enjoy the trip. The committee is making every possible arrangement for the pleasure and comfort of the crowd and providing also for good order.

EDUCATIONAL RALLY AT SALEM

The question of a central school for Salem township will be discussed at a mass meeting of the Citizens of that township at Salem Church Wednesday, August 25th, at three o'clock. Every citizen of the township interested in the undertaking is urged to be present and to take part in the discussion. Speakers have been secured for the occasion and an interesting program is expected.

ENJOYING WESTERN TRIP

The following from a telegram from E. F. Aydtlett, who with his daughter, Miss Helen, is returning by way of Salt Lake City, where he attended the meeting of the American Bar Association from a trip to the Panama Pacific Exposition will be of interest: "American Bar Association adjourned Thursday. It was a great meeting.... A grand concert was given members on big organ in Norman tabernacle and hundreds of voices were in the choir.... We are now leaving for Yellowstone Park."

BETSEY BOYS MEET DEFEAT

Wanchese Braves Too Much For Local Aggregation on Home Diamond Friday

In one of the most interesting games of the season Wanchese defeated Elizabeth City on the local diamond last Friday afternoon by the score of seven to six. Wanchese was in the lead until the fifth when the first two runs for the home team tied the score. In the sixth three more runs for the Betsey boys gave them what seemed to be a safe lead but in the seventh White, who pitched for the locals, got struck on the arm by a pitched ball. This put him out of the game and Spivey, who succeeded White on the mound proved easy for the visitors, who scored two runs in the first inning.

The line up was as follows:

Elizabeth City	R.	H.	E.
Spives	1	2	0
Twiddy	1	0	0
Crank	0	0	0
Cooper	0	0	1
Norice	2	0	1
White	2	1	0
Johnson	0	1	1
Ballance	0	0	0
Spivey	0	0	0
Totals	6	3	3

Wanchese	R.	H.	E.
C. Davis	3	3	0
R. Daniels	2	3	0
M. Burrus	0	2	0
O. Burrus	1	2	0
A. Davis	1	1	1
C. C. Davis	0	1	1
F. Daniels	0	0	0
C. Daniels	0	1	1
J. Daniels	0	1	1
Totals	7	14	4

Batteries: Elizabeth City White and Ballance; Spivey and Cooper. Wanchese, M. Burrus and C. Davis. Struck out by Burrus 13; by White 7, by Spivey 3. Two base hits M. Burrus, 2; O. Burrus, 1; R. Daniels, 2; A. Davis, 1.

TWENTY ONE MEMBERS ADDED

The revival conducted by Rev Herman Trueblood at Oak Ridge Baptist church, in Camden county last week closed Sunday evening with twenty one additions to the church. Fifteen new members were baptized by the pastor, Rev. J. K. Henderson and six former members were restored to the church.

FINED FOR ASSAULT

Ed Johnson, colored, was fined ten dollars and costs in police court this morning for simple assault and creating public nuisance by bad language on the street Saturday night. Nat Overton, a negro butcher, was also fined five dollars and costs. Johnson entered Overton's shop, an altercation ensued and Overton ordered Johnson out. When they got out on the sidewalk a battle with pop bottles ensued.

FOR SALE—Mare eight years old, will work anywhere. Also buggy and harness. An unusual opportunity. Box 188 Elizabeth City, N. C.

Miss May Francis of Edenton is visiting Mrs. Charles Benton

TWENTY DOLLARS FOR WEBB

Richard Webb, who collided with buggy and cart belonging to Peter Cartwright while bringing a number of passengers home from church out in the country one night last week was fined twenty dollars and costs in Police court Saturday morning. All the persons concerned are colored. George Mitchell, another negro hackman, was in the mix up also but there was not sufficient evidence to convict him on any point. Webb charged with driving his machine while under the influence of liquor, with running it in excess of the limit prescribed by state law, and with violating the rules of the road, was convicted only on the last count.

STORE ROBBED IN PROVIDENCE

While Mr. Joe Davis of Providence township was at breakfast Saturday, his store, which is near the house, and which he had left unlocked when he came to the house for his meal, was entered and robbed of about twelve dollars in cash. Mr. Davis telephoned to Elizabeth City for blood hounds, but Shore's dogs, taken to the scene, refused to pick up the trail and the burglar is still unapprehended.

WHITE MAN SENT TO THE ROADS

Henry Ebron, a young white man about twenty five years old, was sent to the roads for two months Saturday for the theft of a necklace belonging to Mrs. Violet Betchold of Elizabeth, New Jersey, who is stopping at the Carolina Hotel here. The young man pleaded guilty to the offense.

Chief Thomas was given the case Friday at about twelve o'clock and had his man by 5 in the afternoon. Ebron who is wanted at Belhaven on a charge of wife desertion, was pretending to be unmarried and had given the stolen necklace to a young lady to whom he was paying attention.

STABBED WITH POCKET KNIFE

Enoch Williams, a middle aged negro who lives on Green street is in a serious condition and may die as a result of a wound received in an affray with Frank Turner near the end of West Church street between ten o'clock and midnight last night.

Williams and Turner had both been on the excursion to Norfolk and it is thought that both had been drinking. Some sort of altercation arose after they got back to town and in the fight which followed Turner jabbed his knife into Williams' breast. Williams has been bleeding profusely and is said to be in a critical condition. Turner, when this paper went to press, had not been apprehended.

WINS FOURTH HONORS

The Apothecary Shop has received a check for five dollars from the Manufacturers of Welch's grape juice with the announcement that this store won fourth prize in the recent Welch Week Window Trimming Contest. This prize was won by this Elizabeth City concern against twenty thousand competitors in sixteen states and the district of Columbia.

CITY TAX RATE IS LOWERED

New Assessment and Economical Administration Make This Step Possible

As a result of the increase in the assessment of property valuations in Elizabeth City township the city administration has been enabled to lower the tax rate this year to \$1.51 on the one hundred dollar valuation of property as compared with \$1.57 last year.

A comparison of the property valuations this year and last is of interest at this time. The total real and personal property in the city listed by whites is \$3,194,936. That listed by negroes amounts to \$183,177. The valuation of the delinquent white property is \$65,850 and of delinquent negro property is \$20,650. This approximate bank stock and corporation excess is estimated at \$350,000, making a total of \$3,814,613. The white property in the Elizabeth City Graded School district amounts to \$3,839,975. The negro property listed amounts to \$208,644. The white delinquent property in the district is valued at \$74,315 the negro delinquent property at \$27,185. Including the foregoing estimated valuation of bank stock and corporation excess the total for the school district amounts to \$4,150,129.

Last year the valuation of city property amounted to \$3,397,615, while that of the graded school district amounted to \$3,726,025. This gives an increase of \$416,998 in the city and \$774,104 in the school district. The relatively high increase in property subject to graded school tax is due to the enlargement of the school district so as to include the plant of the Dare Lumber Company, the Foreman Derrickson Veneer Company, and the Foreman Blades Lumber Company's plant and other mill and farm properties. The foregoing report is not official, but is probably nearly enough correct for all practical purposes.

SILVER THREADS AMONG THE GOLD IN SIX REEL SHOW TOMORROW

The special attraction at the Alkrama Theatre tomorrow night is the very popular photodrama "Silver Threads among the Gold". The play is produced in six reels and the pictures, it is said, make their appeal to every one on account of their beauty and sentiment.

LASSITER--GRAY

Mr. Harry A. Lassiter and Miss Lillian Irene Gray were married yesterday evening by Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden at his residence on Selden street. Both young people belong to prominent families of Gates county, the groom being from Sunbury and the bride from Gatesville. Mrs. Lassiter is also the sister of Mr. S. W. Twiford of this city.

Mathias Owens who is spending the summer at Nags Head is in the city for a few days this week.

INJURY FROM EXPLOSION INSIGNIFICANT

When Mrs. Lucy Gregson turned on the gas in the oven of her gas range Saturday the burners in some way failed to ignite. When she returned a few moments later she thought she detected the odor of escaping gas and found that the oven burners were not lit. When she applied a match the gas which had accumulated in the oven ignited and there was an explosion which hurled the oven door open and the flame flared out. Mrs. Gregson though frightened for the moment, was not burned or injured in any way to any extent.

Mrs. Gregson is said to have stated to an official of the gas company that the accident occurred through her own fault. It was reported at first that it was due to the fact that the gas had been cut off during the night.

GATES FARMERS PICNIC THURSDAY

The annual picnic of the Gates County Farmer's Union will be held Thursday at Gatesville, with interesting speeches on agricultural subjects and a big dinner by the housewives of the county.

TWO MONTHS FOR SLAPPING WIFE

Returning from an excursion to Norfolk last night a negro, William Henry Warren, Poin-dexter Street butcher, became incensed at his wife and undertook to correct her by slapping her face. The lady did not submit gracefully to the rebuke and quite a disturbance ensued as a result of which Warren was before the Recorder in police court this morning. Judge Sawyer gave him two months on the road.

MRS. AMELIA FEREBEE DEAD

The funeral of Mrs. Amelia Ferebee was conducted at Perkins Methodist Church in Camden county Wednesday by Rev E. L. Stack of the Camden circuit. Interment followed in the family burying ground at Gregory.

IT WAS CHICKENS

A. C. Bartell, police court reporter in Topeka, Kansas, had a tip that some persons had buried beer in their back yard. He obtained a grave digger's spade, and stealthily entered the yard. After much labor in what appeared to be a newly made grave, he dug up three chickens which the people that day had buried.

SPENCE GOES TO HOSPITAL

Jno. A. Spence who was hurt some time ago when a pile of lumber which he had unloaded was struck by the train, was taken to Suffolk Tuesday for hospital treatment. He has not been making satisfactory progress toward recovery.

DR. GRIGGS TO EXPOSITION

Dr. J. B. Griggs arrived in the city Saturday from Nags Head and took the afternoon train for the Exposition at San Francisco.

IMPROVE YOUR SHEEP—By breeding Hampshire stock See Frank Carwright, Leigh Farm, Weaverville, N. C. It pd