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Weather Wednesday: high 56, low 50, rain at 7 a.m. Thursday vas 1.20 inches, and it continued to rain Thursday morning.

President Reagan addressed the nation Wednesday night and told of his plans to cut Federal spending and to cut taxes. He delivered his economic message to a joint session of Congress, All of us will favor the spending cuts except those that affect us.

The Appalachian Conference Basketball Tournament will continue tonight and Saturday. Semi-final games are tonight and championship games Saturday. The JV games are at 5 p.m., girls games at 6:30 and boys games at 8 p.m. All games are in the Landrum gym.

The Carolina Cloggers of Canton will be at the Stearns gym in Columbus Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The Sunny View Ruritan Club is sponsoring a Gospel Singing tonight at 7:30 at the Mill Spring School. Proceeds will go toward an outdoor gym for the Sunny View School. Groups to be present are: Lamar Sego Family of Macon, Ga.; the Ruppe Singers of Landrum and the Cooper's Gap

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County Accepts High Bid

The County Commissioners a special meeting Wednesday noon, Feb. 18, 1981, to open and discuss bids for the new emergency commission console to be set up in the county jail. Two bids were presented, one from General Electric for \$8,559, and one from Motorola for \$11,885. Gentlemen representing all companies involved were also present.

Commissioner Butler reported on a meeting he had with the Tryon Mayor, town manager, and one councilman. The total emergency equipment operated by the Tryon Police Department, used by the county departments, is worth \$107,200, including the land, tower, and building on Tryon Peak. Tryon is willing to give the equipment to the county. He moved to reject all bids until a feasibility study is made to determine if the Tryon equipment can be moved to the jail, and can hook up with new equipment. Butler voted for, Arledge and Sauve voted against.

There was discussion on the condition of the Tryon equipment, whether it could be hooked in with the new console which has arrived. Marvin Arledge gave a review of the Emergency Medical Service equipment since 1974 and the experience they had in tying up with the Tryon PD.

Sauve moved to accept Tryon's equipment with no strings Continued On Back Page

Lankford Named Fireman Of Year

The Tryon Volunteer Firemen. their wives and guests, met Wednesday night at Caro-Mi for their annual recognition dinner. Jimmy Lankford was named 1980 Fireman of the Year and the award was presented by John Lawrence, editor of the News-Leader.

Mr. Lankford is a native of Tryon and was a member of the Tryon High School Class of 1969, where he participated in basketball and football. He joined the Town of Tryon in 1970 and is foreman of the Street Department. He is an active member of the Polk County Jaycees. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lankford.

Service Awards presented to Roger Edwards and Rick Covil by Mayor Ken Tucker.

Jack Ford, a retired charter member of the Fire Department. who had 48 years services when he retired presented 25 year pins to Roy Williams, Robert Earl Arledge, Jim Cowan and Carroll Scoggins.

Fire Chief Clarence Scoggins was Master of Ceremonies and stated that members of the department served all the people rich and poor. He stated that when the fire alarm came in the firemen went, no matter what they were doing or what the hour was. He stated that the men in the Tryon Fire Department were dedicated and he felt that they

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Community Watch For Gowensville

There will be a Community Watch meeting March 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Gowensville Community Club. All residents of the area are invited.

Joins Firm

Timothy Goodman has joined Thompson & Daughter Landscape Service in Tryon as Sales Representative and Landscape Designer.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman and daughter have moved to this area from North Tonawanda, N. Y. in 1973 and since that time Mr. Goodman has worked for several landscape firms in sales and design. He has a degree in horticulture and landscape

Mr. and Mrs. Goodman make their home in New Prospect, S. C.

Democratic Women Meet Monday

The Polk County Democratic Women's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 at the Courthouse in Columbus.

Special guest will be Jeannie Martin, Polk County's new Recreation Director will speak.

Polk Commissioners Meet Monday

The Polk County Commissioners will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at Sunny View School.