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Weather Thursday: high 89, low 71, humidity 63%. Rain at 7 a.m. Friday was .95.

The area needed the rain, but it also got lots of lightning and in some areas, strong winds to go with it. According to Duke Power Co., the Green Creek area was the hardest hit by the storm. Electricity wasn't restored in some homes until Friday morning. The rain was welcomed by all except maybe the Little Leaguers who had their game stopped in the bottom of the fourth.

A Japanese-American demanded Thursday that the United States pay at least \$25,000 redress to each of the survivors among 120,000 people of Japanese descent interned in World War II.

Pop Singer Harry Chapin, writer of such ballads as "Taxi" and "Sequel", was killed Thursday when his car was hit by a tractor-trailer on the Long Island Expressway.

Labor contracts covering over half a million postal workers expire July 20th. The two largest unions — The AFL-CIO American Postal Workers Union and the National Association of Letter Carriers are asking for an annual 5 percent wage increase during a

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Two Horses Killed

A yearling and a 2-year old horse were struck by lightning late Thursday afternoon at Carvel Martin's pasture off Hwy. 14, Hickory Grove Section.

Mr. Martin said that there were three horses in this pasture and that two were killed and that the third horse was badly scared. He stated that lightning also hit and split a big tree behind his barn. The rain gauge at his house showed that 1.3 inches of rain fell during the electrical storm.

Lightning Hits Shytle Home In Green Creek

The home of Mrs. Inez Shytle was hit by lightning Thursday about 3:40 p.m. — Mrs. Shytle, who was home at the time, said that a big ball of fire came into the room where she was sitting, but that she couldn't see any damage. She smelled smoke and couldn't find anything burning. The Green Creek Firemen arrived and discovered the fire in a bedroom. The bed and drapes were destroyed and the end of a chest over 100 years old was burned and the wall was damaged.

Mrs. Shytle said that the lightning bolt broke several blocks and threw parts of planks out into the yard. She was high in a tree of the Green Creek Fire Department. She said that if the firemen hadn't arrived when they did her home would have been destroyed.

Don't Have Enough Money To Operate Schools

Polk County Superintendent Larry Coble reported to the Polk County School Board Monday night that the school system does not have enough money to operate the schools next year.

Supt. Coble said that the Polk County had asked for a 24% increase in current expense (operating budget) and received a 4½% increase over last year. (This is \$16,259 more than last year.) With inflation and the cost of power, oil and gas going up, Supt. Coble said that this was a step backward and the administrative staff doesn't know where to go.

To meet the budget given to the school by the County Commissioners, the school board needs to trim \$80,000 from its program. Supt. Coble said that after trimming everything that they could possible do without, they are still \$37,468 short.

Supt. Coble recommended that the Board do one of the following: approach the County Commissioners for more money; ask the county commissioners to transfer money from Capital Outlay to Current Expense; appoint a finance committee to make a plan, to enable the schools to operate next year.

Supt. Coble said that this was "An Educational Disaster."

The County School Board will have a work session Monday at 9

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Juergen Panoscha Gets Scholarship

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Juergen Panoscha of Tryon, N. C. has been awarded a \$500 scholarship from Virginia Tech's College of Engineering. The scholarship was one of 285 totalling \$240,000 awarded to incoming freshmen from 18 states.

The money was awarded under the Marshall Hahn Scholarship Program, made possible by a bequest from John Lee Pratt, a former executive of General Motors. The scholarship program was named in honor of the university's 12th president, T. Marshall Hahn.

The objective of the scholarship program is to "reward meritorious high school achievement and to acknowledge potential for engineering study at Tech", said Pamela Kurstedt, academic assistant to the dean of engineering.

The total amount of merit scholarships awarded each year to all Tech engineering students, including upperclassmen, is approximately \$500,000.

The Tryon Volunteer Fire Department was called to a vacant house off Jackson Street Extension about 8 p.m. Thursday. The house was engulfed by flames when the firemen arrived. The fire truck was unable to get down the road to the house, but the water wagon was able to reach the fire. The house was reportedly owned by Mrs. Edna Mae Littlejohn.