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Weather: Tuesday high 69, low 27, Rel. Hum. 30; Wednesday high 64, low 34, rain .03, Rel. Hum. 68 . . . Miss Florence Cox, former Polk Home Agent, and now a nutritionist at State College, visited Tryon and Polk County friends Wednesday . . . Congratulations to Tryon Duplicate Bridge players who win in Charlotte, Spartanburg and now Greenville. The couples who won at Greenville in the Winners Three-point master tournament Wednesday night were Jim Jackson and Jim Tapley, first for North-South and Mrs. Baxter Haynes and Jules Feder, first for East-West. Each winner was awarded a sterling julip cup. The Duplicate Bridge Tournaments at Tryon each week not only afford wholesome recreation for many Tryonites but also to our visitors. At the same time many of the Tryon players are getting national recognition for their achievements. On a recent business trip Jim Jackson, who is a life master, won the Winter Carnival Bridge Tournament at St. Paul, Minn. In the Greenville tournament Wednesday only players who had won master points were allowed to enter the tournament . . . Jessie James Tarlton, the speaker at the Tryon P.-T. A. this afternoon at 3:15, is very popular throughout this
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St. Luke's Hospital Report

Elsewhere in this issue of The Bulletin appears the annual financial operational report covering 1950 and 1951 for St. Luke's Hospital.

It is interesting to note that despite an increase of approximately \$18,000 in operating receipts during 1951 over the preceding year, the costs of operating such an institution have also increased. Actually, costs of operation of St. Luke's Hospital during 1951 increased about the same amount as money received from patients and assisting agencies.

It is well to remember during an examination of the financial report that it is seldom that hospitals arrive at the "break even" point in relation to receipts and expenses. Fortunate, indeed, is the medical institution ending a year with so small a deficit as is shown in St. Luke's report of financial operations.

An examination of Operating Expenses will show that no category cost less during 1951 than it did during the preceding year. On the other hand, income from Polk County, the State of North Carolina and from assisting agencies was less in each instance in the year past than it was for the preceding year.

The fact that St. Luke's Hospital maintained and even increased its services during the past year, and at a smaller operating loss, is ample testimony to the fine work done by the Board of Trustees, the hospital's competent administration M. C. Holthouser, and cooperating employees.

It should be noted that the annual campaign for needed operat-
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