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Surfmen Meet Here

Seventh District Elects Delegates To Ocean City.

A Mutual Benefit Society

Elizabeth City People Extend A Welcome and Banqueted Them At Dinner Hour. The Y. M. C. A. Special Services.

Three years ago the surfmen of the seventh district of the United States Life Saving Service, organized an association for the mutual benefit of its members. This organization was affected in Elizabeth City. The object of the association was to protect in case of the death of any member, the family or nearest of kin of the deceased. The association also provided fraternal features, which added zest to the meetings and Elizabeth City began to feel as though she had become the permanent meeting place of the brave men of the banks and coast. At every meeting of the surfmen the people here met them with open arms, flags and free lemonade, with a banquet and a suitable number of welcome speeches. The men of the waves always reciprocated with complimentary speeches and kind words for our people, and it became a sort of annual carnival for this assemblage of sea faring men, and the inland water people, who extend them hospitality.

The association grew into such proportions that it finally over-ran the seventh district, which extends from Cape Henry to Cape Fear, and other surfmen wanted to be admitted. For this reason it was turned into a national organization, and it gradually extending its arm along the entire coast of the Atlantic. Perhaps it is to some day work on the pacific coast. There is no good reason why it should not.

On Monday last, the members of the Life Saving service, who belonged to the association in the seventh district, assembled here and elected delegates to the annual meeting which was held this year in Ocean City, Maryland. The first president of the association, the late Hodges M. Gallop, was elected at this city three years ago, and there were not a few who remembered the gallant sailor, whose acknowledged bravery and courage has forever endeared him in the hearts of the people.

Sunday the men began to arrive and the Y. M. C. A., under the secretary, Mr. Kight, active management first threw open its doors in a special meeting for surfmen. This meeting was well attended and much enjoyed by visitors and citizens alike. A Special address was delivered by Rev. L. L. Williams, the Episcopal minister.

On Monday the flags, red, blue and white, with the figure "seven" sewd thereon, were everywhere fluttering in the breeze. Several hundred of them were distributed. They were pennant shaped, and attracts no little attention.

The Tar Heel collected all of the station Captains and carried them

Thirty Years Hard Labor For Jim Wilcox!

Alleged Murderer is to Pay The Penalty.

SUPREME COURT IS OBDDURATE

Mysterious Death of Miss Ella Maude Cropsey is to Be Avenged. Many Think A Pardon Will Come Later. Prisoner is Unconcerned.



Prosecuting attorney Ward, yesterday received a telegram from the attorney general of State stating that the Supreme Court had confirmed the decision of the lower court in the Wilcox case.

The case of the commonwealth against Wilcox for the murder of Miss Nellie Cropsey, November 1901, is too well known and has been too frequently published to admit of any great comment. It is alleged by the prosecution that Wilcox threw Miss Cropsey into the Pasquotank River, causing her to drown, or that he first struck her and then threw her into the river, marks on her head showing concussion from some cause. The defendant has had two trials and twice the case has been before the Supreme Court, the last time, resulting in a confirmation of the case as it was decided by the Perquimmons county court.

The first trial took place in this city; the second trial was held at Hertford, the county seat of Perquimmons. Judge Jones presided in the former case and Judge Council in the latter trial.

When a party consisting of the Sheriff and Chief Dawson with several citizens were admitted to the prisoners cell to break the news to him, they found him quietly reading a paper. The sheriff calmly announced the decision of the court to the imprisoned man, and requested permission to search the cell. This act was done to prevent any attempt at suicide. It was evidently unnecessary, however, for the young man was quite cool and seemed not to pay any great attention to the news, which means, in the words of the jury's verdict; thirty years in the penitentiary.

The only thing found in the cell was a razor, which the sheriff had loaned Wilcox. This was removed. On leaving

over to Zoellers where they were grouped, and their photographs taken. A cut of these gentlemen will be produced later.

At the dinner hour the chamber of commerce gathered the surfmen under its wing, and escorted them to an upper room, over M. Hills store. Here they were fed on the best that could be placed before them.

Mr. Walter Coloon, of the Tar Heel, called the meeting to order

and welcomed the surfmen. Then the mayor, Mr. Wilson, made a brief, but emphatically welcoming address, assuring the visitors every hospitality, and turning the keys of the city over to them, so to speak.

Perhaps the most enjoyable part of the opening ceremony, was the prayer of Rev. L. L. Williams, which directly preceded the repast. At the conclusion of the blessing, the order to eat dinner

the cell Wilcox jokingly called to the sheriff, requesting him to come back and make up his bed, which had been tumbled up in the search. Chief Dawson remarked "You will have plenty of work to do when you get to the penitentiary, won't you Jim?" The answer was, "I'll not have any work to do there."

It is not generally known that Sheriff Reed will not convey Wilcox to the penitentiary at Raleigh. He will be escorted hither by Sheriff Winslow, of Perquimmons county where the last verdict was rendered. Wilcox himself, is alleged to have expressed a desire to have Mr. Reed take him to Raleigh.

During his long confinement in the local jail, Wilcox has had every possible courtesy shown him, by the sheriff and the jailor. He seems to appreciate this kindness, and is not altogether the grum rough prisoner which report would make him. Naturally he feels the disgrace to which he is being subjected and is effected thereby.

It is said by many that in the light of the fact that Wilcox was convicted on circumstantial evidence a petition will be brought to the governor asking for his pardon, after he has served a part of his sentence. There are few who really think the young man will ever serve the full sentence. In the first place the penitentiary rules provide for a reduction of time for good behaviour and faithful work. This will reduce the term four or five years, if the young man makes a good record. In addition to this a good record is an almost sure means to bring him before the executives eye in the matter of pardon. Of course the excitement of the present day will have subsided after the lapse of five or ten years, and it is predicted by many that Jim Wilcox will be a free man many years before the year 1933.

was given, and those who were invited from among the citizens, as well as the seamen, all spent that hour in genuine pleasure. There were plenty of jokes, and plenty of witticisms, and all that anyone wanted to eat.

The meal lasted until the stragglers had all been hunted up and feasted. Then there was a great shaking of hands, and the delegates made for the train, which will carry them to Ocean City. Those

who were not delegates were delighted with their visit here, and a card of thanks from the president, Mr. J. E. Woodhouse, shows in this issue how greatly the cordiality of our people was appreciated by our friends from the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Jet Ferebee of Shawboro were in the city a few days this week, attending the A. C. I. commencement exercises.

Married on Wednesday

Miss Penelope Pendleton Burgess Weds Mr. Charles Pritchard.

Ceremony A Pretty One

Rev. L. L. Williams Performs The Marriage Rites at The Episcopal Church. Only a Few Friends and Relatives Attend the Wedding Supper.

One of the prettiest weddings ever witnessed in Elizabeth City, was said to have been that of Miss Penelope Pendleton Burgess, to Mr. Charles Gurkin Pritchard. The affair took place at the Episcopal Church, on June 10th, at 8:30 o'clock. The church had been beautifully decorated with daisies, ferns and potted plants, and was filled to overflowing with friends of the popular couple.

Promptly at the hour appointed the bridal party entered to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, which was played by Miss Kathryn Eberinghaus. The bride and groom were preceded by the ushers, who were followed by Miss Katherine Stallings, the maid of honor, who was attired in an exquisite gown of white French lawn, with lace trimmings, and carrying a bouquet of pink roses.

The bride was given away by Mr. James Hill. She was elegantly attired in white silk, mull, over taffeta, and wore the gift of the groom, a diamond and pearl brooch, and an exquisite cameo belt, an heirloom, in the brides family. This belt was the wedding present of the brides aunt Mrs. Penelope Wilson.

The ceremony was conducted in the impressive service of the Episcopal Church. Rev. L. L. Williams, the pastor of the church in which the wedding took place, officiated. The wedding ring of the brides mother was used in this service.

At the conclusion of the wedding the bridal party, with the family and immediate friends and relatives, who were invited, repaired to the groom's home, where they were delightfully entertained and sumptuously feasted.

Among these who attended this repast were the following:

Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Pritchard, Mr. Evan Pritchard, Miss Eliza Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. James Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Grice, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. James, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Pritchard, Mrs. Midgett, of Plymouth, Miss Katherine Stallings, Miss Florence Williams, Miss Glennie Bell, Mrs. Mae Guirkin, Miss Lena Gilbert, Miss Kate Burgess, Miss Ruth Straghan, Miss Clinrie White, Mrs. Mabel Jewell, Mr. John Snowden, Mr. Guy Brockett, Mr. J. V. Whitehurst, Mr. C. E. Thompson, Mr. C. G. Bland.

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