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No official report in, but the showers Sunday afternoon and night helped flowers and lawns. . . . A large crowd attended the opening of the new bank in Hendersonville Friday. A tribute to H. B. Kelly and those who founded the new branch of the First National. . . . Carroll P. Rogers, member of the state stream sanitation committee and of the committee for the restoration of Tryon Palace, had a busy time last week attending meetings of both groups at various parts of the state. . . . The Rutherford-Polk Cancer Detection and Diagnostic Center will open Tuesday at the Health Center in Rutherfordton. Polk County will furnish one examining physician and one nurse every Tuesday morning. Dr. J. W. Welborn will represent Polk the first month. The clinic is free to all persons in the county. . . . Elsewhere in this paper an official report of the Tryon ABC Store shows that over a million dollars worth of whiskey was sold since the store opened on December 13, 1951, through June 30, 1953. After paying for the whiskey and operating expenses the Town of Tryon received nearly \$40,000, Polk County over \$14,000, Harmon Field \$2,853.34. The store paid over \$86,000 in state sales

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## "SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT" IS KIWANIS PROGRAM

Tryon School Superintendent Brank Proffitt will be the guest speaker at Tuesday's Kiwanis Club meeting. He will talk about matters relating to the State School System, including the referendum to be held this fall on the proposal to issue bonds to provide money for school building construction and improvement.

Bob Branner will have charge of the program.

## Landrum Man Spends 40 Hours In Russian Hands

An Army officer from Landrum landed behind the Iron Curtain in Germany Friday and spent 40 hours in Russian hands before being released.

Capt. Andrew R. Walden of Landrum was passenger in a small liaison plane flown by Capt. Shepherd L. Hamner of Terry, Wis.

They became lost and had to land in the Soviet zone of Germany when they ran out of fuel. The Associated Press reported from Heidelberg Sunday.

Capt. Walden is the son of Dr. A. R. Walden of Landrum.

Army headquarters at Heidelberg said the officers reported "they were well treated" by the Communists.

Capt. Walden's wife and three children went to Germany three months ago. The family lives in Aschaqenburg.

Dr. Walden said Sunday night the relatives here were unaware of his son's experience before a niece in Asheville heard a radio report of his release. The physician called The Herald to verify the re-

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