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SURFMEN TO MEET IN E. CITY IN NEXT ANNUAL SESSION

Telegram From Washington, D. C. Received Here Yesterday Announces That City's Invitation to Surfmen Has Been Accepted.

Secretary Geo. J. Spence of the Chamber of Commerce received a telegram yesterday morning from N. W. Dailey that the Surfmen's Association which has been in session in Washington, D. C., this week has decided upon Elizabeth City as the place for holding its next meeting. An invitation was extended the surfmen by the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Association, and by the city through its mayor. The town went after the association in the right way and got it.

The Surfmen's Association met here four years ago and Elizabeth City is to be congratulated that it is to be here again so soon. Their return here speaks well for the hospitality of the town, and it is hardly probable that the Surfmen will find their second visit here less pleasant and interesting than the first, nor will their welcome be less cordial. The gathering of this Association in Elizabeth City will bring here Surfmen from Florida to Maryland. The town will be honored in their presence, and Elizabeth City will delight to do them honor.

MARRIED AT MEREDITH

(From Sunday's News and Observer)

Meredith College has fitted hundreds of girls for the marital estate, but rarely has the matrimonial altar been set up in its scholarly precincts.

More than usual interest therefore, attaches to the wedding Sunday evening of Miss Katharine Louise Ford and Mr. Herbert Peele, which took place in the presence of a few friends in the parlors of the college, Rev. Dr. R. T. Vann, president of the college officiating.

Misses Hattie Farrior and Elizabeth Vann attended the bride and a few college friends were present and followed them to the 9:15 train, which bore the couple to Elizabeth City where they will live.

Mrs. Peele, is the daughter of Dr. C. T. Ford, of Mullins, S. C. She is a graduate of Meredith College and was for several years associate professor of art in that institution. During the past session she was head of the art department of Greenville Female college, South Carolina. Mr. Peele is the son of Rev. R. E. Peele, of Burgaw, N. C., and the nephew of Mr. W. J. Peele of this city. He is a graduate of Wake Forest college, and is now editor and manager of the Elizabeth City Advance, in which capacity he has made a reputation as a progressive journalist.

Mr. and Mrs. Peele left Sunday night for their home in Elizabeth City. Their friends here and elsewhere will give their good wishes to an event which was such a pleasing surprise.

MRS. JAS. WILLIAMS DEAD

Mrs. James Williams was buried here on Tuesday morning, at eleven o'clock, the funeral services being conducted from her home near the city. Mrs. Williams died Sunday night after an illness of several weeks. She is survived by her husband and several children.

ON TRIAL IN BEAUFORT COUNTY

W. O. Saunders was arrested here Tuesday on warrant sworn out by E. F. Aydtlett and charging Saunders with criminal libel. Before leaving on the train for Washington Saunders was notified that the trial had been continued until Wednesday. On Wednesday morning Saunders' counsel again asked for continuance, this time until Saturday. It is regarded as certain that the case will be heard tomorrow.

This is the second suit brought by Mr. Aydtlett against Saunders. Three notices of retraction and apology having been served it is believed that Mr. Aydtlett will bring another suit probably in another county.

The publication complained of before Recorder Windley of Washington appeared in the Independent of May 15th, and imputes perjury to Mr. Aydtlett as witness in another case and also duplicity toward a client.

The maximum penalty for Saunders' offense is two years imprisonment.

J. H. HALSEY

The Weeksville council of the Junior Order attended the funeral of J. H. Halsey which was conducted in the Olivet Baptist church Wednesday afternoon. The body was interred with the rites of the order. Rev. E. F. Sawyer conducted the services for the order.

Mr. Halsey was a prominent member of the order and was highly regarded. He was a good man and was noted for his Christian piety and upright character.

BIG CROWDS AT SALE

One of the biggest crowds seen at a sale, at Elizabeth City in many a day was that which gathered around the bargain counters at Lavenstein's last week when the doors were opened on Friday morning for their closing out sale. Until Saturday night the big force of clerks was kept busy with the throngs of customers who attended this sale.

McCABE & GRICE

Some of the most successful sales ever conducted in Elizabeth City have been managed at McCabe & Grice. These people are now extensively advertising their big annual clearance sale at their store beginning on Saturday, June 14th. On that morning handsome umbrellas will be presented to ten customers of the store. The particulars of their offer may be seen by reading their ad.

EBENSTEIN-GAITHER

Hertford, N. C., June 11th.—Miss Mary Gaither and Mr. William Von Ebenstein were married here Tuesday at half past eight o'clock. After the ceremony the bridal party were given an elaborate reception at the home of the bride.

A press dispatch from the western part of the state announces three inches of snow in Mitchell on last Wednesday. Weather records all over the country for the last forty years have been broken.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION IS AGGRESSIVE

Discusses Freight Rate Discrimination and Sends Committee to Confer With Norfolk Southern

The Pasquotank Just Freight Rate Association met Wednesday night in the Chamber of Commerce room in the Kramer Building. There was a good attendance and an enthusiastic meeting. The local Just Freight Rate Association is a new organization here giving every evidence of being in hearty accord with the State organization, and showing itself determined to leave no stone unturned in the effort to get better freight rates for this section of North Carolina.

Mr. Noah Burfoot, who is one of the vice-presidents of the State Just Freight Rate Association, and Mr. W. H. Weatherly, were appointed a committee to take up with the Norfolk Southern the matter of a comparison of present freight rates from Norfolk to Elizabeth City and other points along this line. The rates from Norfolk to points on the Norfolk Southern will also be compared with rates for Elizabeth City to these points.

The Just Freight Rate Association here is hopeful that it may be able to get certain concessions from the railroad before definite action is taken by the State Association. Not only merchants, business men, and citizens of Elizabeth City are invited to become members of the Association but all farmers of Pasquotank county. It is the hope of the local organization to make the Elizabeth City Association one of the most active and aggressive in the State.

AT THE ALKRAMA TO-NIGHT

To-night at the Alkrama Theatre the last number of the Star Course will be given.

This will be an exceptionally interesting evening to music lovers, Mary Sherier having received from the public unusually enthusiastic appreciation as an American born and American taught dramatic soprano.

Born in the National Capital and receiving her musical education under the best Washington teachers, her popularity and success have increased steadily, and she has sung in almost every musical center from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Anna Brett, Contralto; and George Wilson, Accompanist, come highly recommended from Washington, also, and Ruby Stanford, violinist, from Baltimore.

BAPTISMAL SERVICES TO-NIGHT

Baptismal services will be held at Blackwell Memorial church on Friday night. On Sunday morning the right hand of fellowship will be extended to those who have joined during the meeting, the total number now being about sixty. Every member of the church is urged to be present on Sunday morning and take part in this service. Interest in these meetings continues to increase rather than to fall off. Sunday night's service will be especially interesting and a great congregation is expected.

SENT TO JAIL

Tiny Clark, a notorious negro woman of Currituck, was tried here on Tuesday for stealing \$10. She was sent to jail to await the Currituck officer.

BIG MUSICAL EVENT AT THE ALKRAMA

Last Number on Star Course To night at Theatre. Exceptional Opportunity for Music Lovers

One of the biggest musical events of the season will be the grand concert to be given by Mary Sherier, the celebrated soprano, and her Concert Company, at the Alkrama to-night.

It is only on very rare occasions that the music lovers of our city have an opportunity at home to hear such excellent artists as those who are to be heard here to-night and that is probably why they are taking such an interest in this concert.

It is very doubtful if such a wonderful soprano voice as Miss Sherier's has ever before been heard in a concert in this city. This past season she has sung in nearly every large city from the Atlantic to the Pacific and this gifted young woman has swept her audiences by storm. Associated with Miss Sherier are Miss Anna Brett, Contralto, Miss Ruby Stanford, violinist, and Mr. Geo. Wilson, pianist.

The program for this evening is an ideal one in which there is ample opportunity to hear each of the artists at their very best.

HERTFORD NEWS

NEGRO SHOT

Hertford, N. C., June 11th.—A negro named Julius Ferebee, was shot here Wednesday night by another negro, named S. P. Spruill.

Bloodhounds from Elizabeth City were sent for and these trailed the murderer to Edenton, losing the scent at the Norfolk Southern railroad track.

It seems that the murder was without sufficient provocation, and the affair caused considerable excitement here. Ferebee ran a pool room here and was continually having trouble in the courts and otherwise with other negroes. He was in better favor with the white people however.

BITTEN BY DOG

Hertford, N. C., June 11th.—Little William McMullan, son of Dr. T. S. McMullan, was bitten by a dog belonging to a negro here last Sunday. The dog was killed and the head sent off for examination. The dog was a vicious animal and sprang at and bit the child because the boy threw a piece of paper at him. It is not believed, however, that the dog was mad.

HERTFORD BRIEFS

Hertford, N. C., June 11th.—Mrs. Kate Riddick has returned from a visit to her daughter in Richmond.

Miss Emily Skinner has returned home after a pleasant visit to Miss Albertson in Elizabeth City.

Miss Kate Blanchard is home from her position in one of the northern cities, and her sister, Miss Alice Blanchard, is here for vacation from her school work.

Miss Bessie McMullan is at home after a pleasant visit with relatives in Elizabeth City.

Mrs. Roscoe Brinn is again at home after a short stay in Norfolk, where she was nursing her mother who is ill in that city.

Mr. Claude Brian, who has just taken his A. M. degree at Trinity College is here this week.

Mrs. Mat White and the young Misses Perry left for a sojourn at summer resorts this week.

CITY ALDERMAN WANT TO MAKE RECORD FOR BETTER SANITATION

Ordinance Committee Directed to Draft Measures of Utmost Importance to City's Health.

DRAINAGE CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED

The Board of Aldermen held an interesting meeting Monday night, which lasted until eleven o'clock, and during the course of which one of the aldermen tendered his resignation, later, however, withdrawing it. Mr. Owens was the offended member and his displeasure came about in this wise: A motion was made to place G. G. Sawyer on the night police force on the ground that the present force is inadequate. Mr. Cohoon offered an amendment, striking out the name of G. G. Sawyer and merely providing that the night force be increased, and the amendment was adopted. Chas. Benton and G. G. Sawyer were then nominated to the place and Sawyer was elected by a vote of five to three. When the result was announced, Mr. Owens tendered his resignation, saying that he did not care to sit as an alderman with a body of men who would elect a man like Sawyer to the police force. Requested to state his charges against Sawyer, Mr. Owens made none except general inefficiency, saying that various complaints had come to him of Sawyer's failure to do his duty. A letter was presented and read from Judge Roscoe W. Turner speaking in highest terms of Sawyer's record. At the suggestion of Mayor Nash Mr. Owens withdrew his resignation.

Taken altogether the meeting was a very important one. The main topic for discussion was sanitation, and steps were taken looking toward action that should result in vastly improving sanitary conditions in Elizabeth City.

In the first place, the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Seymore, was ordered to purchase kerosene at the expense of the town and sprinkle it in the swamps depressions and the open canals of the city. He was directed to order property owners to fill up at once any holes under their buildings where water accumulates and stands. He was also advised to notify property owners to cut down all weeds on lots vacant or otherwise during the month of June, and was given power to require that this be done again later in the summer if necessary. A decided disposition was shown to take some action in regard to the canals that have given so much cause for complaint in the past. The City Clerk was directed to correspond with a number of engineers with a view of employing one to advise the town as to how to remedy present conditions. The Ordinance Committee was directed, acting with the Sanitary Inspector and the Health Officer, to draft an ordinance as to the disposition of night soil, and it is hoped that such an ordinance may be presented to the board as will considerably ameliorate present conditions.

There was much discussion as to the matter of building sheds and stoops over sidewalks, which is provided for in the ordinances but has been disregarded in more than one instance recently. The Building Inspector was ordered to notify those who have built such sheds, since the enactment of the ordinance against it, to remove these within thirty days. On failure to do so, warrants will be sworn out for them

Commissioners of the Parkville Drainage District, No. 1, met at the Southern Hotel at half past nine Wednesday morning to award the contract for the drainage of this district.

The contract was awarded to the Brett Engineering Company of Wilson, N. C. This is one of the largest companies in the State and has been carrying on drainage operations on a very extensive scale.

The Commissioners also ordered the issuance of \$30,000 of bonds under the State drainage law. These bonds are to be advertised and sold to the highest bidder.

Besides the Wilson Company, two other dredging companies submitted bids on the work. These were the Southern Dredging and Construction Company of Kington, N. C., which is one of the largest in Eastern North Carolina, and the Thompson-Hessley Company of Greensboro, N. C.

Mr. Walter Sharpe of Norfolk is chairman of the Board of Commissioners, and O. W. Brett of Wilson, is secretary.

BARRETT-KRAMER

Captain Joseph Robert Barrett and Miss Clara Augusta Byrd Kramer were married Wednesday morning at five thirty o'clock in Christ Church by Rev. Ashby. The wedding was a very quiet one. There were no attendants. The father of the bride gave her away, and immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left on the north bound train for their wedding trip. Upon their return to the city, they will reside at 207 Road street.

CAUGHT BLIND TIGER

Allen Simpson, a negro pool room proprietor, doing business on Poindexter street, long under suspicion, got twelve months on the roads for blind tigers last Tuesday. Several gallons of whiskey were discovered at his place of business. The affair was brought to light by officer Sawyer. Simpson, through his attorney P. Y. Sawyer, took an appeal.

and they will be brought before the city courts.

Another matter of some moment was the appointment of a committee consisting of Chas. H. Robinson, C. C. Pappendick, and Mathias Owens to investigate the matter of the city's building a market house. These men will also consider the availability of a site for the building.

These were the matters of most importance in this meeting. J. W. Shores was sworn in as Special Peace Officer, and the City Tax Collector was ordered to furnish the board with the names of those who have not paid their license tax and also those who have not settled their street paving accounts.

Dr. E. N. Cartwright of Fairfield, once a resident of this city was here on business yesterday.