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16 Arrested In Drug Raids

The Polk County Sheriff's Dept., SBI, Tryon and Columbus Police Departments joined forces Tuesday for the biggest drug raid in the history of Polk County. Sheriff Boyce Carswell estimated that 30 officers took part in the raid which began at 10 a.m. when 8 places were hit simultaneously. The officers arrested 16 persons, confiscated 8 vehicles, guns (some believed to be stolen), marijuana and a small amount of other drugs. Sheriff Carswell said that other arrests would be made later.

The vehicles confiscated were 3 late model pick-up trucks, 1 late model van and 4 automobiles. They were allegedly used in drug distribution.

Sheriff Carswell said that the investigation had been in progress for the past three months and an undercover agent was used. He said that he appreciated the financial aid for the undercover work which was furnished by the County Commissioners and the Town of Tryon. Bonds for the individuals arrested were set from \$10,000 to \$55,000.

Sheriff Carswell stated that Kyle Ray West, 44, of Lockhart Road, Tryon was one of the main targets in the raid. He was charged with keeping a house for the keeping of marijuana, the manufacture of hashish, possession with intent to deliver Schedule 2 drugs, intent to sell

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\$36,500 Gift For Landrum

Tuesday the Landrum City Council accepted a gift of \$36,500 toward construction of a recreation complex. The funds had been offered by the family of the late Eligio, "Jo-Jo" del Guercio. The gift is contingent on the town's being awarded a \$35,000 grant from the Federal Heritage Conservation Recreation Service. Recreation Director Dan Young said that the federal grant request is in the final stages of review. Landrum will use the funds to construct an outdoor recreation complex near the O. P. Earle Elementary School in cooperation with Spartanburg County School District 1. The complex will include three tennis courts, two racquet ball courts and a multi-purpose court.

In other action Councilman Calvin Whitesides was elected mayor pro tem. Ed Komat asked that the town enact a stiffer dog ordinance.

Auditor Paul Skelton made a number of recommendations for improving the financial structure. He suggested a service fee of \$25 to \$35 for water customers in lieu of a refundable meter deposit; a cutoff policy for water customers with delinquent accounts.

Polk County students on the fall semester dean's list at Appalachian State University at Boone included: Judith Louise Holbert, a senior of Saluda; Ricky Lee Holbert, a junior, of Rt. 1, Tryon and Mitchell Alan Wilson, a senior, of Rt. 3, Oxford.

Want To Be Heard?

In an attempt to broaden county input for the Study Committee on St. Luke's Emergency Medical Service, Dr. Wm. R. Bosien, chairman, is planning an open meeting, Friday, January 11, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the court Room of the County Court House. At that time concerned Polk County residents who have criticisms and suggestions for improving the EMS will be heard.

Three File

In a check with the Polk County Election Board Wednesday morning, three had filed for office. Doris Scoggins for Register of Deeds; Andy Metcalf for the Polk County School Board from Cooper Gap Township; and Frank Moss for County Commissioner.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSES

Rev. Bob Brooks reports that special education classes are to be offered at Grace Christian School in the fall of 1980 as part of the regular academic program. There will be a limited number of openings for these classes and those interested in such a class should contact the school office at 457-3348 or P. O. Box 566, Landrum, S. C., by the end of January.

He also reported that there are some openings for students for the second semester which begins Jan. 21. Four and five year old kindergarten plus grades 1 — 6 are offered this year.

No official weather report for Tuesday, but it was cloudy and cool. The sun popped out about noon Wednesday.

We can't remember as much excitement and talk as was taking place during the drug raids Tuesday.

Citing the soaring cost of silver, Eastman Kodak Co. on Tuesday imposed increased of up to 75 percent in film prices. The increases come on top of those announced in October and replaced price increases announced just 2 weeks ago. They take effect Jan. 26th.

The Supreme Court, in a major defeat for the real estate industry, ruled Tuesday that brokers may be sued for illegal price-fixing if they agree among themselves to charge identical sales commissions.

The Dixieland Jazz will be at the fine Arts Center Saturday at 2:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.

Mrs. Mario Raun (Barbara Bagwell) and children Lisa, Lipo, Mario and Alexander of San Salvador, El Salvador, Central America are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hayes and other area relatives.