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PRICE TEN CENTS



**CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY** in the men's singles division of the annual Moore County tournament was presented to Kenny Tew following completion of matches Monday night. He defeated Harry Watson of Aberdeen for the title. Dr. Charles Phillips, himself a contestant in an earlier doubles match, made the presentation to Tew, captain of the High Point tennis team and undefeated in 23 straight singles matches he played in intercollegiate competition.

This year marked the third straight time that Tew was in the finals, but the first time he won. Others in the picture are, front row, left to right, Hugh Bowman and Kenny Watson, who lost the finals doubles match to Tew and Frank deCosta; and Lemuel Tew, finalist in the junior singles championship. Back row, same order, Frank deCosta, Tew, Phillips, and John McMillan, junior singles champion. (Pilot photo)

## Opening Mechanic St. Could Help On Thruway Problem

**"Dedicated" To State Already; No Plans Made**

Talk of closing Wisconsin Avenue where it crosses the new thruway has revived much local interest in the possible construction of an extension of Mechanic Street.

At present Mechanic runs from Pennsylvania Avenue in West Southern Pines to a point just short of Michigan Avenue. It is not paved and, in order to make it a first class street, considerable grading would have to be done.

Town Manager Louis Scheipers said this week that the street and an extension of it have been "dedicated" for quite some time, but there are no plans at present for developing it. He pointed out that many such potential streets have been dedicated but funds, both on a State and local level, are not readily available for the projects.

The dedication, made to the State and calling for an approximate 80-foot right-of-way, goes from Pennsylvania Avenue west towards the National Guard Armory on Morganton Road, and then ties in with Highland Road. Eventually, it would tie in to US Highway 15-501 southwest of town.

At present, Scheipers said, there is a distance of about 1,000 feet separating Morganton Road from the end of Mechanic Street. When and if the road is built, it would open up a fast developing section adjacent to Pinedene.

"People in that area are interested in the possibility of having the street opened. It would give them access to the center of town, by way of Pennsylvania Avenue, without having to cross US 1 (their present route) or the thruway.

If such a street were built it would also be the only one from Morganton Road to West Southern Pines and, many think, would shorten the distance many people now must travel from the Morganton Road Section to the center of town.

## GUARD IN GEORGIA

The National Guard Company from Southern Pines is in Camp Stewart, Ga., and not Fort Bragg, as rumored around town this morning after news stories had been printed recounting the death from lightning of two Guardsmen on the Fort Bragg Military Reservation. The local unit will return Sunday.



SCOUT JAMBOREE in Pennsylvania and England will keep John McMillan, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. McMillan, and John Grier, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Grier, busy for the rest of the summer. They leave early in July for the tours that will consume two months. (Pilot photo)

## ON SCOUTING'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

### Two Scouts From Area Will Attend National, International Jamborees

A "once in a lifetime" trip which will carry them to Pennsylvania for the Fourth National Boy Scout Jamboree, and later to Europe for the international jamboree, will begin for two young scouts of this area early in July.

John McMillan, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. McMillan of Southern Pines, and John Grier, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Grier of Pinehurst, are among the 50,000 scouts who will attend the jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., which begins July 8 and lasts through July 19. About 250 scouts from Oconeechee Council will participate in the Valley Forge jamboree but only 12 from the Council are expected to visit Europe.

Both boys are excited about the trip and have been carefully making preparations for it. Uniforms are in order, travel gear ready, and both are anxious to be at it.

## NO SECRET

Attention, fishermen! There's 4,000 new large mouth bass in Deep River today and there's no secret as to their location.

Earlier this week Hardy Barber, the county dog warden, Ray Overcash, Moore County wildlife protector, and Charles R. Hensley, superintendent of the State Fish Hatchery at Morganton, dumped the fish in at Horse-shoe Bridge. All 4,000 of them.

Don't hurry, though. They're all less than two inches long and the whole mess of them probably wouldn't be enough to feed a good sized cat.

## KNOW YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Register Of Deeds Office Serves As Everyone's Permanent Family Bible

(First in a Series)

There's one thing about the Register of Deeds office: it keeps more official records, with perhaps the single exception of the Clerk of Court's office, than any other single agency outside of the Federal government. When you're born, the birth certificate is recorded; when you die, another certificate is recorded.

In between, the office keeps records of marriages, property transfers, mortgages, subdivisions, Federal tax liens, and crop liens and minutes of the County Commissioners' meetings, to name a few of the most important. The task is enormous and the hundreds of bound files closely stacked in the Courthouse quar-

ters are evidence of it. The office, one of the oldest in the county government system, is a sort of family Bible for everyone. In a matter of minutes, if you know your way around the office, you can usually dig out the information desired. Sometimes, however, tracing a deed can consume weeks. Occasionally, "searching a title" is impossible.

In Moore County the Register of Deeds is Mrs. Bessie Griffin of Vass, the second woman in the county's history to hold the office. She succeeded, in 1950, Miss Bess McCaskill, who had held the office 25 years.

Thirty years ago, when Miss McCaskill was a clerk in the office things were different than they are today. Then, the only

## Two Buildings Are Destroyed By Fire Over Weekend

**Both On West Side; Garage Also Damaged**

Three fires over the weekend kept the Southern Pines Volunteer Fire Department on the move.

The first was Friday night when a vacant house at 975 Lowe Avenue in West Southern Pines burned down. The house was owned by Rev. J. W. White of Greensboro.

Saturday night about 1:30 a cafe and store at 890 W. New Hampshire Ave. owned by James Pugh caught fire and the store was gutted. The cause was listed as defective wiring in a refrigerator.

On Monday afternoon a garage at 360 E. Indiana Avenue, owned by Mrs. Mabelle Britt caught fire but damage was held to a minimum. Firemen said trash was being burned too near the building and caught one side of it on fire.

## Dr. Timmons Will Be Honored July 10 By Church

**10 By Church**

A testimonial dinner for Dr. and Mrs. Wofford Timmons will be held July 10 at the Elks Club from 6:30 to 8:30, officials of the Church of Wide Fellowship, where Dr. Timmons is minister, said today.

Originally scheduled for June 26, the dinner date was set up because of Dr. Timmons' illness. He is presently a patient at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, recuperating from an operation performed last Friday.

His resignation as pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship was offered about 10 days ago and the acceptance of the Rev. Carl Edison Wallace of Fayetteville was announced.

At the dinner Dr. and Mrs. Timmons will also be presented gifts by the Church congregation and other friends in appreciation for the years of service he performed here.

The public has been invited to the dinner.

## ROTARY TO INSTALL

New officers of the Southern Pines Rotary Club will be installed at ceremonies next Wednesday night at the Elks Club, according to A. C. Dawson, outgoing president. The meeting begins at 7 o'clock and will consist of "Ladies Night." Joe Scott is the new president.

## Adult Softball Standings

(Through June 18)

	Won	Lost
Ch. Wide Fellowship	3	0
CP&L	2	0
VFW	1	2
Lions	0	1
Jaycees	0	3
National Guard	0	0

## DEFEATS HARRY WATSON

### Kenny Tew Wins Tennis Tourney In Third Bid; McMillan Junior Champ

Kenneth Tew of Southern Pines, who has been in the finals of the Moore County Tennis Tournament for three straight years, finally won the coveted cup Monday night when he defeated Harry Watson of Aberdeen in a comparatively easy match, 6-2, 6-3.

For Tew, defeated last year by Ray Schilling, the win was all the more sweet because his brother, Lemuel, was defeated in the junior division of the tournament by John McMillan, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0. At least, as he said after the finals, one trophy could be carried home.

Kenny paired with Frank deCosta in the doubles championship match to defeat Watson and Hugh Bowman, also of Aberdeen, in straight sets, 6-3, 8-6.

All the matches in the finals were played Monday night before a small but highly enthusiastic crowd. Tew, captain of the High Point tennis squad, was clearly the favorite of the night.

In his match with Watson he matched booming serves and several times broke Watson's service. Both players put together strong games, with Watson looking particularly good on

several occasions by barely dusting the back court line.

Tew was devastating at the net and scored frequently by smashing Watson's lobs.

In the junior match, McMillan, not too strong, kept the younger Tew scrambling all over the back court with accurately placed shots. After losing the first set, 3-6, young McMillan had little trouble in setting Tew down in the next two. In the final set, Tew was unable to take a game.

Watson and Bowman advanced to the finals by defeating Dr. John Jacobway and Dr. Charles Phillips.

The finals doubles match was probably the best of the entire night, with both teams displaying power on almost every shot, and particularly when there was a long stage of volleying.

Kenny Tew held down the net chores with enthusiasm, placing shots that kept Watson and Bowman, obviously tired, chasing all over the court.

The tournament was one of the best in recent years as far as quality of play was concerned. No girls this year, however, as not enough entered to make up a pairing.

## BUILDING STARTED

Construction of the new town Hall finally got underway this morning, as bulldozers and workmen moved onto the site in the Town Park to start clearing land.

The contractor, Saunders Construction Company of Troy, has 200 days in which to finish his contract. Town officials thought it would either be late winter or early spring before they move into the new structure.

The present plans call for building the Town Hall as designed with the exception of the fire wing and a few details inside. The building, which was designed by Thomas T. Hayes, Southern Pines architect, will be constructed on the site of the former Town Hall.

The present contract calls for spending in the neighborhood of \$132,000, of which the Town has approximately \$101,000 on hand. The remainder will be borrowed next July 1.

## Eight Eliminated In 1st Rounds Of County Golf Meet

Eight players are left in the championship division of the Moore County Golf Championship tournament currently underway at the Pinehurst Country Club, following completion this past weekend of the first round of match play.

In the championship flight, the results to date are:

O. T. Parks defeated Jack Carter, 6 and 5; Carlos Frye defeated Peter Tufts, default; Jimmy Mann defeated Harold Collins, 4 and 3; Bill Woodward defeated Harry Chatfield, 6 and 5; Ed Comer defeated Mercer Hufford, 4 and 3; James Collins defeated Robert Ewing, 6 and 5; Max Forrest defeated H. McCaskill, 2 and 1; and L. Honeycutt defeated Tom Shockley, 1 up on 19 holes.

In the second flight A. Dawson defeated J. Prim, 6 and 5; J. Beasley defeated Harry Davis, 2 up; R. Johnson defeated J. Gilbert, 5 and 4; and W. Wiggs defeated W. Smith, 3 and 2.

In the third flight, J. Johnson defeated D. Jocelyn, 2 and 1; H. G. Crissman defeated D. Madigan, 2 and 1; B. G. Gilmer, Jr. defeated C. A. Nance, 1 up; and C. Kivett defeated R. N. Page, 1 up on 19 holes.

Play will continue until all matches are complete. Tourney officials have requested all contestants to be ready for matches the days and times assigned.

## 15-501 Paving To Start When Work On Thruway Ends

Paving of the new 15-501 highway, from Midland Road to its junction with US Highway 1 South of Southern Pines will probably begin in the next few days, it has been learned from the State Highway Commission.

F. D. Cline Company, which holds the paving contract, has requested the State to allow it to begin the paving as soon as work is completed on the Southern Pines thruway in the next few days. The company also holds that paving contract but has been held up from completing it because of the unusually heavy rains in recent weeks.

The company has had considerable trouble with dirt slides which were caused by the rains. A loss of time was also experienced when dirt clogged up most of the new drain lines under the road. Most of them, according to a member of the paving firm, have been cleared now and work is progressing normally.

Major holdup to the thruway completion are the approaches to the thruway at the southern terminal. Traffic has been routed under the bridge there and work is moving along at a fast pace.

Most of the other portions of the thruway are completed and, in several sections, grass has already started coming up on the shoulders.

The best guess at present for its being open to traffic is "about July 1."

## Library Gets Revolutionary Letter

Announcement was made this week that the local library has acquired a valuable addition to its possessions in an original letter of Revolutionary times.

The gift of Mrs. John G. Wood in whose late husband's collection at "Hayes" at Edenton the letter has been, it is a gift to the James Boyd Collection housed in the North Carolina wing of the library.

The letter was written in 1790 by Sir Nathaniel Dukenfield, who was a plantation-owner at Edenton, to Samuel Johnston, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, addressed to him at the Congress, Philadelphia. At the time of writing Sir Nathaniel was in England, whither he had gone at the time of the Revolution as a loyal supporter of the King. The letter, partly a business note as well as a friendly communication, speaks of Mr. Johnston's help in settling the affairs of the plantation following Sir Nathaniel's mother's death.

Mr. Johnston had apparently inquired of Sir Nathaniel as to the value of certain monies, to which Dukenfield replies:

"I am convinced that Virginia Dollar Bills are worth nothing. If they are pretty pictures, they might be stuck on the walls of a Nursery. They seem fit for nothing else."

The letter goes on to speak of James Iredell, and of the fact that the writer is sending his two boys to a school at Kensington, near London, and "Lady D. joins in compl'ts to you and Mrs. Johnston."

The Dukenfield letter is of particular importance, as an addition to the James Boyd Collection, because of its connection with the character of "Sir Nat" in "Drums," Boyd's novel of the Revolution. Sir Nathaniel Dukenfield is one of the important figures in the book, a combination, in the largely fictional character the author gave him, of loyalty to the traditions of his upbringing as a British gentleman, of kindness and simple honesty, and of great courage.

Readers of the book will recall that, though the fictional Sir Nat, like the real one, was a Loyalist, leaving his adopted home in North Carolina, to go to England and follow his pledge as a soldier of the King, he lost his life, at the end of the book, defending the good name and honor of the new United States, in a tavern brawl in France, in company with Johnny Fraser, the young American who was his friend.

When suitably framed, the original letter will be hung in the North Carolina Room.