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MEN OF THE SURF WERE HERE.

Representative Life Savers From Every Station in the Seventh District Met in This City.

SURFMEN MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION MEET.

An Interesting Story of the Surfmens and The Eventful Day on Which They Visited Our City. Synopsis of Principal Events of the Day. Side Lights Upon the Occasion.

The Surfmens have come and gone. The third annual convention of the Surfmens Mutual Benefit Association convened in the City Tuesday. The occasion was one to be long remembered. It was a purple day for the city and its hundreds of visitors.

The business men of this city had prepared a royal welcome for these brave men and on every hand the Stars and Stripes were flying and hundreds of yards of bunting were used in the decoration of various buildings. Everywhere the eye was greeted, with the legend, "Welcome Surfmens," as early as Sunday morning the arrival of the Surfmens was noted. They came all the way from Cape Fear to Cape Henry. Monday the town was thronged with the stalwart, blue clad figures of the Surfmens. Tuesday the crowds were even greater and hundreds of representative men, women and children from every section of the coast were here. They came in every conceivable craft.

AN ORDERLY CROWD.

These Surfmens and their friends was the most orderly delegation that ever visited Elizabeth City. Most crowds are conspicuous for their noise and jest, not so with the Surfmens. They say the slightest demonstration that could have been called, painting the town red.

Many assemblages which we have noted were marked for the prominence of "booze." This cannot be said of our Surfmens' friends. No one bore signs of dissipation and in no instance did rum display its presence. At the same time these people were in for fun. They came for a good time and one and all agreed that it had been afforded them.

THE RED WHITE AND BLUE.

Numbers of business houses were profusely decorated with patriotic colors. The Stars and Stripes flew from window, mast and doorway. Hundreds of yards of bunting was used in decorating and all down town bore a true holiday appearance.

THE SURF DRILL.

Some months ago the crews of the seventh district applied to Lieut. Daniels for permission to give an exhibition of life saving drills while here. Lieut. Daniels obtained permission from the department and the beach apparatus was brought to this city.

The announcement of these drills in previous issues of this paper had attracted the attention of the public and Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock nearly three thousand people lined Riverside avenue to witness the heralded exhibition. Numerous small craft dotted the harbor at this point and added much towards obstructing the vision of those on shore but Capt. Midgett succeeded remarkably well in keeping them out of the way. The revenue cutter Boutwell was on the scene, Capt. J. A. Slamm having accepted Lieut. Daniels' invitation to participate in the programme.

Conveniently located, on the shore, was the beach apparatus. The following crews in readiness, viz: Capt. D. M. Pugh of the New Inlet station with crew consisting of R. S. Midgett Sr., E. L. Midgett, G. L. Midgett, R. D. Gray, W. G. Midgett and D. L. Gray, Jr.

Capt. J. W. Partridge of the Seatack station with crew consisting of, W. H. Partridge, Jno. W. Ward, James M. Ward, James H. Holmes, T. B. Sanderlin and G. L. Midgett.

Capt. L. B. Midgett of the Chica-macomico station with crew consisting of, E. S. Midgett, D. O. Midgett, Jno. A. Midgett, Jno. T. Payne, D. W. Oneal, Z. S. Midgett, Roscoe Burrus and J. E. Gray.

The Beech apparatus drill by Keeper Pugh and his picked crew was the first on the program. Three hundred yards from shore was a vessel, supposed to be in distress. A rope was shot over the rigging with a Lyle gun. By the means of this rope the breeches buoy was placed in position and the crew brought ashore. It was a novel sight; seeing men brought ashore in such manner and the crowds cheered the performance.

The next feature on the program was the boat drill by Capt. Midgett and crew. The capsizing and righting of the self-bailing boat was here presented.

Last but not least was the signal drill between Capt. Partridge's crew and the cutter, Boutwell and the resuscitation drill by the same crew.

All that witnessed these drills were well pleased and highly revere for the walk to Riverside. The exhibition was of a spectacular if not sensational nature and afforded many thrills to the timid ones.

The three crews that participated in the exhibition made a creditable showing and their efforts to entertain were highly appreciated by each and every one of the many hundreds of spectators.

MINUTES OF ASSOCIATION.

Meeting was called to order by N. B. Rich, president.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by Hon. Edmund Alexander, and Hon. I. M. Meekins, the response for the Association was made in a happy vein by Rev. D. B. Austin, after which the meeting was adjourned for refreshment

furnished by the citizens of Elizabeth City, whose generous hospitality was highly appreciated and enjoyed.

The Association was called to order again by the president at 3:30 p. m., for the dispatch of business.

The report of the Sec.-Treas. being called for was as follows:

Amount of money on hand last meeting.	\$ 534.50.
Amount received since last meeting.	\$2,676.95.
Paid out for deaths.	2,000.00.
Paid out for expenses.	84.23.
Remaining on hand.	
Members admitted since last meeting.	187
Members died.	4
Increase.	183

The membership of the association has more than doubled during the past year.

The following committees were appointed.

On resolutions. J. W. Richardson, J. W. Partridge, L. B. Midgett.

On by laws. Supt. P. H. Morgan, G. D. Hitchins, G. F. Reynolds, John W. Ward, and W. H. Partridge.

On thanks to the people of Elizabeth City, Lieut. G. M. Daniels, Nelson Holmes and Zora Burrus.

On monument to the late President Gallop, M. Corbell, T. Gard, J. E. Ward, D. M. Pugh, G. D. Hitchins, J. W. Richardson and Lieut. G. M. Daniels.

The committee on resolutions submitted the following report which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, since the last meeting of the "Surfmens' Mutual Benefit Association" our brother Hodges M. Gallop the President and Father of our Association has died.

Whereas we desire to express our grief at his loss, and our appreciation of his worth as a man and representative of our order.

Be it resolved, therefore, while we bow with resignation to the unalterable decree of the Great Author of this Universe.

We cherish his memory with the fondest affection and deeply lament his untimely death, recognizing that the organization and the development of our Association was more largely due to his efforts than any other person.

Not only as a friend and as a promoter of the interests of the Surfmens of this country did he attain high eminence but as a man of noble and sympathetic nature with a heart filled with love for his fellow-man he drew towards himself all his associates in life.

Be it resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Association and a copy of which be suitably framed and be presented to the family of our deceased brother.

The committee of thanks submitted the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Surfmens' Mutual Benefit Association, extend to the Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, and the people of Elizabeth City, the appreciation and thanks of the association, for the courtesy extended during their annual meeting in that city on June 10, 1902.

The committee on by laws having recommended that certain minor amendments be made to the existing laws, the same were unanimously adopted by the association.

It being the unanimous opinion of the association that a suitable monument be erected in memory of the late President of the Association, Keeper H. M. Gallop, a committee was appointed to confer with the widow, relative to the same.

During the meeting the association received several invitations to hold their next annual meeting in various cities and towns, after some deliberation the matter was postponed for future consideration.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the following year. J. E. Woodhouse, President; Geo. D. Hitchins, First Vice President; David M. Pugh, Second Vice President; J. T. Westcott, Secretary and Treasurer.

There being no further business meeting before the association, the meeting adjourned sine die.

MANTEO BIDA.

With a spirit that is progressive and commendable the people of Manteo are after getting the next annual convention of the S. M. B. Association. The progressive and public spirited citizens of the little Roanoke city realize the various benefits to be derived from obtaining this meeting and are setting forth their claims in a manner that can but demand the earnest consideration of the Surfmens.

The following letter signed by representative men of Manteo was read at Tuesday's session.

Elizabeth City N. C., June 10.—Surfmens' Association.

GENTLEMEN:—Representing the wishes of a hospitable people and believing that our geographical position and environments, merit favorable consideration, we cordially invite you to hold your next annual meeting on Roanoke Island where North Carolina history began and in a county most intimately connected with your work.

We promise a hearty welcome, ample provision for the entertainment of all who may attend and a high appreciation of your presence in our midst.

THE BANQUET.

The entertainment committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce left no stones unturned in their efforts to make the occasion a long remembered one. At Aydlett's hall a banquet was tendered the visitors. Three hundred and fifty covers had been laid but even these did not accommodate the crowds that came. Nearly five hundred men, women and children accepted the open invitation to the banquet.

The tables groaned under their

burdens of good things to eat and every body was happy.

After the dishes had been cleared away Messrs. C. W. Stevens and Co., opened up a bountiful supply of Royal Cheroots and invited the surfmens to help themselves. It is needless to say that they did not decline and the perfume of the Royal Cheroot was wafted to ones nostrils in every whispering zephyr.

THE SURFMEN DEAD.

It would never do for us to conclude this story without noting the sad loss of four members of the above association, during the past year.

The most mourned of those gathered to their father's is the late Hodges M. Gallop. Mr. Gallop was a man that was but to be known to be admired. His friends were numberless and his enemies were not known.

He entered the service nearly twelve years ago. Three years ago he was appointed keeper of Whales Head life saving station. At about this time he had perfected the organization of the Surfmens' Mutual Benefit Association of which he was elected president, filling the position until May 7th, 1902 when he departed this life at his home in Corolla. Hodges M. Gallop was only 35 years of age at the sad termination of his earthly career. His every effort had been for the promotion of the best interests of his fellow man. During his twelve years in the life saving service he accomplished much for his brother surfmens and gained their undying praise and admiration. To use the can be said words of Capt. Westcott "nothing too good of Hodges M. Gallop."

THE TAR HEEL'S WELCOME.

Ever alive to the interests of its friends and patrons and ever seeking to please The TAR HEEL, last Tuesday morning, spread, broadcast over the city a thousand neatly printed cards inviting the Surfmens and their friends to visit its offices and see how East Carolina's leading weekly was made.

Dozens of yards of red white and blue bunting were used in decorating our office. As a centre piece was a big banner bearing the legend "The TAR HEEL Welcomes the Surfmens." Inside the door stood a big tub of red lemonade with the sign over head, "It is the TAR HEEL's treat."

Hundreds of people thronged our office all day long. They drank to our health and departed happy. Hundreds of men, women and children wore the Souvenir badges which we had made for the occasion and on every hand, one was confronted with some emblem of the TAR HEEL's progressive spirit.

We showed the people how we made the "peoples paper," we let them drink their fill and as a reminder of the occasion presented many with the souvenir badges. All who came expressed themselves as pleased and therein were we fully repaid for our expense and trouble.

We were the first to decorate for this occasion, many others took the cue and followed. Across Main street was suspended a banner heralding our welcome to all who entered our gates. On the street and in the stores was the word "TAR HEEL" displayed and we do not regret the out lay because we know that our efforts to entertain were appreciated.

THE FIREMAN'S DEBIL.

The Elizabeth City Fire Co., No.

1. and the Excelsior Hook and Ladder Co., gave a dress parade in the afternoon. The boys were in full dress uniform and they had their entire apparatus in readiness at the corner of Road and Main streets. The fire alarm was sounded and with a cheer the boys made a record breaking run to the water. In less than two minutes from the sounding of the alarm the boys were flooding Main and Poin-dexter sts. The old Albemarle boys were showing the Surfmens how they fought fire and spared no efforts towards gaining the applause of the thousand spectators that gathered to view and wonder.

The colored, Excelsiors were making a good showing mean while. They had raised ladders to the roof of a neighboring building and an unbroken line of its red shirted members were passing bucket upon bucket of water to the imaginary blaze. When the fire ladders had concluded their part of the entertainment some one cheered. Others took it up and one long, loud cheer of applause arose from every throat.

TAR HEEL STREET.

Of course a stranger is not supposed to know the names of the different streets in our city and it is but natural that they should select some means of designating different sections of the town. Nearly every one made a bee line for Fearling street, in acceptance of our invitation. In the course of conversation with their friends they would, of course, occasionally have reference to the above street and not having the name in mind they would call it "Tar Heel street." The name was contagious and everybody was asking the question "have you been on the Tar Heel St?" many really didn't know and went away believing that this street bore our name.

A. C. I. CLOSING EXERCISES.

The Atlantic Collegiate Institute's Years Work.

With the awarding of diplomas to the graduating class, last night, the commencement exercises of Atlantic Collegiate Institute of this city were concluded.

The program of Tuesday night, while a highly entertaining one, was not of the high order that marked the exercise of last night and the night before.

The program Wednesday evening contained several features that deserved commendable mention. The various drills presented by the girls and the vocal and instrumental music of the music class was of a high order.

Last night was the banner night and an immense audience was present notwithstanding lectures at a special tent erected on Road street.

The orations by the graduating class were highly applauded and the applause was to say the least merited.

The orations by the boy graduates were as follows, viz:

"The Educational development of North Carolina," by Mr. A. M. Burfoot; "North Carolina's War Record," by Mr. Geo. J. Spence; "Chinese Exclusion," by Mr. M. W. Lister;

The essays by the girls of the the graduating class, spoke volumes for their composers and we give them below.

"Women as a Factor in Civilization" by Miss Mary Culpepper; Continued on 5th page.