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## Sentence Of 7 To 10 Years Given To Local Youths In Willie Dowdy Case

Two 18-year-old local youths drew stiff prison terms in Moore County Superior Court last Wednesday for the beating-and-exposure death of Willie Dowdy, crippled war veteran, in West Southern Pines last February 22.

## Former Officer's Arrest Ends Long Break-In Probe

The arrest last week at High Point of John Henry Tillotson, 38, former Winston-Salem police officer and Forsyth County deputy sheriff, ended a year-long investigation by local police and the SBI of the break-in and taking of six portable TV sets from Curtis TV and Radio Service here nearly a year ago.

Officers in about a dozen towns where TV robberies had taken place cooperated in the investigation, said Southern Pines Chief Earl Seawell, and with the SBI worked together in drawing the net around the former policeman whose home is in Winston-Salem.

Seawell and SBI Agent Gary Griffith went to High Point last Thursday on word of the arrest. Seawell said Tillotson admitted to him the breaking and entering of the Curtis Store on S. W. Broad St. last May 29, and the theft of six portable TV sets which, he said, he sold for \$85 apiece.

The former officer spoke frankly about his downfall, which he said began when he was fired as a deputy sheriff for embezzlement. He drew a suspended sentence and repaid the money, then couldn't get a job, Chief Seawell reported.

He robbed places in High Point, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Thomasville, Lexington, Burlington, Salisbury, Hickory and (Continued on Page 8)

## IST VICE PRESIDENT

## State Medical Society Elects Dr. Hollister

Dr. William F. Hollister of Midland Road was elected first vice president of the Medical Society of North Carolina, Sunday, at the 109th annual meeting of the group in Asheville. He was also named as one of two alternate delegates to the American Medical Association.

Dr. John S. Rhodes of Raleigh is the new president of the Society.

Dr. Hollister, who is associated with the Pinehurst Surgical Clinic, is a member of the board of governors of the American College of Surgeons, president of the North Carolina Surgical Association and chairman of the Negotiating Committee of the N. C. State Medical Society.

## Students To Present 'Mikado' May 17, 18

Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "The Mikado," will be presented by East Southern Pines High School students in Weaver Auditorium at 8 p. m., Friday and Saturday, May 17 and 18, it was announced this week. Details of the performance will appear in next week's Pilot.

## THE WEATHER

Maximum and minimum temperatures for each day of the past week were recorded as follows at the U. S. Weather Bureau observation station at the W E E B studios on Midland Road.

	Max.	Min.
May 2	73	36
May 3	78	36
May 4	82	35
May 5	82	45
May 6	84	53
May 7	77	54
May 8	86	53

The grand jury had previously handed down true bills, indicting Ewings for murder and Gibson for manslaughter. The State, however accepted their pleas to the lesser charge.

Southern Pines police had conducted an intensive investigation of the case after the frozen body of Dowdy had been found early in the morning, after the temperature had dropped to around 16 above zero, in the yard of Ewings' home. They had first arrested a 27-year-old Scotland County Negro who had been present at a party held there during the previous night, but he was subsequently released and the investigation continued. Chief Earl Seawell presented its results to the court.

He said the defendants had admitted beating and kicking Dowdy, dragging him from the house to the yard and leaving him there. Scratches and bloody marks had showed where they dragged him across the porch. There had been considerable drinking in the Ewings home that night, the Chief said.

Ewings and Gibson were represented by court-appointed attorneys. Judge Johnston directed that a mental examination be given Gibson immediately upon his arrival at State's Prison. Both the defendants are Negroes, as was their victim.

## Final PTA Meet Set On May 21

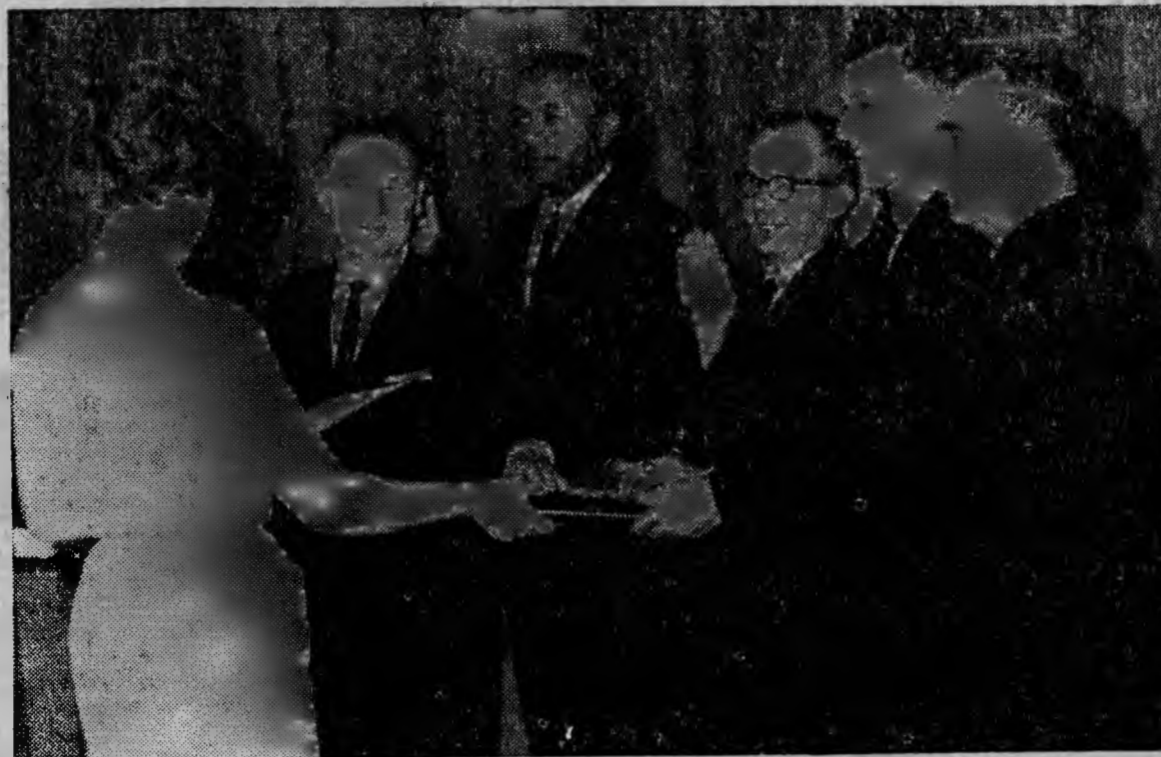
Final meeting of the East Southern Pines Parent-Teacher Association for the current school year will be held Tuesday, May 21 at Weaver Auditorium at 8 p. m., featuring election of next year's officers and the annual fashion show presented by Miss Loree Keen's Home Economics students.

Mrs. Albert Grove, president, points out that the meeting is scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month, not the second Monday which has been the regular meeting date, in order to accommodate the Home Economics class and avoid conflicts with other events.

## SCHOOL BANDS TO PERFORM FRIDAY

The beginning, intermediate, junior and high school bands of the East Southern Pines schools will give a free concert in Weaver Auditorium at 8 p. m. Friday (May 10).

All directed by William McAdams, the bands will play separate programs of overtures, marches and light melodies. Students in the bands are from the 5th through 12th grades.



**TAKING OATH**—Five members of the Southern Pines town council, elected Tuesday, take their oath of office, administered by Mrs. Mildred McDonald, town clerk, Wednesday morning, just prior to their first meeting in which they elected a mayor, mayor pro tem and town treasurer from among their number. Left to right, they are: Fred B. Pollard, Felton J. Capel, town treasurer; Mayor W. Morris Johnson; Mayor Pro Tem Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., and C. A. McLaughlin. (Humphrey photo)

## Johnson Elected Mayor, Hodgkins Mayor Pro Tem; Capel Is Treasurer

Meeting at 8:30 a. m. Wednesday, still weary from their campaigns and a late vigil at the polls on Tuesday's election night, the five winning candidates for the town council took their oaths of office and immediately organized for the next two years, electing:

W. Morris Johnson, incumbent with two prior years of service

## General Hays At 'Medal' Reception

Lt. Gen. George P. Hays of Pinehurst was among 234 winners of the Medal of Honor—the nation's highest military decoration for valor—who were greeted by President Kennedy at a reception on the White House lawn in Washington, D. C., last Thursday. General Hays, as were many of the visitors, was accompanied by his wife.

The Pinehurst resident, who is the highest ranking retired Army officer in the Sandhills, commanded a division in Europe in World War II, becoming, after the war, deputy to Gen. Lucius Clay, military governor in Germany. Subsequently, he was deputy to U. S. High Commissioner John J. McCloy, remaining in Germany until 1952 and having a key role in the dramatic Berlin airlift.

The President saluted the Medal of Honor winners as heroic symbols of the strength and courage of American fighting men in past wars and present Cold War struggles.

on the council, as mayor. Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., newcomer to local politics and front-running candidate, as mayor pro tem.

Felton J. Capel, with two terms on the council behind him and second place in Tuesday's voting, as treasurer—the official who signs all checks for town expenditures.

Mayor Johnson was the former treasurer. All choices were unanimous and there were no other nominations for any of the positions.

Hodgkins nominated Johnson, citing his experience on the council. McLaughlin nominated

Hodgkins; and Pollard nominated Capel.

All the officials expressed their appreciation to the voters. Mayor Johnson said he was thankful that he had served with the retiring Mayor, John S. Ruggles, and Mayor Pro Tem, J. D. Hobbs, neither of whom filed for reelection. Both Ruggles and Hobbs spoke briefly.

Pollard recognized his mother, Mrs. Arthur Pollard of Greenville, S. C., who was in the audience of some 50 persons who attended the swearing-in and organizing session. The councilman said his mother, visiting here for a few days, had campaigned vigorously in his behalf.

## SECOND SET IN 30 YEARS

## Triplets Born; Only One Survives

The triplets (three girls) born Saturday at Moore Memorial Hospital to a Negro couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Garner of Star Route, Robbins, are the second set of records in Moore County in nearly 30 years.

The babies, two of whom did not survive, were delivered by Dr. Michael Pishko of the Pinehurst Surgical Clinic. The surviving baby was reported in good condition at the hospital today.

The mother has gone home. The same hospital was the scene for delivery of triplets in 1935 by Dr. F. L. Owens who is now chief of staff at St. Joseph of the Pines Hospital here. Questioned about the incident this week, Dr. Owens said he recalled that two of those babies

also died. The mother was referred to him by the late Dr. Blue of Carthage, he said, but the name of the family was not recalled.

## Certified Public Accountants To Hear Blue Friday

H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen, Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, will deliver the principal address of the 44th annual meeting of the N. C. Association of Certified Public Accountants here, today through Saturday. He will speak to the CPA's at their banquet session Friday night, in the Mid Pines Club, convention headquarters.

Helping to host the occasion will be four local CPA's—Garland McPherson and Roscoe Mullis of the McPherson firm; Ezra Quisenberry of the local John C. Muse office; and J. E. Sandlin, controller of the Amerotron Division of Deering-Milliken, at Aberdeen.

A feature of the meeting will be presentation as door prizes of some 30 different industrial and craft items manufactured in Moore County, comprising a display that has been exhibited at the Southern National Bank here, last week and this week.

As golf prizes, two putters made by Roy Grinnell, professional at the Southern Pines Country Club, will be presented. To represent Moore County's recreation "industry," some member of the association will be given a quitclaim deed to the 18th green of the Mid Pines golf course.

Election of new officers for the coming year will be a major item (Continued on Page 8)

## BANKS TO CLOSE

Banks in Moore County towns will be closed Friday, in observance of Confederate Memorial Day, a general bank holiday throughout the state.

## 3 Incumbents, 2 New To Office Win Seats In Council Election

### OFFICIAL RESULTS IN TOWN ELECTION

(In order of votes received)

#### FOR TOWN COUNCIL

ELECTED	
N. L. Hodgkins, Jr.	647
Felton J. Capel	573
W. Morris Johnson	531
Fred B. Pollard	496
C. A. McLaughlin	459

#### ALSO RAN

Harry H. Pethick	444
Dr. Charles Phillips	404
W. S. Thomasson	403
Dante S. Montesanti	174
Donald D. Kennedy	37

#### FOR JUDGE

W. H. Fullenwider	587
(Unopposed)	

#### FOR PROSECUTING ATTY

Howard C. Broughton	553
(Unopposed)	

## Local AF Officer Saves Children In Submerging Auto

Capt. Charles Snyder of Southern Pines, an Air Force officer stationed at Pope AFB, pulled two little girls from an automobile that was unintentionally submerged in Lake Tillery, Montgomery County, Sunday.

Another rescuer saved the children's mother who backed the car too far into the lake in attempting to shove a boat on a trailer into the water.

The girls were described as about six and eight years old. The father of the family had left the car before the incident took place.

Both Captain Snyder and Cecil Hutchinson of Aberdeen, a witness of the event who reported it to the press, are members of the Moore County Toppers Club, a boating organization. Their families were with them for the visit to Lake Tillery. The captain was the first of several rescuers to reach the car as it went under water.

Names of the rescued persons were not learned. The car was pulled from the lake by a wrecker later, after having submerged 20 or 30 feet from shore.

Hutchinson described the strange incident as "like watching a silent movie." Nobody shouted or said a word, he reported. He called the rescue "a thrilling example of quick thinking and courage."

## TAG DAY SATURDAY TO HELP MOTHERS

The annual Tag Day of the Moore County Maternal Welfare Committee, a project of the Woman's Auxiliary of Moore Memorial Hospital, will take place in all towns of Moore County Saturday, with sales of tags to benefit needy mothers during the coming year. (See another story, page 9, and editorial, page 2).

## MAYOR TO THROW FIRST BALL

## Little League Baseball Season Will Open Saturday With Parade, 2 Games

The 1963 Southern Pines Little League baseball season will begin Saturday evening at the Little League park on Morganton Road with doubleheader games scheduled each Friday and Saturday evening thereafter until school is out. Games are set for Monday and Friday, following the closing of school in June.

The local league will again field four Little League teams and four Minor League teams with upwards of 140 boys participating.

The Southern Pines league is a chartered member of the National Little League which entitles it to participate in the State and National playoffs and is governed by a board of directors, according to the National Little League regulations. An 18-game

In a vigorously campaigned, closely run municipal election Tuesday, 1,034 Southern Pines voters elected three incumbents and two new members to the town council. The winners and other candidates are listed in the accompanying tabulation.

With eight of the 10 candidates polling more than 400 votes each, the outcome was in doubt until the counting of ballots ended Tuesday night.

Norris L. Hodgkins, Jr., in his first try for elected office, held a commanding lead Tuesday, as in last week's primary. Running second Tuesday, as in the primary, was Felton J. Capel, West Southern Pines resident who has served two terms on the council. W. Morris Johnson, still following the order of votes received in the primary, maintained his third-place spot. He was completing his first council term.

But from that point on, the primary eggs were scrambled in Tuesday's voting.

Running fourth Tuesday—up from seventh place in the primary—was Fred B. Pollard who had served 21 months of a two-year term on the council after appointment to fill a vacancy.

In fifth spot, completing the roster of the five elected, was C. A. McLaughlin who ran eighth of 11 candidates in the primary.

Only 15 votes separated McLaughlin and Harry H. Pethick who ran sixth Tuesday. In the primary, Pethick, a veteran of two non-consecutive terms on the council in former years, had been (Continued on Page 8)

## Elections Held In Other Towns

Results of municipal elections in other Moore County towns Tuesday are:

**Pinebluff**  
Citizens, casting a total of 122 votes, returned their mayor and old board to office.

Mayor E. H. Mills, unopposed officially for his eighth term, won 97 votes. A pre-election campaign for write-ins for an opposition candidate had been reported. Write-in votes for mayor were: Clay Parker, 11; John Tulloch, 2; Coolidge C. Thompson, 1, and Harry Charles, 1.

For the three-man board, Robert Brock led the ticket with 97, with 93 for Walter Davenport and 91 for Timothy Cleary.

Also-rans were Ralph Foushee, 55, and Mrs. Donna Spence, 24.

**Vass**  
Mayor D. H. McLean, running unopposed for reelection, garnered 88 votes out of 111 cast, while two newcomers and three incumbents were elected to the board.

Leading the ticket for commissioner were George M. Blue, with 91, and Dr. Russell J. Tate, 89. Returned to office were Robie Futrell, 85; William B. Frye, 73, and Roy Frye, 71. Trailing was (Continued on Page 8)

## HERBERT TO SPEAK

George R. Herbert, president of the Research Triangle Institute, will speak to the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its luncheon meeting Wednesday of next week in the Pinehurst Country Club.



**CGA SENIORS**—Clyde Mangum of Southern Pines, second from right, executive secretary of the Carolinas Golf Association, presents the winner's trophy to CGA Seniors tournament winner Jack Norman of Winston-Salem. At left is Tom Robbins of Pinehurst, runner-up with 226, to Norman's 218 in the 54-hole event that was completed at Whispering Pines Country

Club Sunday. At right is R. S. Wilson of Burlington, placing third with 227. Some scores by other Moore County competitors in the tourney were: Harry Davis, Carthage, 233; Will Wiggs, Southern Pines, 234; Art Wittig, Southern Pines, 240; Ray North, Pinehurst 245; and W. W. Welker, 246, and Don Morse, 250, both of Whispering Pines. (Humphrey photo)