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Enjoying the Sandhills



Mr. & Mrs. Burton S. Tucker

MR. AND MRS. TUCKER AT SOUTHERN PINES

Bride of 51 and Groom of 17 Playing at Southern Pines—Young Man Seems Happy

Seventeen-year-old Burton Tucker, the husband of Mrs. Susan O. Simpson, age 51, wealthy widow of the late Joseph Simpson, owner of the Hotel Pasedena, New York City, and his bride, who arrived in Southern Pines Sunday night, apparently are enjoying their honeymoon which has been so widely advertised. Neither the youthful bridegroom nor his bride had heard of their indictment in Jersey City on a charge of conspiring to violate the state marriage laws and with perjury.

It was understood that the Jersey City authorities did not know of the whereabouts of the couple. Young Tucker was also included in an indictment for subornation of perjury, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Jersey City.

Golf in the morning on the splendid Southern Pines courses or riding to the hounds behind the fleet animals of James Boyd, widely known author, the youth who is said to have been kidnapped does not act kidnapped at all.

The two are stopping at the Belvedere Hotel and are spending much time motoring easy distances over North Carolina. Arriving here Sunday night, they registered in at the Belvedere at near 10 o'clock, and on Sunday morning, drove to Pinehurst, where they watched the golfers for half an hour. Monday morning the first fox hunt of the season was staged and Mr. and Mrs. Tucker were members of the hunting party, staying with hounds the greater part of the day. The afternoon witnessed the pair on the local links.

While Mrs. Tucker has not given out anything official, it is rumored that she has disposed of her holdings in the Hotel Pasedena, and that the couple will probably locate in the south permanently. The boy husband is not alarmed at the threat of his mother to have the marriage to his great aunt annulled, and seems as happy as a young man should be on his honeymoon.

YALE GLEE CLUB TO VISIT PINEHURST

The Sandhills are offered an other musical treat in the visit of the famous Yale Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Club, consisting of forty-five members who will appear at the Carolina Theatre, Pinehurst, in concert on Christmas night, December 25th, at 8:20 p. m.

This engagement was made possible because this famous Yale University organization is making a trip farther South during the holidays and the management was fortunate enough to get them to stop off in Pinehurst during this trip.

This promises to be a social event as well as a musical event in the Sandhills, and a capacity house is sure to greet the Yale students on Christmas night.

Reserved seats are now on sale at the usual places at Southern Pines, Aberdeen, Carthage and Pinehurst.

Dr. McLEOD, THE CHRISTIAN PHYSICIAN

By John K. Roberts

In response to the request of The Pilot to contribute personal appreciations of some Moore county men I know, it seems to me, all things considered, that Dr. Gilbert McLeod, Carthage, should have the first place in this series of articles.

On that Saturday night before the fifth Sunday in September, 1901, when I, lonely boy just graduated from the Seminary, stepped off the train at Carthage, Dr. McLeod was waiting to take me not only into his home where I dwelt for four pleasant years, but into a close and intimate friendship which endures to this day. Through long years of daily association I learned to know him; and the better I knew him, the more I learned to love and respect him for the true man he is.

One of my first impressions of Dr. McLeod is, that he is an ideal type of a citizen, that type which serves the public for the common good unselfishly. This trait of character invited to his care the unremunerative services of public affairs shirked by others; and as a consequence ere long found himself holding many offices of trust without pay. When I first knew him he was Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Carthage School, secretary of the town Commissioners, Clerk of the Carthage Presbyterian church Session, County Coroner and Health Officer, and probably other offices. In answer to the question why so many positions of trust were placed upon one man whose every moment was taken up with a country wide practice, I was informed that such positions seemed to seek him out because he never shirked public duty for personal reasons. Dr. McLeod has always been public spirited, a champion of every movement for better churches, better schools and better roads.

Carthage township and Moore county owe him a lasting debt of gratitude for his pioneer work in Sand-Clay and Gravel road building. In the first efforts for better roads, when public sentiment was forming and the question hung in the balance, Dr. McLeod's service to the township at a great sacrifice to himself, made the good-road movement a success. He surveyed, laid out and had oversight of the building of the larger part of the Carthage township sand-clay and



Dr. Gilbert McLeod, of Carthage

gravel roads. The public will never see again the building of good roads at so small cost. The spirit to serve the common good moved Dr. McLeod to give freely a service at a financial loss to himself, the kind of a service for which the state now pays its thousands of dollars.

I honor Dr. McLeod for his nobility of character. Should I give a name to his moral and spiritual qualities I would call him Nathaniel, "in whom there is no guile,"—neither any compromise with evil in the conduct of others. More than once has he stood fearlessly for righteousness when threatened by personal danger and financial loss.

Dr. McLeod is an ideal family physician. His training, his experience, his earnestness, his faithfulness, his gentleness, his big-hearted sympathy in the sick room is as a ray of sunshine where pain is keen and hearts are heavy. Confidence in him as a doctor and as a man has won for him a lasting place in the hearts of the people he served so devotedly. He patterned after the great physician who came to minister unto the needy and to give His life for the sick, the sin sick world. The night was never too dark or too cold, nor the road too lonely for him not to go where his services were needed. In my first impressions of his work he and his horse "Rex," and there never was such a horse, could be seen at all hours of day and night on their mission of mercy in easing pain and suffering.

The secret of the success of his life's work lies in the outstanding characteristic of Dr. McLeod which is his devotion to Christ and His church. For (Continued on page 2)

PEACE AND GOOD WILL

TIME, speeding on swift wings, brings us once more to that season when the hearts of men are filled to the fullest with the spirit of peace and good will. Our eyes turn again toward the east, just as turned the Wise Men hundreds of years ago when they beheld the star which led them to the manger in Bethlehem.

Regardless of how we may have fared throughout the year, we find in our hearts once more that feeling of thankfulness and childlike simplicity—that something we have learned to call the "Christmas Spirit." We forget our suffering for the moment in our effort to send happiness into the hearts of those we love and respect. We join our hands and our smiles with our neighbors in celebrating the season when hearts are warmest and mankind a little nearer a common understanding than at any other time of year. We go back in memory to the days, long before we "knewed who Santa Claus was," and individually we joy in the thoughts of the joys of childhood. We feel the touch of time, and some of us there are who note the sprinkling of silver in our hair. Yet we approach the Christmas time with hearts mellowed by the memory of other days, and we feel again that something we call the "Christmas Spirit," that something which puts us at peace with the world, and makes us hopeful of the future.

Nowhere in all the world is there a nation capable of placing greater thanks for a return again to the Christmas season. Nowhere in America will there be found hearts more attuned to the spirit of the occasion than are now to be found in the Sandhills. We have come to realize its meaning in the fullest sense. We have dwelled in kindness and love as neighbors should dwell, and we reach the most sacred celebration of the year close in the love of each other, firmly tied by the bonds of fellowship. If we have needed a kind word, we have found it here. If there was a kind word needed by another, we have spoken it. And today the entire community is better off for such a spirit.

We approach the greatest holiday of all with the full knowledge that our hearts bear no malice for our fellowmen. We can turn our eyes to the eastern star and pledge renewed allegiance to our homes and our institutions. We can for the time being lay aside earthly cares and join once more in honoring Him whose birth we celebrate, the one who gave to us our greatest blessing, peace and the good will of our fellowman.

The editor takes this means to extend the compliments of the season to every resident of this community. He hopes that the season's richest blessings may be showered on you and yours. He prays that the full significance of the occasion may be revealed to you, and that not only will your Christmas be a happy one, but that all the days that are to come may find you happy, healthy, prosperous and contented.

KIWANIS CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

At their regular luncheon last Thursday evening in the Sandhill Fruit Growers' building, the Kiwanis Club elected new officers for the coming year. Ex-Congressman Robt. N. Page was elected president, Dr. W. C. Mudgett, the retiring president, was made past-president; E. L. McKeithen, vice-president; D. I. McKeithen, treasurer; Nelson Courtway, trustee; directors: J. R. McQueen, W. A. Way, S. B. Richardson, O. H. Stutts, C. A. Picquet, J. Talbot Johnson, and Leonard Tufts.

The following are the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Aberdeen, held in the Sandhill Fruit Growers' Building, Aberdeen, Thursday, December 13, 1923, at 7 p. m.:

A very delightful turkey dinner was served the members of the club by the ladies of Aberdeen, after which the president called the meeting to order and the secretary read the roll call.

The minutes of the last annual meeting of the last annual meeting meeting were read and there being no corrections were approved by the president.

Reports from the following committees were called for by the president and presented to the club by the chairman of the various committees:

Program and House, J. Talbot Johnson, chairman; Finance, Thad S. Page, Chairman; Attendance and Reception, Nelson Courtway, chairman; Membership, Classification and Grievance, Gordon Cameron, chairman; Inter-City Relations, Ed McKeithen, acting chairman; Public Affairs and Business Methods, Harrison Stutts, chairman; Publicity and Education, David Packard, chairman.

Report from the secretary and district trustee were presented to the club.

The club then proceeded to ballot for officers, Mr. Richardson first bringing up the question of his being permitted to cast a vote for Mr. Bloxham who was absent. It was moved, seconded and voted to allow Mr. Richardson to cast this vote. It was also moved, seconded and voted that instead of balloting for each office or director that the club vote for all officers and directors in one ballot. The president appointed Shields Cameron, G. A. Charles, W. C. Powell and F. D. Shamberger as tellers.

A few short talks from the nominees for president, ballots were cast and the tellers retired. Judge Way entertained the club while the ballots were being counted by a few moving pictures including those taken

CO-OP DELIVERIES MAKE NEW RECORD

Over Twelve Million Pounds of Tobacco Received in One Week

A flood of deliveries that broke all records for the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association brought 12,819,802 pounds of tobacco to the co-operative warehouses in Virginia and the Carolinas last week. Deliveries of nearly nine million pounds of bright tobacco by the Old Belt co-ops taxed the capacity of the association warehouses to their limit in receiving the largest amount of tobacco yet delivered in a single week by the organized farmers of Virginia and Western Carolina.

The Virginia dark-fired and sun-cured tobacco growers brought in more than two and three-quarter million pounds to the association houses. Eastern North Carolina delivered more than a million pounds, and members from the South Carolina belt still continued small deliveries at co-operative receiving points.

The total receipts of the association for this season have now reached 115,000,000 pounds and are expected to go beyond those of last year's deliveries to the time of the Christmas holidays even with much later season and later dates of opening for the association warehouses in all belts.

The payment of three million dollars which marks the third cash advance to members of the association who have delivered bright tobacco of the 1922 crop in Virginia and North Carolina will begin Friday, December 21st, at all co-operative receiving points of Eastern North Carolina. Tobacco prices dropped from \$30.72 for November 1922 to \$23.24 for November 1923 on the auction floors of North Carolina according to last week's news from the crop reporting service of North Carolina. Meanwhile the members of the tobacco association are enjoying higher cash advances on all grades of tobacco delivered this year than was paid them on last year's crop. Several hundred new members joined the marketing association in December.

All association warehouses will close for the holidays on Thursday, December 20th.

by the club last September.

The secretary read communication from the Harding-Memorial Association and letter from the N. C. Geological and Economic Survey.

The tellers made a report of the ballots cast, which resulted in the election of the following officers and directors for the ensuing year: (Continued on page 2)