

Saturday
31.V.1947.
T.O., J.O.

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Beatrix Brooks
Douglas Brooks.

(not yet identified
as she moved after C. to
the present house)

The Baptist
Community.

and
cricket
standards.

On Saturday afternoon a young man called at our cottage. He asked to contribute something for the Baptist Choir of which he was a member. We invited him to come in. His name is Douglas Brooks and he is the son of Beatrix Carter "Carter is my mother's married name". He will be 17 in a few weeks. He is Baptist. The Anglican church - it is for rich people. If Anglicans are even not reach they consider themselves as such. The Baptist church is for the poor people. He also implied that Baptist have higher morals. He belongs to the Warsop "standing" cricket team. There are two "standing" cricket teams in the district: the Warsop team and the All Sides team. ~~xxxxxx~~ J.O. asked him whether Mr. Allen, whose wife he met belongs also to his cricket team. Young Mr. Brooks said: "The one who lives in concubinage, that wouldn't do for us." He says their team ~~doesn't~~ is not so much concerned with winning a match as with fair playing.

Plans for
the
future.

Mr. Brooks doesn't belong to the "social and Literary Club". He says it is run by the Anglicans. / This information is not correct as I found out that the previous Baptist minister - the Reverend Erskine was one of the founder of this club/

The young Brooks doesn't go to work as a labourer. "I do a little cultivation" but it wasn't clear on whose land he did it and to what ~~extent~~ was his participation in the revenue from the cultivated land. He promised to come again on Friday. -----

Monday
2.6.47.
T.O.

I went to see Brooks' mother. Her house is the first on the path from Miss Milford's house. She gave her name as Mrs. Brooks. She said about her son "He is full of jokes". "It was my son who troubled you the other day". Her little daughter Mazie was at home. Mrs. Brooks-Carter explained the child is not at school as she has tonsil trouble. The doctor said she should go to the hospital to have the tonsils out. Mrs. Brooks doesn't like the idea of a operation. She hopes pills and gargling will help the child. He said her son's nickname was "Dawkel".

Interview with
Doucester Douglas
Brooks.
5.6.47.
J.O.

Daukel came to us a couple of hours later than he was expected. A cricket test match kept him busy till late afternoon. He gave quite a detailed account of his personal history and of the history of his family.

His family.

He is now the only son who stays with his mother, Bee Brooks. His mother is from Watson family. Constant Wattson, the carpenter, is his uncle. He is ~~brother~~ his mother's brother. His father is from St. Elizabeth, like other Brooks in the district. He came first of all to Wait-a-bit, then moved to Warsop.

His father died some years ago. His parents married some time after their first son was born. They had three sons ~~together~~ together. The first-born went to America in 1943 and stays there. The next one died. He is the only one who ~~remained~~ remained at home. He has also a younger sister.

School in
Wait-a-bit.

He stayed till a few years ago in Wait-a-bit, where he attended a so-called "Chapel School". The school was named so, because it was accommodated in a chapel. It was ordinary elementary school. ~~He~~ He got his agricultural training in this school. There was an experimental ~~field~~ field in the school and pupils were taught how to plant crops, how to make and utilise terraces etc. He was senior in this agricultural training and ~~got~~ learned quite a lot about agriculture in the school. He is 17 now and only recently started to do "a little cultivation" of his own.

Family property.

Their family property consists now of 7 stretches and 2 perches of land /according to diagram/ under the house and around it and of 18 acres, which his mother bought ~~recently~~ recently in New Hope from Troy property/land settlement/. She did not pay all the amount, but she paid ~~some~~ probably the first instalments. Daukel does not know what was the price of this land and what was paid actually by his mother for this. The New Hope land was bought quite recently. It was acquired for the money his brother sent to their mother from America.

Their farm-land.

Their farm land consists of these ~~the~~ two parcels and of a third parcel /5 acres in size/ rented in Allsides. These 5 acres in Allsides were rented for years by their family and they retained them after having bought ~~the~~ land in New Hope.

The land around the house is chiefly a fruit garden. They have here some breadfruits, some bananas etc. The rented land in Allsides is ~~not~~ only partly cultivated. In part it is under bananas and cane, in part under yams. Other land is resting and provides grazing for a cow which they keep there. It is a milking cow.

Their buy-land in New Hope is also only partly cultivated. His mother has on this land a large cultivation of gungoo-peas /ab.3 acres/ and she cultivates other crops on this land as well. Some part of this land is cultivated by his uncle Constant Wattson. ~~Some~~ Some plots are given to poor neighbours to enable them to make "a little cultivation" of their own. Daukel intimated that this land

was given to poor people for nothing, but it seems more probably that they pay some rent for this.

Labour division and operation of the farm.

Allsides parcel is under direct supervision of Daukel. He looks after the cultivations in Allsides and makes as well "little cultivation" of his own over there. He planted lastly 300 yam hills. He did not do this work by himself, but employed hired labour. He pays a labourer 2/6d per day or 10/. for 100 yam hills which amounts to the same. A meal prepared on the spot is served always to the labourers. Nobody of their family stays in Allsides to look after the cultivations. This is delegated to a neighbour who lives near-by and can always have a look at their farm. The neighbour's name is He does not care especially to supervise the labourer he hires. They know their task and the price for their work is paid according to what has been done /100 yam hills for 10/./ The labourers are conscientious about their work and as arule he can rely on them. ~~There is only one thing which has happened~~ Not altogether, however. Lastly, they stole from his field, being left alone, 14 yam hills. A neighbour told him. He employed usually Adolphous Doyle and another man and he thinks that it was Doyle who ~~committed the~~ was guilty of ~~that~~ last theft.

He goes to Allsides sometimes every day, sometimes only a couple of days each week. He does not utilize his knowledge he gained in the school. There is no opportunity for making terracing on his ground, since terracing in the school was done chiefly for vegetables /cabbage etc./, and he does not plant ~~these~~ vegetabales in Allsides. He does however all the trenching in the same ways he learned it to do in the school. He digs the main trench, and then side trenches etc. /Terminology to be inquired about!/.
The New Hope land is under direct supervision of his mother. She hires labourers as well to do her part of work of their property. She is busy also with selling their produce. Goes frequently to the market and all the marketing is in her hands. /According to Miss Eda she speculates a ~~ix~~ lot on yams, buying in the district and selling in Balaclava, Christiana or other places/. To-day for instance he stayed all the time at home, because his mother went to the market.

Family prospects, rules of inheritance.

Daukel is now the ~~only male worker on the farm and chief help to his mother.~~ only male worker on the farm and chief help to his mother. He will probably succeed her as the operator of the family farm and a prospective heir to the lion part of the family property. The chief heir should be his elder brother, The new land was acquired owing to his ~~help~~ financial help. Besides, according to the rule obtaining in the country, it is the eldest son who is regarded as the chief successor of the family property. ~~As the chief help to his parents, he is authorised to get a much bigger portion of the family property, after the death of the ~~predecessors~~ predecessors, than other descendants. The next to him is the youngest son. Since he stays the longest time with his parents, ~~he is authorised to get~~ is privileged to inherit quite a considerable part of their property. The least privileged is the middle size son. He gets the least part of the family property. ~~Only the eldest and the youngest~~~~

As he is the middle size son in the family, he ~~ix~~ does not expect to be the favoured ~~person~~ heir to the family land. The girls ~~are not regarded~~ in the ~~family~~ family enjoy still less rights. They are not expected to succeed their parents on the farm and get usually ~~the~~ a very small portion of the family land.

According to the law of inheritance, as practised in the country, his ~~position~~ prospects are not very bright. Still, his position is improved by two facts. First of all, this law of succession and inheritance, refers only to the "lawful" sons. If the son is "unlawful" he does not enjoy full rights of the inheritance. This is exactly the case with his eldest brother, Newton or Uton. He was born before his parents married and so he is "unlawful". He is the only ~~lawful~~ "lawful" eldest son of his parents, since he was born after his parents married. He should be the chief heir to the family property. Again, though his elder brother financed ~~the~~ the acquisition of the family land, he does not intend to come back and stay in Warsop. He intends to be a parson. ~~He is~~ He is studying now for this vocation in America. Thy got a letter from him, in which he writes to his mother that he is going to marry a minister's daughter in U.S., with ~~whom~~ whom he stays now and from whom he learns his profession. He was a Baptist previously and they expect that he ~~remained~~ Baptist still. He probably will not come back to ~~Jamaica~~ Jamaica and will give up any rights to the family land.

Dixon's lawful and unlawful sons.

To support his expalnation of the difference in the rights to the family land enjoyed by lawful and unlawful descendants, Daukel quoted the cas of old John Dixon. He is an ~~owner~~ owner of about 50 acres of land. /According to the Census 1942, he owns only ab.30 acres of land. Since then he sold some pieces of land to other people. It is doubtful whether he acquired some new land in ~~this~~ ~~period~~ of 5 years period which elapsed since 1942/. He drinks heavily and lastly suffered ~~an~~ a haemorroage after heavy ~~stinking~~ drinking in Lorrimer. He was taken to hospital. If he will die without writing a will, all his property will pass to his only lawful son. If he will be cured and able to write his will, he probably will pass some of his property also to another offspring of him, his "unlawful" son who lives in Warsop on New Road. ~~Both sons are still obedient to him, so both son will probably inherit his property."~~ "Both sons are still obedient to him, so both son will probably inherit his property." If however ~~his~~ he will die without making a will, the position of his unlawful son will not very good. He will get probably something from Miss Lena, Mr. Dixon's wife and mother of his lawful son, ~~but~~ "She will give him something." But all he will get will depend only upon good will of Miss Lena and his lawful halfbrother.

Daukel's hobby.

Daukel's hobby is not however agriculture so far, but cricket. He came with a bat and a ball to explain me and show how badly their team needs some financial support to be equipped properly for their games. The Allsides team is always favoured by Brissets, the teacher and ~~the~~ other people who are in favour of the team which plays ~~much~~ better than their team, is almost half-professional, and is somewhat connected with the Anglican Church. If the Allside

organise a match and arrange for a collection, they get 5/. or so from their patrons. ~~if~~ The Baptist team gets hardly a shilling or two from some of their patrons, who are poor, and ~~this~~ the sum they collect pays hardly the expences of the entertainment they must provide for the invited team. He will ask captain to arrange a collection soon and he will come to me to get some help from us.

He started to talk about his successes in cricket. He played ~~once~~ once as ~~Jamaica~~ representing Jamiaca against Australia, and another time against England, and both time, owing to his ability and skill, Jamaicans won. When they play games, they usually designate their teams by these international or rather Empire names ~~and the match~~ to give more halo and significance to their game.

He is also busy in the ~~St. James~~ Church. Next Sunday, at the dedication of lamps which will be held in the Baptist Church at 7 p.m. he will sing in trio with a boy and a girl. He likes very much singing and is very proud of his performances.

Interview
With Dawkel
Brooks.
13.6.47.

Dawkel Brooks visited me on the evening under pre-
text of reminding me of Sunday's Missionary Service in
the Baptist Church.

Arson in Troy.

We dwelt upon the subject of the arson case in Troy.
The suspected persons were "bailed" and they remain free
now. They are under suspicion only, but their guilt was
not proved. Other people might be involved into the of-
fence. ~~They~~ The "bailed" suspects await trial.

Clinton Campbell
arrested.

Clinton Campbell was not mixed into this arson case
He was arrested for another offence. He picked something
in Miss Lou's shop in Allsides, was seen doing this and
arrested after she complained to the Police.

Dawkel's indig-
nation.

Dawkel expressed his indignation for the people
like Clinton Campbell. He is an able man, was schooled,
~~and is very bright~~ and is very bright man altogether. Very
intelligent. But he is a "lazy man". Does nothing. Works
casually ~~as a labourer~~ as a labourer on other people's farms
and steals if possible. Dawkel knows that he came from
a labour-seeking journey some years ago and was at that
time involved into some theft. He avoided to give full
details he knew. Explained that it happened before he
came to Warsop from Wait-a-bit; so he heard only of this,
but did not witness the trouble.

I agreed with him.

Dawkel was ~~indignant~~ indignant also other young
men of this type. "I don't understand how these people ~~can~~
~~can do it~~ can do it". He condemned this way of procur-
ing for the current needs. At this moment he passed to
his own person and to the real object of this visit.

Dawkel's
virtue.

"And so Doctor - he continued - since I need now
some money to operate my cancer on the neck - I decided
instead of stealing to come to you and to ask you some
help." He wants to go to the doctor to-morrow, instead
of going to Missionary Service in the Baptist Church and
expects that the doctor will charge him a lot of money
for doing this small operation. It was not really a can-
cer - just a "bredawka" - he wanted to remove it. He
knows there is dispensary in the district ~~and~~ etc. But
he does not want to be operated free of charge. "If you
go free you are not properly attended." He wants to go
Ulster Spring to the hospital and stay there for a couple
of days till the wound will be healed. I refused to help
him having no ~~money~~ money for this purpose at present.
"All right, Doctor, I thank you, Doctor, just the same."

Dawkel's bout-
ing.

What was he doing this week? Bouting in Allsides.
It took him 3 days time. From Tuesday to Thursday.
He has 2 and 1/2 acres under cane in Allsides. This
time he produced 50 dozen sugarheads. Sold it "on trust"
for L.5. A man from Albert Town took it to sell some-
~~where~~ where and the amount of money he expects to get
from him is L.5. The expenses of production were high.
He spent L.2.10. to pay labourers. Six labourers were
employed at the process. The sugar was boiled at Easen's
sugar mill in Allsides. This mill is near to their

land in Allsides - just opposite Coelyman's Green farm in Wilson /New Road/. Eason is the man who lives near-by in Allsides and looks after their cultivations.

They rent this land from long ago. "Since I have been born we rented it."

Previously they lived on the other side of the road, in grandmother's house. Their own house was empty. It was rented to the Gnt to lodge a pauper. His name was David Beckford - he was a blind man. Now, since they came to live in this house again, the Gnt took another house to lodge David Beckford.

15.6.47.
Miss Aimee.
J.O.

Brooks left the house to live in Mrs. Wattson house some time after death of Mr. Brooks. Mrs. Brooks stayed in this house for one year after her husband's death, then moved to her mother's place. The house was dilapidated and a pauper was lodged here for a time.

Eason is the man with whom Mrs. Brooks lives now. She has some progeniture with him. With ~~her~~ her husband she had two sons and a girl. One of the sons, Newton, is in America. It was owing to him and his money that Mrs. Brooks was able to buy new land in New Hope. She has already one or two children with Eason.

Additions to
Dawkel's inter-
view of 14th.
J.O.

Confessing of having earned £.2 and half last week and asking me to give him some money as a gift, Dawkel from the very outset made me to realise that his earned money are not to be used for the doctor. "I've got only £.2.10., but these are for the rent." They pay the rent quarterly. The full rent for all the year is £.8. Now the day of rent-collection is coming and he will pay £.2. for the ~~the~~ next quarter.