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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—Threatened With Awful Fate But Came Out of Har-rowing Experience Whole—Giles Mercer Allowed to Go Free.

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 Tuesmasked mob. Brown was dragged out church. of an automobile by the men while riding on the Wildcat highway, some three miles south of town. He was carried to a point near Old Kingsdale, so he says, where a chain was placed about his neck and the chain carried over a limb of an oak tree. It was then that the men demanded J. W. R. Norton, principal of the that he tell what he knew about the high school for 2 years, both have disappearance of E. R. Shepard. Brown says many threats were made against him by the men.

Threats of Burning were going to take him to the that they will not return will be felt. life free from pain and suffering." old and new songs, the very kind Georgia-South Carolina line and The school board, which recently orstretch him one mile each way. Brown ganized by electing Mr. K. M. Barnes by Dr. E. C. Murray. Deceased was says he plead with the men to give chairman, has many applications and him time to pray before killing him, probably will be ready to make a dehood, being in his "teens" we suppose. prayer. He offered a prayer, though, he says. Brown says he was choked by the chain placed around his neck.

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Road Will Be He was later brought to the western part of town and told to "beat it", which he did Young Brown admits that he was very much frightened by the performance and that he failed to get any fun whatever out of the affair. He says he recognized five of the men and gave out their names yesterday ..

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

Held Up by Masked Men.

cer says he had started to take some that had been engaged in hard-sur-night, thus giving the mill workers Lumberton. He passed Brown on hard-surfacing the 900 yards from an appointment at the Presbyterian Second street and Brown asked for that bridge to the Maxton-Red church here on last Sunday evening.

The road adjacent to be seen that he will take up work at once an appointment at the Presbyterian church here on last Sunday evening. cars stopped by the side of the road the new bridge cannot be hard surhe slowed down his car. It was then faced until the bridge is completed.
that a number of men stepped into the road, all of them masked. A man Highway Commission on June 20 for of the car and carried him several roads beyond McNeill's bridge yards up the road. He asked what Pembroke. that he was the wrong man, and inquired where Luke Britt worked. Britt was also seen with Shepard a Auto Driver's Tax Reduced to \$1 But short time before he disappeared. Mr. Mercer was placed in a car and brought to the Seaboard railroad, in the southern part of town, and told to go home. This was about 11 o'clock. met last evening for the purpose of Brown until yesterday morning.

The men wore white cloth around Lumberton.

he says he did not see him after taken in the matter.
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. He says he told the masked men all he knew First National bank. She will begin street spent last Saturday in Fayabout Shepard and would have told them more if he had known more to

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.

day, May 30, at 3 p. m. He will also meeting of the American Cotton haps "those evenings dresses" will not half. Dr. Welles speak on the same subject at Elizabethtown, Bladen county, on Thurs-nings will probably visit at the home again.

day, June 1, at 3 p. m. Mr. Sapiro of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. North in We forgot to mention in our re-is perhaps the best authority on co-Columbus, Ohio, before returning cent letters that Mr. and Mrs. Sanoperative marketing of crops in the home. United States and is a most interest.—Li ing speaker. No doubt a large num-marriage of Miss Lou E. Givens and ber of farmers and business men will Clarence A. White. attend these meetings.

-Miss Cora C. Collins will leave

Elzie Brown Man- Local Schools Fi-

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Next—Baseball—Alas! "Old Silk is
Dead"—Personal.

By C. D. Williamson
Parkton, May 22.—The play given Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night, Class Exercises Monday Night, Literary Address Tuesday—Supt. Cale and Principal Norton Resign. Tomorrow will see the wind-up of the year's class-room work at the Lumberton graded and high school. Fomorrow morning grade promotions will be read and certificates delivered to pupils finishing the seventh grade. Following is commencement program. Program

pastor of the Presbyterian church day night while in the hands of a at . Mooresville, in Presbyterian

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

Prof. W. H. Cale, superintendent for the past four years, and Prof. of Miss Shaw. year. Mr. Cale's plans have not been on Tuesday, the 16th, at his home here yesterday. learned, though it is probable that he near Roziers church. He was buried Children's day will remain here with his family for in the cemetery at the Presbyterian the M. E. church here on next Sun-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

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 Miss Annie Louise Fisher of Tar yards of McNeill's bridge was completed yesterday and that stretch of ing, the 18th, after spending a while concrete road will be opened for in the Northrop home here. highway, one mile south of Lumber-traffic all the way from the bridge on West Fifth street on Saturday of St. Pauls Presbyterian church, benext week, June 3rd. As has been gan a series of meetings at the chapel Brown accompanied Mr. Giles Mer-stated in The Robesonian, only a

taken in hand by the mob. Mr. Mer-| The force of hands and equipment arto parts to a man who 'phoned that facing the road near Lumberton is his car was broken down about three being transferred today to McNeill's miles down the Wildcat highway from bridge and will begin work at once threw a pistol upon both himself and hard-surfacing the road from the Brown and dragged him (Mercer) out junction of the Maxton-Red Springs

LOCAL LICENSE TAX SCALE

Restriction Will be More Rigid Than Ever-Schedule to be Published Later.

He went to the home of Chief of arranging a license tax scale for the day. Police D. M. Barker and he and Chief year beginning June 1, 1922. The auto Barker went to the scene of action and 'drivers' license tax was fixed at \$1 there found his, (Mercer's, car by the though it was pointed out that the side of the road. He brought the car restrictions as to eligibility to drive nah, Ga., arrived in town last Wedback to town and heard no more from will be more stringent than heretofore. The drivers' tax last year was over \$5. The tax on livery cars remains in our little town. their faces, according to both Mercer the same as last year—\$20. A comand Brown, and all the men whom plete schedule of the tax scale will be
Brown says he recognized live in and published in Monday's Robesonian.

Misses Flora Jane and Mary Ann
McMillan from near McMillan's
siding came ever to St. Pauls Sunday a. m. returning Monday a. m. The matter of depositing the bond While Brown admits that he was money for paving and sewer and wawith Shepard on Sunday night prior ter extension in local banks was dis-living, Miss Flora Jane being the

> -Miss Melva Cottle has accepted carry on her household duties. a position as stenographer for the Miss Della McGoogan of Armfield

work June 1st. —Mr. S. H. Hamilton, manager of Mr. W. A. Nutting drove to Faythe local Western Union Telegraph etteville last Friday to meet his mooffice, returned Tuesday evening from ther and little Miss Elizabeth, who Baltimore, Md., where he went to were returning from Raleigh, where consult an eye specialist. Mr. Hamil- they had been a couple of days. ton expected to have an operation on his eyes, but the specialist advised man's club, which was to have been him that it would be best not to held last Thursday, was postponed operate at present. He is being re-lieved at the Western Union office by Mr. G. N. Lewis of Albany, Ala.

—Mr. H. B. Jennings and daughter,

Office by week. There being so much on for last week it was deemed best to call off the club meeting. Elizabethtown June 1.

Miss Elizabeth Jennings, will leave to social functions of late but if it operative marketing at Rowland Tues-where Mr. Jennings will attend a keeps on like it recently has per-

-License has been issued for the

—A small residence owned by Mr. shoppers Tuesday p. m., the 16th. O. C. Norment and occupied by Mr. Mr. Jas. Inman of the U. S. Navy —Miss Cora C. Collins will leave in a few days for her home in Griss-field, Md., her season having closed as head trimmer with Miss Josephine Breece.

Jim. Stone and family, one mile east recently came home for a visit to home folks here. Mr. Inman is a son of Mr. Henry Inman near town. He stove flue. Much of the furniture was stove flue. Much of the furniture was sayed.

(Continued on page four.)

St. Pauls News

L. McEeachern of Fayetteville, after By C. D. Williamson spending a while in Lumber Bridge, Parkton, May 22.—The play given came on over to St. Pauls the 11th by the Hope Mills troopers here Friday. Sunday, May 28, 3 p. m. Baccalaur- McCormac, Jr., were going over to house these lays, regardless. Money eate sermon by Rev. R. A. White, Fayetteville Friday a. m. to meet a is not so plentiful at this season of sister of Mrs. McCormac, so Mrs. the year. McEachern decided to go on home Dr. D. S. Currie's address at the as they did and finish her visit in Buckhorn auditorium Sunday evening St. Pauls some future time, Miss Al-ice Shaw accompanied Mrs. Mc-joyed. By special request he will de-

The child of Mr. John Gibson, who died recently, was their 2-year old

son, instead of little daughter. We were misinformed. Mr. Gibson's little Opened June 3rd girl had been sick. but not dangerous-Little Misses Catherine Ann and

Jessie Mae McInnins, 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.

nere this week. Rev. Mr. Murray has cer, who works at Bullock Brothers short detour is necessary now on many friends in St. Pauls who will garage, to the point where he was that road, at the oil mill. vices will be held at 7 a. m. and at

> Rev. Mack McBryde, who has recently received license to preach, had in Johnston county, the field vacated by Rev. Jas. Murray before going to Wilmington, where he has been for sometime now. Rev. Mr. McBryde is a brother of Mrs. L. I. Grantham of St. Pauls.

Lucy, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, has been ill with colitis since Friday. Her mother was a Miss Blue, daughter of the Mr. Blue who semetime ago moved here from Hoke county.

The minstrel revue which was to have been on last Thursday was called off 'till Tuesday night of this week, as were afraid time was too limited to get it up for last Thurs-

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Kinlaw, on Saturday, the 13th, a son. Mr. Charley McGoogan of Savan-D. A. McGoogan, and other relatives

Misses Flora Jane and Mary Ann day a. m., returning Monday a. m. These two good old ladies were born and raised at the spot they are now older, some 76 years of age, and as jolly and spry as a cricket, consider-

etteville.

Manufacturers association. Miss Jen- go out of date 'ere time to wear 'em

derson, who formerly resided here, moved to Camp Bragg some time ago. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Powers and Mrs. J. B. Martin were Fayetteville

Parkton Letter

King Hiram-Children's Day Ser- Committee to Canvass for Member vice Next Sunday-Street Lights Next-Baseball-Alas! "Old Silk is

for a few days' visit at the home of day night was a treat. The play, "A Mr. Neill McCormac, Sr., near town; Poor Married Man." It was well On Thursday morning, 18th, she came rendered. Every character proved to to Mr. A. R. McEachern's on Fay- be a real artist. Door receipts were etteville street. Mr. and Mrs. Neill about \$24. It is hard to get a full

Eeachern home and will spend some liver the same address at the King week or 10 days in the McEachern Hiram school house on the evening home, Mrs. Archie A. McEachern, a of the first Sunday in June at 3 o'clock member of the family, being a niece Rev. C. R. Sorrell, pastor of the of Miss Shaw.

Baptist church, attended the Baptist

Mr. Lewis Holder, who had ap- convention which met at Jacksonparently been helpless with rheuma- ville, Fla., last week and there was resigned and will not return next tism almost all his life, passed away no preaching at the Baptist church Children's day will be observed at

reading by the Sunday school and congregation; a short talk by the pastor, Rev. R. F. Munns. The public is most cordially invited. A very large congregation is expected. No seats guaranteed after 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McMillan and

motored over to Charlotte and to taken care of by promoting other Gastonia last week and report a good things.

That

politicians last week while in town. tion of other things, Mr. Smith brief. They are a clever bunch of men.

Messrs. J. D. Gillis and L. M. said. The plan appealed to the few Powell have succeeded in giving our business men who heard it explained town some good lights, the best so are installing. Why not arrange for

more street lights? We regret to report Mr. W. M. Davis of R. 2 very sick with pneumonia and complications.

We witnessed a good game of baseball at Buckhorn Saturday between is the time when the need of an ac-Puritan Mills, Fayetteville, and Buck- tive local chamber of commerce, with horn, the latter winning in 10th in- a man employed as secretary for his ning, score 5 to 6. Canady of Park- whole time, is more apparent than ton pitched a good game for Buck- ever, and that organization of the horn but his support was not so good. local chamber on that basis should A sensational catch by Hall for the precede association with the E. C. C. visitors was a feature in deep center, of C. Mr. Bartlett offered to come but Hall went up and brought it down back and put the Lumberton Chamber with single hand and saved two runs. of Commerce in working shape with-J. R. Russell and Boyd Stubbs visited Laurinburg Saturday.

W. A. China, J. D. McCormick, P. H. Fisher, J. C. Lancaster and F. N. Fisher attended the Shriners meeting C. at Kinston Wednesday and Thursday and report the best time yet; also Daniel McMillan. If I have overlooked

others beg to be excused. A sad statement by Mr. J. was one of my best, one that started leaves five young pups, but we expect that town. to raise them. We gave her a good decent burial up on the creek near the fish pond, completely wraped in fox hides that she helped to catch the last season."

Tuberculin Test of Cattle Begun

Dr. E. H. Welles Begins County-Wide Test-Some 6,000 Cattle to be Test-ed-Work Will be Taken Up by

Townships.
Dr. E. H. Welles began Tuesday
the tuberculin test of Robeson county cattle. As was stated in The Robesonian at the time, the county commissioners made an appropriation on the first Monday in April to cover one-half the cost of this work, the Federal government to pay enebeing Dr. W. iş asisted at present by C. Dendinger, who heads a like campaign in New Hanover coun-

It is estimated that there are 6,000 cattle in Robeson county and the work of testing will continue until all the cattle have been given the test. The work will be conducted only in one township at the time. The work having been begun in Lumberton township, all the cattle in this township will be tested before it is begun in another. in anothers : m:

More Help in

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. Mc. modeling the Carlyle building, East Allister, R. H. Crichton, S. F. Cald. First street, which was badly damwell and O. O. Dukes were appointed aged by fire several weeks ago. a committee to canvass Lumberton of the E. C. C. of C.

The Eastern Carolina Chamber of to the local baseball club. Other

Commerce was started last year in members of the club will report June order to help avoid results experienced in Georgia and elsewhere from the invasion of the boll weevil. It includes sewer and water extension and street 39 counties east of the Coast Line and sidewalk paving, for which conrailway, some 900,000 people. Each tract was recently let by the mayor county is asked for one \$10 member. and town commissioners. ship for each thousand population, an appropriation by the county commissioners, and one-tenth of 1 per cent. I. M. Barker, who has been ill for of their capital stock by banks. On several weeks, is unimproved. Miss that basis Robeson county is asked for 55 members, an appropriation of

\$300, and \$594 from banks.

Trouble with this section, said Mr. Bartlett, is that it has not let the outside world know about its unbounded resources. It has been asleep, must be filed on special form. These while other sections have grown enormously rich by advertising their products and advantages. In his own county of Laurens, Ga., he said, it was decided in 1915 to develop farming, will spend today and tomorrow. He small son, Daniel, of Wade, spent the week-end with near relatives in town, farmers found out they could get cash instead of merely taking what comes will return in time to conduct regular also motored down to Lumberton in the afternoon accompanied by this scribe and son Donovan, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Mcthe home of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Mcthe job to handle stock all the time.

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Name of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Mcthe job to handle stock all the time. Neill. Spent a most pleasant evening, also enjoyed the Lumberton airplane with its numerous flights. Some of these days just when our nerve gets right we expect to take a flight over your city; date unknown yet.

Mr. T. W. Thompson and family motored over to Charlotte and to take a care of by promoting at the time. In 1918 that county produced \$58,000 an operation. He will be accompanied to Baltimore by his brother, Mr. Jno. H. Belch of Charlotte, who arrived here this morning.

—Mr. Issac Cottle and family moved last week to Lumberton from Clinton, Sampson county, and are now occupying a residence on the

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. far, and more and more residences which Messrs. Bartlett and Smith anand after some discussion, during swered questions, on motion of Mr. A. E. White the committee mentioned above was appointed by Mr. K. M. Biggs, president of the Lumberton Chamber of Commerce, who presided. Mr. R. H. Crichton urged that now out charge, but the matter finally was passed over without action, the riage took place yesterday afternoon. committee of five being left to first secure membership in the E. C. C. of

St. Pauls Falls in Line A meeting was held by Messrs. Bartlett and Smith at St. Pauls Tuesday night and business men of that town agreed to take membership and McCormick: "Old silk is dead. She bank subscriptions amounting to \$150, was one of my best, one that started the amount suggested. Messrs. Bart-first and always stuck to the track lett and Smith are to return to St. and ran to the finish. The rest de- Pauls tomorrow night and help orpended on her in case of a loss. She ganize a chamber of commerce for

> Superior Court-2 Divorces-Close Today.

Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson is a month or more ago, mention of presiding. The following jury trials which was made in The Robesonian had been completed this morning: E. M. Stackhouse vs. Martha Stackhouse; divorce granted,

Clyde Thompson vs. Thompson; divorce granted. Frank M. Pridgen vs. Sam J. Smith; judgment for plaintiff.

FREE SHOWING Moving Picture Pilms "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.

All farmers are invited-

COTTON MARKET

Boll Weevil Fight Middling cotton is quoted on the lo-

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.

—Miss Miller's music class will give a recital in the high school audi-

-Material is being placed for the

Barker is a patient at the Baker sanatirum.

-All petitions for additional street can be secured from Mr. Russell.

-Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, left this merning for Wake Forest, where he services at the First Baptist church

Clinton, Sampson county, and are now occupying a residence on the corner of Pine and 8th streets. Miss

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. The condition of Mrs. Russell S. Beam, who is a patient at the same sanatorium also is improving.

-Misses Hazel and Sarah Carlyle arrived home last evening from Greensboro where they were students at the Greensboro College for Women. Miss Hazel was a member of the graduating class this year. The Misses Carlyle were accompanied home by their brother, Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle, who motored to Greensboro Monday to attend the graduating exercises.

-Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Parker went vesterday to Wilmington to attend the marriage of Mr. Parker's brother. Dr. J. R. Parker, and Miss Cathereen Haar, both of Wilmington. The mar-Mr. and Mrs. Parker will go from Wilmington to Asheville, where they will spend ten days before returning to Lumberton.

-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. Mr. Russell is a ministerial student at Davidson college and will go on the camping trip after school closes next week. After the camping trip he will attend a Y. M. C. A. students conference at Bibe

Ridge. -The condition of Mr. Boyd B. Superior court for the trial of O'Neal of Mullins, S. C., brother of eivil cases which convened Monday is Mrs. Johnnie L. McNeill, who was expected to close this afternoon. He is in Bramen, Germany, where he is undergoing treatment and re-covering from his wounds. He is ex-pected home June 16th; Mr. O'Neal was second engineer of the steamer New England, and was injured by the bursting of turbine circular pumps as the result of which he received 17 abnominal wounds, a crushed leg and other injuries when the turbine gear

> Free Movels, "How to Poison Boll Weevils.

At the Pastime theatre in Lumberton Saturday of this week, from 11.30 to 12.30, will be shown moving picto 12.30, will be shown moving picture films showing "How to poison boll weevils." These pictures were secured by the National Bank of Lumberton from the U. S. Department of Agriculture and by courtesy of the bank the showing will be free. All farmers are invited.

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

Charges and a feet out of the Store of the same of the