



# THE PILOT



## Home Site Of Heroine Now Found

### Group Locates Place Of Flora Macdonald In Montgomery Co.

Speaking for a group of North Carolina historians who have been searching periodically during more than a decade for the site where Flora Macdonald, Scottish heroine, and her husband, Allan Macdonald, lived in this area for about two years in the 1770's, R. E. Wicker this week revealed that the place has been found.

"So far as I am concerned, this is the end of the hunt," the Pinehurst engineer and historian said.

The home site, where ruins of a house still exist with a spring nearby, was found Sunday on Cheek's Creek, about one and a half miles east of Pekin crossroads, near the road from Pekin to Candor, close to the southern border of Montgomery County. The location is about 10 miles from Mount Gilead in rugged country—the foothills of the Uwharrie mountains.

With Mr. Wicker when the find was made were Paul Green, playwright and author, of Chapel Hill; Malcolm Fowler of Lillington, active local historian; Col. Geoffrey Stanback of Mount Gilead and a Mr. Poole, resident of the area, who was helping to guide the party.

Discarding legend, hearsay and all but authentic records, Mr. Wicker and others in the group based their recent search on plats of a tract known to have been owned by Flora and Allan Macdonald. A place where the creek crossed the tract from east to west was what they were looking for and they found it Sunday.

Going by his documented records, Mr. Wicker believes that Allan and Flora Macdonald lived there from the winter of 1774 to some time in 1776. Allan Macdonald, active in the Loyalist uprising, was captured at Moore's Creek in February, 1776.

"The place was probably a going plantation when they went there in the winter of 1774," Mr. Wicker said.

Flora and Allan Macdonald arrived in the United States in August, 1774, he said, and went to Cameron's Hill in Harnett County, where they stayed with Flora's half-sister. From there, the historian thinks, Allan scouted around and found the place he wanted on Cheek's Creek, and they moved there. It is unlikely that Flora would have remained there alone after Allan was captured, Mr. Wicker thinks, as she had the half-sister at Cameron Hill and a daughter living in what is now Moore County, between Pinehurst and Carthage.

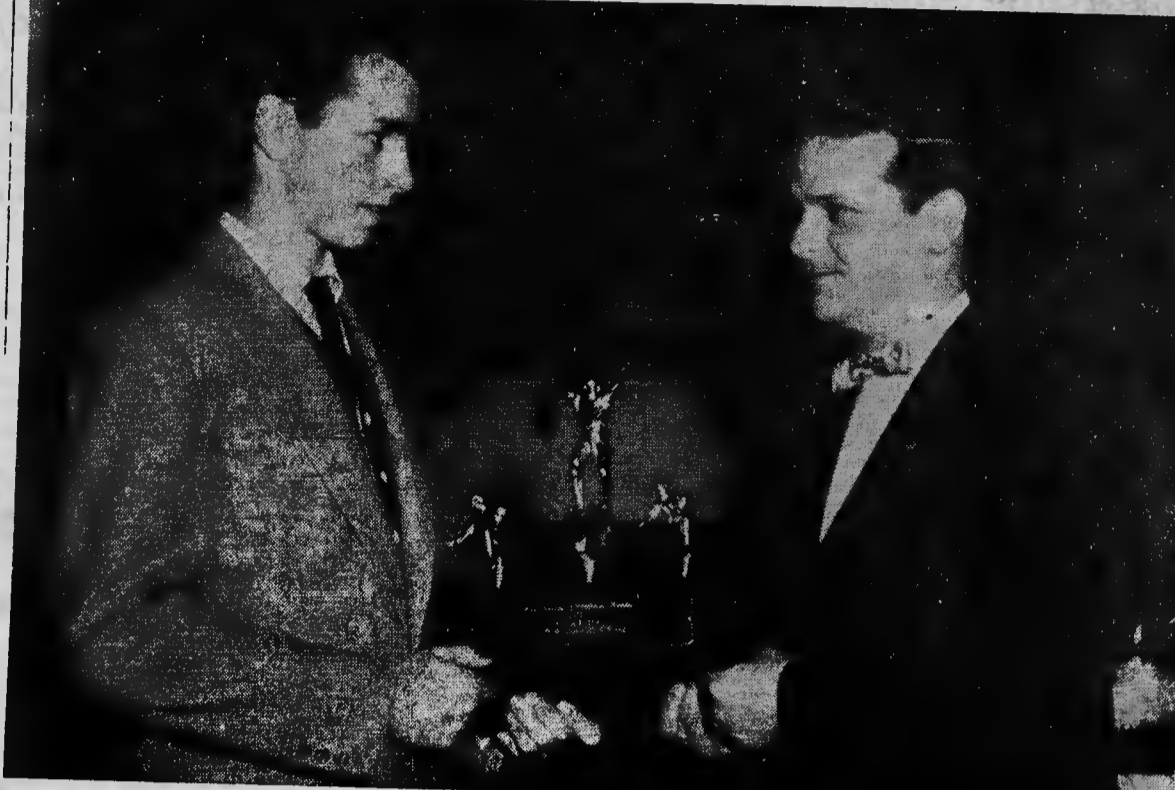
## Kraffert Defends Title As Seniors Start Tournament

Ben F. Kraffert, Jr., of Southern Pines is defending his title in the 19th championship tournament of the Southern Seniors that opens today (Friday) at Pinehurst, to run through Sunday. Kraffert has won the tournament for the past three years.

Challenging the local man is a star field that includes such well known Seniors as Judd Brumley, former North and South Seniors champion; Paul H. Hyde, Buffalo, N. Y.; E. Shep Girault, Monroe, La.; Dr. S. T. Lewis, New Bern; A. J. Buffini, Cleveland, Tenn.; Russell B. Lentz, Spartanburg, S. C.; W. E. Norvell, Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. S. Winston, Bristol, Va.; Dr. W. A. Brewton, Enka, and Col. C. D. McAllister, Orlando, Fla.

Ready to strive to keep the championship in the Sandhills, should Kraffert fail, is Donald D. Coker, Pinehurst Country Club seniors title-holder.

The championship division will play 18 holes on Nos. 1, 2 and 3 courses during the three-day event today (Friday) there will be a mixed foursome tourney for those not in the championship division, the Seniors teaming up with members of the Silver Foils. On Saturday there will be an all-hole medal round for all contestants, for gross and net prizes.



**WINS TROPHY**—David Page, left, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Page, is shown receiving from Louis Scheipers, Jr., commander of the John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the James Milliken Trophy, given annually by the post to the best all-around and most valuable senior football player of Southern Pines High School, as selected by coaches and players of opposing teams and a committee of local residents. The trophy is given in memory of the late James S. Milliken, Jr., son of Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Milliken, who was noted when a High School student for his steady athletic interest and good sportsmanship. In voting by members of the football squad, Page was elected permanent captain of this year's team, during the annual Testimonial Banquet for the squad given by the Elks Lodge Saturday night. Presentation of the trophy was also made at the banquet. (Photo by Humphrey)

## Blue Knights Turned Back In Title Try

The Blue Knights of Southern Pines High School made a great try Thanksgiving Day for the state six-man football championship but were outwitted and outplayed by Old Town High School, losing the game 44-30.

The contest provided a thrilling spectacle on Memorial Field at Southern Pines for a holiday crowd of some 1,500, who saw six-man football at its best, as played by both teams, in typical football weather—bright, clear, cold.

Four of Old Town's seven touchdowns—also one which did not count, nullified by an offside penalty—were scored by Don Graham, 175-pound senior whose fame had preceded him. Despite concentrated efforts to hold him, Graham plunged down the field at frequent intervals, making long gains for his side, and scoring twice in the first quarter and twice again in the third.

Two more touchdowns by Sanford Cartwright in the first quarter, plus an extra point on a completed end-zone pass made the score 25 for Old Town, zero for Southern Pines.

This inequity did not last long as the Blue Knights scored three times in the second while holding the enemy to nothing. Touchdowns were made by Joe Smith, Bill Marley and James Humphrey, and Tommy Ruggles made two kicks good for four extra points. The half-time score looked better to local rooters—25 to 22.

In the third period Graham crossed over twice more for Old Town and an extra point was added on a pass to make the score 38-22.

The fourth quarter saw a division of honors with one touch-down by Buddy Daniels for Old Town and by Joe Smith, in a thrilling last-minute-of-play 65-yard dash. (Continued on Page 5)

## Sergeant Woodall Home From Korea

M-Sgt. Robert G. Woodall, Southern Pines soldier who won the Silver Star for gallantry in Korea, is home.

He arrived last week in Southern Pines at about the time news of his decoration reached The Pilot through Army channels. He and his wife, Mrs. Octavia Woodall, have an apartment at the home of Mrs. Foy P. Swindell, 140 W. Vermont Avenue.

Since his return, Sergeant and Mrs. Woodall have been out of town a good deal, visiting friends and relatives. As told in detail in last week's Pilot, the Silver Star—the Army's third highest combat award—was presented to Woodall for gallantry displayed in beating off an enemy attack near front-line positions.

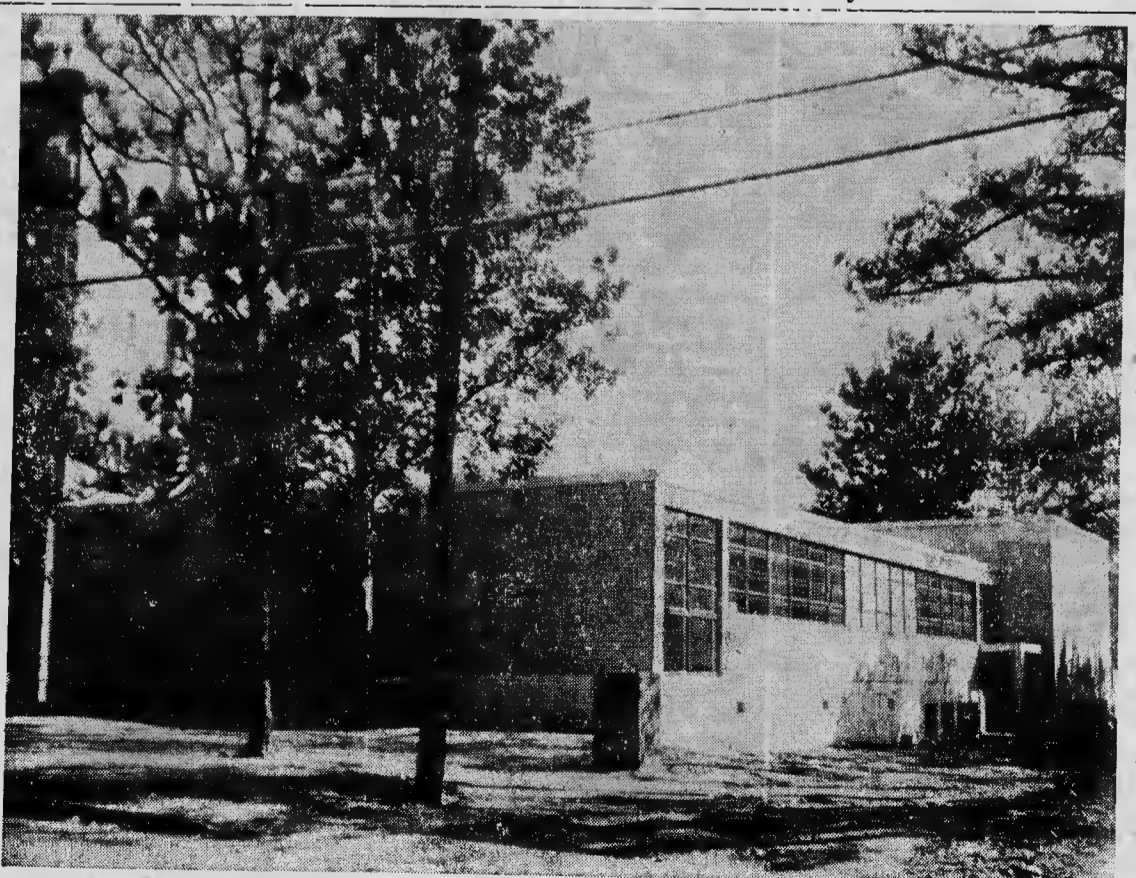
## Elks Honor Football Squad At Banquet; Players Given Awards; Weaver Speaks

Thirty members of the Southern Pines High School 1953 football squad received stars, letters or medallions during the annual Testimonial Banquet given by the Southern Pines Elks Lodge for the players Saturday night at the Country Club.

Described as one of the best events ever held in the series, the banquet featured awarding of the James Milliken Memorial Trophy by the VFW to David Page; an inspiring address by Phillip Weaver of Greensboro, former school superintendent and football coach here; entertainment, including a comedy skit by Dr. Robert McKenzie; and a general evening of good fellowship and recognition for the Eastern North Carolina football players. Members of the squad elected David Page captain of the team for next year.

Stars, letters and medallions were presented by Coach Irie Leonard—the stars to former letter winners, the letters to those winning them for the first time this year and the medallions to other squad members, as follows: Stars—David Page, George Morrison, Joe Smith, Tommy Ruggles and Paul Warren.

Letters—Bill Marley, Bobby Renegar, Harold McNeill, Donald (Continued on page 5)



**BUILDING CONSECRATED**—The new Religious Education Building of the Church of Wide Fellowship, on Bennett Street, pictured here, was consecrated in services held Sunday morning. The tower of the adjoining church can be seen at left. The new building contains a fellowship hall seating 220, chapel, pastor's study and office, choir room, nursery, church parlor and model kitchen. The service was conducted by the Rev. Oswald W. S. McCall, D.D., Litt.D., interim pastor. (Pilot Staff Photo)

## Council To Get Reports On Sewer Charge, Zoning

### New Ordinance To Be Presented At Meeting Tuesday

Two matters of prime importance are included on the docket being made up for the regular meeting of the town council Tuesday night, or next week, City Manager Tom E. Cunningham said today. They are:

1. A zoning ordinance that extends and revises the existing zoning ordinances of the town, notably in the limitation of certain areas of the town to construction of single-family dwellings.

2. Consideration of a report advocating a sewer service charge that would make possible a reduction in the property tax rate by 20 per cent next year and more later and would, says the report, shift the cost of maintaining and extending the sewer system more equitably to those property owners who use the sewers most.

The zoning ordinance was given a final going over and was approved Monday afternoon at a meeting of the town zoning board of which Donald Case is chairman. Mr. Case did the basic research work on the new ordinance and it was studied by the city manager and town attorney. It has been in preparation for some time and has been considered at several meetings of the zoning board.

The zoning board recommends that the area east of May Street, generally called the Weymouth area, and the area called the Davis subdivision in the southeastern part of town be zoned for single family dwellings.

Other restrictions in line with this zoning are included in the ordinance.

The ordinance will go to council Tuesday for action. If approved by the council, it will be published and a public hearing on it will be set, before it can be finally adopted. (Continued on page 5)

## Veterans Officer To Be Appointed

Appointment of a new Veterans Service Officer for Moore County will be considered by the board of county commissioners when the board has its regular meeting in the courthouse Monday.

Mrs. Catharine Wilcox Hume, who has held the post for several years, has resigned. Pending appointment of a new officer, Moore County veterans affairs are being handled by a service officer from Raleigh who is in the office on the third floor of the courthouse each Friday.

## Trio Arrested In Big Vass Robbery; All Are Caught At Fort Bragg

### \$800 Taken At Gunpoint From Foster's Store

Visiting the Sandhills for rest, relaxation and golf, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York arrived in Southern Pines on the Seaboard Air Line Palmland Tuesday morning, accompanied by Mrs. Dewey, a friend of the Deweys, Mrs. C. T. Hogan, and Lt. Edward Galvin, of Albany, N. Y. The party plans to be in the Sandhills a week.

Governor Dewey was met by friends from Pinehurst where he is staying at the Carolina Hotel. It is reported that he enjoyed a round of golf on the day of his arrival and has been playing regularly this week.

The unpublicized arrival of the governor and his party created a stir among bystanders at the railroad station here Tuesday morning and word of the event soon spread through the community.

## Kiwanis Club Builder's Cup To Be Awarded

The annual banquet and Ladies Night of the Sandhills Kiwanis club will be held at the Pinehurst Country Club Friday evening, starting at 7 o'clock.

The program, except for an imported entertainment act, will consist of talent from the club membership. Fourth Division Kiwanis officials will be present, including Lt. Gov. Crawford Lassiter, of Laurinburg, and Lt. Governor John Brash of Smithfield, and their wives; also Carolinas District Secretary Herb Henning of Darlington, S. C.

Dr. Bruce Warlick is chairman of the club's Ladies Night committee. Other members of the committee are I. C. Sledge, Earle Owen, Tom Howerton, Graves Vann, Tom Hayes and Voit Gilmore.

W. A. Leland McKeithen of Pinehurst will be master of ceremonies.

Two annual features of major importance in the club calendar will highlight the program. One will be the presentation of the check to the Moore County Hospital for the underprivileged children's bed maintained for years by the Kiwanians, augmented by admission fees for the year donated by Carolina Orchids, Inc.

The other will be the presentation of the Builders Cup, given to an individual for "unselfish service to Moore county without thought or hope of personal gain."

The award does not necessarily go to a Kiwanian, and in some years, if no one measures up to the high requirements, it is not made at all. It has been reliably learned that the high honor will go to some Moore County citizen this year, though the identity of the recipient is kept secret till the moment of presentation.

The roster of those who have received the Builders Cup since it was inaugurated 26 years ago contains 19 names, of which four are women.

Eleven of the recipients are still living in the county. Eight have died, including last year's winner, Mrs. W. A. Way.

The list: 1927, John R. McQueen; 1928, Bion H. Butler; 1929, Leonard Tufts; 1930, S. B. Chas. (Continued on Page 5)

## VFW To Distribute Christmas Baskets

Preparations for annual distribution of Christmas baskets to needy families are being made by John Boyd Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Fred Hall, Jr., who has supervised this activity for several years, is in charge.

The post plans to distribute 50 or more baskets at a cost of \$6 to \$8 each and is appealing for funds to make the project possible. Checks should be made out to the VFW Christmas Fund. The post also welcomes suggestions as to families eligible to receive a basket.

## Christmas Lights To Be Turned On Saturday Night

Christmas lights will be turned on Saturday night in the shopping district, announced W. B. Holliday, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce lighting committee.

Workmen started Wednesday afternoon stringing the colored lights from the power poles on each side of Broad street. They will extend from Pennsylvania avenue to Connecticut.

The Chamber had hoped to extend the lights this year or to devise some different and unusual arrangements of lights and decorations, but the budget allowed no more than the \$200 (plus \$100 for power, which the project has cost in previous years. A plan to decorate a large tree, or several, on the parkway was deferred to another year when more funds may be available.

The lighting committee asked bids on the project from all electricians of the town. W. E. Bushby, who has handled the job in years past, was the only one to submit a bid and it was awarded to him. It includes replacement of burned-out bulbs and other expenses and practically amounts to a public-service job.

Funds for the project were banked by the Chamber last May, and have been held intact in a savings account to assure lights for the town.