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Weather Tuesday: High 88, low 51, Rel. Hum. 45. RAINFALL for month of September 1.07 in. This tells how dry this area is. Mayor Clement D. Stevens said Tuesday that the water content in the soil is very low and for that reason every one must save water in order to have enough for drinking, cooking and bathing. Reports have come in that some people have been seen watering their lawns with garden hose . . . Tryon P.-T. A. is getting ready for its first street dance on October 15th sponsored by Ways & Means Committee . . . The Asheville Citizen reports that James Tate, 24, convicted in February, 1951 Superior Court, of assault with deadly weapon, has been paroled by Governor Scott . . . Charlotte Observer reported Monday that State Highway Patrolman Edward Samples held up traffic on U. S. 25-A near Asheville for a few minutes in order to allow a small crippled airplane to land in safety. Patrolman Samples is quoted as saying that he noticed the low flying plane losing altitude and black smoke coming from the engine, and ordered all passing motorists to pull off the road until the plane could land . . . Mrs. Betty Steiner and Mrs. Baxter Haynes were second, North-South in section B. of the Fifth Annual

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POLK COUNTY ANALYZED

The North Carolina and United States Departments of Agriculture have just completed a crop survey of Polk County made by tax listers and farm census supervisors for the county commissioners.

The report showed 5,083 people live on farms of three acres or more in the county. The total farm acreage amounts to nearly 90,000 acres; approximately 17,000 of it in crop land, 10,000 in idle crop land, 4,600 in improved pastures, 6,500 in other pastures, 52,000 in other lands. Corn takes up 6,500 acres, cotton 1,321, tobacco 1 acre, peanuts 15, wheat 1,140, oats, 1,031, other grain 207, soybeans alone 28, with other crops 24, lespedeza 64 for seed, lespedeza for hay 1,589, alfalfa 270, other hays and cowpeas 800, Irish potatoes 50, sweet potatoes 152, vegetables for sale 300 acres. Cows kept mainly for milk 1,236, kept for beef 396; hens and pullets 30,578, tractors 184

The harvested crops amounted to 19 per cent of the total, and 42 per cent of that was planted in corn, 23 per cent in hay and 14 per cent in wheat and oats.

Upon written request township figures may later be developed, according to the Department of Agriculture. Tryon is the smallest township in the county. On the map it looks as if the other townships are fairly even in area.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Many residents of Tryon have expressed their delight over the hardsurfacing of a number of streets during the past few days. Black topping over crushed rock foundation has been put on the road leading to the colored Embury

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