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Elzie Brown Man-handled by Mob

Masked Men Dragged Him from Car, Placed a Chain About His Neck and a Limb and Demanded That He Tell What He Knew About Shepard's Disappearance...

BROWN SAYS HE RECOGNIZED FIVE MEN AND GAVE NAMES

Elzie Brown, a young white man who lives in the eastern part of town, spent an unpleasant hour Tuesday night while in the hands of a masked mob...

Threats of Burning One of the men poured "oil" on Brown's head and said he was going to stick fire to it, according to Brown. They also told him that they were going to take him to the Georgia-South Carolina line...

Brown is known to have been with Shepard on Sunday night prior to the Monday night when Shepard's car was left in a ditch beside the Wildcat highway...

Held Up by Masked Men

Brown accompanied Mr. Giles Mercer, who works at Bullock Brothers garage, to the point where he was taken in hand by the mob. Mr. Mercer says he had started to take some auto parts to a man who phoned that his car was broken down about three miles down the Wildcat highway from Lumberton...

The men wore white cloth over their faces, according to both Mercer and Brown, and all the men whom Brown says he recognized live in and around Lumberton.

While Brown admits that he was with Shepard on Sunday night prior to his disappearance on Monday night, he says he did not see him after early Monday morning when Shepard and Luke Britt left the home of his grand-father, with whom he lives, in the eastern part of town.

Sapiro Will Speak At Rowland May 30

Apostle of Cooperative Marketing Will Present This Great Subject at Meeting at Rowland May 30 and at Elizabethtown June 1.

Mr. Aaron Sapiro will speak on cooperative marketing at Rowland Tuesday, May 30, at 3 p. m. He will also speak on the same subject at Elizabethtown, Bladen county, on Thursday, June 1, at 3 p. m.

Miss Cora C. Collins will leave in a few days for her home in Crisfield, Md., her season having closed as head trimmer with Miss Josephine Bruce.

Local Schools Finals Next Week

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night, Class Exercises Monday Night, Literary Address Tuesday-Supt. Cale and Principal Norton Resign.

Sunday, May 28, 3 p. m. Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. R. A. White, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Mooresville, in Presbyterian church.

Monday, May 29, 8 p. m., school auditorium-Class exercises. Tuesday, May 30, 8 p. m., school auditorium-Literary address by W. H. Swift of Greensboro.

Road Will Be Opened June 3rd

Work on Hard-Surfaced Road Lumberton to McNeill's Bridge Completed Yesterday—Bridge Will Not Be Completed Until July.

Work of hard-surfacing the road from Lumberton to within some 200 yards of McNeill's bridge was completed yesterday and that stretch of concrete road will be opened for traffic all the way from the bridge on West Fifth street on Saturday of next week, June 3rd.

The force of hands and equipment that had been engaged in hard-surfacing the road near Lumberton is being transferred today to McNeill's bridge and will begin work at once hard-surfacing the 900 yards from that bridge to the Maxton-Red Springs fork.

Contract will be let by the State Highway Commission on June 20 for hard-surfacing the road from the junction of the Maxton-Red Springs roads beyond McNeill's bridge to Pembroke.

LOCAL LICENSE TAX SCALE

Auto Driver's Tax Reduced to \$1 But Restriction Will be More Rigid Than Ever—Schedule to be Published Later.

The mayor and town commissioners met last evening for the purpose of arranging a license tax scale for the year beginning June 1, 1922. The auto drivers' license tax was fixed at \$1 though it was pointed out that the restrictions as to eligibility to drive will be more stringent than heretofore.

Miss Melva Cottle has accepted a position as stenographer for the First National bank. She will begin work June 1st.

Mr. S. H. Hamilton, manager of the local Western Union Telegraph office, returned Tuesday evening from Baltimore, Md., where he went to consult an eye specialist.

St. Pauls News

Mr. Lewis Holder Passes—Series of Meetings—Social Life "Brisking" Up—Woman's Auxiliary Anniversary—Personal and Other Items.

St. Pauls, May 23.—Mrs. Maggie L. McEachern of Fayetteville, after spending a while in Lumber Bridge, came on over to St. Pauls the 11th for a few days' visit at the home of Mr. Neill McCormac, Sr., near town.

Mr. Lewis Holder, who had apparently been helpless with rheumatism almost all his life, passed away on Tuesday, the 16th, at his home near Roziers church.

Little Misses Catherine Ann and Jessie Mae McInnis, the two eldest daughters of Mr. Locke McInnis, left Wednesday the 17th, for Lamar, S. C., where they were to visit some of the McInnis relatives.

Rev. Jas. J. Murray, former pastor of St. Pauls Presbyterian church, began a series of meetings at the chapel here this week.

Rev. Mack McBryde, who has recently received license to preach, had an appointment at the Presbyterian church here on last Sunday evening.

Lucy, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, has been ill with colitis since Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Kinlaw, on Saturday, the 13th, a son. Mr. Charley McGoogan of Savannah, Ga., arrived in town last Wednesday for a visit to his mother, Mrs. D. A. McGoogan, and other relatives in our little town.

Misses Flora Jane and Mary Ann McMillan from near McMillan's siding came over to St. Pauls Sunday a. m., returning Monday a. m. These two good old ladies were born and raised at the spot they are now living.

Miss Della McGoogan of Armfield street spent last Saturday in Fayetteville.

Mr. W. A. Nutting drove to Fayetteville last Friday to meet his mother and little Miss Elizabeth, who were returning from Raleigh, where they had been a couple of days.

The regular meeting of the Woman's club, which was to have been held last Thursday, was postponed until Thursday, afternoon of this week.

We forgot to mention in our recent letters that Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, who formerly resided here, moved to Camp Bragg some time ago.

Parkton Letter

Dr. Currie Will Deliver Address at King Hiram—Children's Day Service Next Sunday—Street Lights Next—Baseball—Alas! "Old Silk is Dead"—Personal.

Parkton, May 22.—The play given by the Hope Mills troopers here Friday night was a treat. The play, "A Poor Married Man," it was well rendered.

Dr. D. S. Currie's address at the Buckhorn auditorium Sunday evening was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

Children's day will be observed at the M. E. church here on next Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McMillan and small son, Daniel, of Wade, spent the week-end with near relatives in town, also motored down to Lumberton in the afternoon accompanied by this scribe and son Donovan.

Mr. T. W. Thompson and family motored over to Charlotte and to Gastonia last week and report a good trip, his family visiting at the home of Rev. J. K. Hall, former pastor of the Presbyterian church here, at Belmont.

We failed to meet the Lumberton politicians last week while in town. They are a clever bunch of men.

We witnessed a good game of baseball at Buckhorn Saturday between Puritan Mills, Fayetteville, and Buckhorn, the latter winning in 10th inning, score 5 to 6.

A sad statement by Mr. J. B. McCormick: "Old silk is dead. She was one of my best, one that started first and always stuck to the track and ran to the finish.

Dr. E. H. Welles began Tuesday the tuberculin test of Robeson county cattle.

Tuberculin Test of Cattle Begun

Dr. E. H. Welles begins County-Wide Test—Some 6,000 Cattle to be Tested—Work Will be Taken Up by Townships.

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More Help in Boll Weevil Fight

Committee to Canvass for Members for Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce—Plans and Purposes Explained in Talks to Business Men Here and at St. Pauls—To Promote Better Farming and Markets.

As a result of a meeting Tuesday at 10 a. m. in the town hall of a few business men who were addressed by Mr. N. G. Bartlett, vice president and manager of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. H. L. Smith, secretary of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, Messrs. K. M. Barnes, M. F. Cobb, H. M. McAllister, R. H. Crichton, S. F. Caldwell and O. O. Dukes were appointed a committee to canvass Lumberton for members of the E. C. C. of C.

The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce was started last year in order to help avoid results experienced in Georgia and elsewhere from the invasion of the boll weevil.

Trouble with this section, said Mr. Bartlett, is that it has not let the outside world know about its unbounded resources.

That is what the E. C. C. of C. is for. It proposes to put on intensive campaigns looking to providing local markets for other things besides cotton and then promoting the production of other things.

Mr. D. D. French returned last night from Charlotte, where he went Tuesday to see his brother Mr. John French, who is undergoing treatment at the Charlotte sanatorium and whose condition is improving.

Misses Hazel and Sarah Carlyle arrived home last evening from Greensboro where they were students at the Greensboro College for Women.

Mr. Harry K. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Russell of Lumberton, has been selected as religious director for a Y. M. C. A. camp from Charlotte to be held at Kanuga Lake, near Hendersonville.

Superior Court—2 Divorces—Close Today. Superior court for the trial of civil cases which convened Monday is expected to close this afternoon.

Free Showing of Moving Picture Films "HOW TO POISON BOLL WEEVILS"

The National Bank of Lumberton has secured from the U. S. Department of Agriculture a film in which all farmers are interested.

Pictures will be shown from 11.30 to 12.30 o'clock Saturday, May 27th, at Pastime Theatre in Lumberton.

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It is expected that a representative of the State Department, Raleigh, will be here to deliver a talk in connection with the pictures.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 19 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

The Boy Scouts will meet in the Legion hall tomorrow evening at 8. Both crops and the grass are growing at a rapid rate, according to farmers coming into town.

Work has been begun on remodeling the Carlyle building, East First street, which was badly damaged by fire several weeks ago.

All petitions for additional street and sidewalk paving should be filed with Mr. J. P. Russell, town clerk and treasurer, at once.

Mr. Robert I. Beich expects to leave this evening for Baltimore, Md., where he will enter Johns Hopkins hospital for treatment and probably an operation.

Mr. Isaac Cottle and family moved last week to Lumberton from Clinton, Sampson county, and are now occupying a residence on the corner of Pine and 8th streets.

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