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Weather Thursday: High 60, low 40, rain .39, Rel. Hum. 48
WELCOME to Tryon is extended the out of town bridge players at Oak Hall this weekend and to Mr. and Mrs. Corydon Bell at the Book Shelf who will autograph books this afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30. The Christmas tree lights on Trade Street wish you and all strangers within our gates A Merry Christmas from many people in the community. They are put up by contributions from children, visitors, business people and others who believe in spreading the Christmas Spirit to all. No gift has been too small or too large. Contributions are unsolicited. They come from the heart from people who have sent them through the mail, or delivered in person to the Bank, Chamber of Commerce or Bulletin office. So far, no one has said, in the language of old Scrooge, "Bah, Humbug! I don't believe in Christmas Spirit." So, there is hope of raising the balance needed to light the trees. Not many of the merchants have been heard from. They are begged so often for so many things they are not accustomed to being left alone to volunteer their support to start anything even when its for their own interest. These Christmas trees go to all of you from the desire of many individuals.

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Merry Christmas To You

There has been contributed \$122 this year to the lighted Christmas trees on Trade Street which is about the half way mark to take care of this year's expenses. A surplus is always raised each year to carry over to help out the following year, because trees have to be cut, hauled and put up before the current year's donations come in. It cost \$81 to cut the trees this year and have them put up with the lights on. This money was paid from last year's surplus. New wire and bulbs have to be bought from time to time to replace those worn out, stolen or broken. The electric bill last year was around \$133. This bill varies according to the number of trees lighted and the number of days they are used. In wishing everyone A Merry Christmas contributions Thursday came from Arledge Hardware, Mrs. Robert Erskine, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Walcott, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fellows, Mrs. C. W. Kittrell, Mrs. Harkness Smith, Elbert H. Arledge, Printer, Mrs. J. H. Rion, Hubbard Arledge, Dr. Edmund Wylie, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Jackson, Rion and Claudia Sue MacDonald, Carroll P. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Britton, R. H. Brady Insurance Agency.

Bridge Tourney Opens Today In Tryon Hotel

By Dick Kaplan.

With the vanguard of the southeastern area's leading masters on hand, the Tryon Fall Sectional Contract Bridge Tournament was ready for opening play here today at the Oak Hall hotel.

A sectional tournament of the
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