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Weather Friday: high 51, low 28; Saturday: high 59, low 31; Sunday: high 56, low 33. At 7 a.m. 1.07 precipitation. 1 1/2" of snow and sleet. If all the snow had stayed on the ground we would have 11" of snow. We needed the moisture, but the snow storm really caught everyone by surprise and made the mountain roads very hazardous.

The local fans certainly supported the Tryon High boys basketball team in Greensboro Friday night. The team gave all of us a thrill as they led for most of the first half. They have had a great season and the boys and Coach Mike Pearson and assistant Tom Foster have represented us well. We congratulate them.

G. P. Putnam's Sons has announced the publication of "Biography of a Komodo Dragan" by Alice L. Hopf. Mrs. Hopf is the former Alice Lightner of Tryon and is a sister of Mrs. R. B. White.

Spring fashions from "The Daniel Co." will be presented at The Hearthstone Inn Wednesday at 11:45 and at 1:15.

American Legion Post No. 250 of Tryon will have a free chicken supper Wednesday at 7 p.m. for

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Pantego Beats Tryon 70-54 For State Title

Pantego won the 1-A basketball state championship Friday night by defeating Tryon 70-54 in the Greensboro Coliseum. Pantego coach Al Baker will retire after this year with a 54 game winning streak. It was his team's second consecutive state title and its third in five years.

In the second game Bunn won the 2-A title with a 76-58 win over Bandys.

The Tryon Tigers gave the state champions all they could handle during the first half.

Pantego's all state point guard, Bruce Peartree was fouled by Lindsey Miller while shooting and he converted one to give Pantego a 1-0 lead. Sam Miller followed a missed shot and Tryon had a 2-1 lead which they kept during the first quarter. The Tigers had a six point lead at 17-11 and at the end of the quarter it was 17-13.

Pantego tied the score at 17-17 with 6:20 left in the half. The lead changed hands 12 times until Pantego took the lead at 30-29 with 2 minutes left. Here Pantego ran off six straight points to take a 36-29 lead at halftime.

The Tigers only managed 10 points in the third quarter and fell behind 53-39 as their shots wouldn't fall and one shot was all they could get. Pantego's 6-5, 230 lb. center, Phillip Brunch was like a vacuum cleaner as he controlled both boards and

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Rutledge Elected Republican Chairman

The Polk County Republican Convention was held Saturday at the courthouse in Columbus and Jim Rutledge of Tryon was elected for a full term. Other officers elected were Sadie Wilson, Vice Chairman; Marvin Arledge, Secretary and Maggie Kelly, Treasurer.

Two Arrested

(8 Break-ins Solved)

The Polk County Sheriff's Dept. solved 8 different break-ins with the arrest of two area youths in connection with a month-long \$50,000 crime spree. Recovered were two laser beams, tools, guns, knives, etc. Some items were recovered that had been stolen from homes where the occupants were unaware that anything had been taken.

Arrested Friday was George Robert Dimsdale, 17, of Rt. 1, Columbus who has been charged with 8 counts of breaking and entering, larceny and malicious damage to real and personal property. When arrested he led officers to where he had hidden the stolen goods. The two laser beams were recovered under a rock cliff on Skyuka Mtn. Other items were discovered buried in various spots, under a shed, in an attic, etc. Also arrested Friday in connection with the case was a 14-year old Tryon youth, who is being held on a court order for

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Polk Band To Give Crusade Salute

On Thursday, April 2 at 8 p.m. the American Cancer Society will have its annual Crusade "Kick-Off" at the Fine Arts Center. "Polk County Showcase" is the title of this year's opening benefit.

While acknowledging the seriousness of the occasion — the April Crusade against cancer — the officers of the Polk County Unit have decided to call on some of the county's own sparkling native talent for the evening's entertainment. The April 2 roster is therefore composed of several groups of youthful performers who, under the direction of Master of Ceremonies Ron Mosseller, are donating their time and efforts to the cause of cancer research.

One such group is the Polk Central Band, which may feel has come to maturity in the hands of David Senn, its director for the past seven years. Like other bands, this fifty piece ensemble has its loyal boosters and scrambles continuously to raise funds for its own projects, including an upcoming trip to Chicao in May. As a show-opening on April 2, the "Patriots" will march down the aisle of the Fine Arts Center in full dress regalia, preceded by the color guard and led by Drum Major Scott Cudd, who holds 1st chair bass clarinet position in the state.

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