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The Tryon Kiwanis Club will meet today at 1 p.m. at the Pacolet River Plantation.

Thursday the Tryon Kiwanis Travelogue, "Canada's Many Faces" will be at the Fine Arts Center at 8 p.m.

Sunday at 3 p.m. the Tryon Photographic Society presents Davis Kirby showing his slides with sound on "Egypt" at the Fine Arts Center.

Saturday the Fifth Annual Landrum High School Gymnasit Invitational (Girls) will be held at the Landrum High gym with the first competition beginning at 9:15 a.m.

ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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Butler has acquired a real estate brokers license and worked part time for a local land surveyor.

He formerly served as Chairman of the Polk County Bicentennial Commission and the Polk County Planning Board. He is presently Treasurer of the Sheltered Work Shop.

He is a member of the Congregational Church of Tryon.

Membership in clubs and organizations include the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fleet Reserve Association, Retired Officers Association, USS Missouri Association, Overmountain Victory Trail Association, Polk County Historical Association, and the Congressional Club.

Butler was selected as the outstanding Republican County Chairman for the N. C. 11th Congressional District in 1978.

PAULSELL IS HOSPITAL BD. CHAIRMAN

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ard Palmer and Ralph Arledge, and Miss Bertha Blomfield-Brown. These serve with Dr. Gilbert, Dr. William Bosien, and Dr. Henry Anderson, to form the Joint Conference Committee.

Evaluation and Nomination: Mrs. Culberson and Mr. Paulsell, Bennett Hinsdale, Dr. A. T. Pagter, Jr. and Davis Kirby.

Orientation and Continued Education: Jay Foster, Mrs. Dusenbury and Mr. Smith.

All elections were by acclamation.

Further committees, to be formed by appointment, will be organized in the month ahead.

SUSAN MCBURNEY WINS ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP

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literature, Miss McBurney plans to spend the summer with friends in Pirmasens, Germany where she spent the summer in 1976 as an exchange student of the Tryon Rotary Club. She then hopes to pursue her studies in French and economics at the Sorbonne in Paris with the ultimate goal of establishing a career in international business.

In addition to her high scholarship record at North-western, Miss McBurney was president of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and a leader in a number of extracurricular activities. Prior to entering Northwestern, she was a graduate of Spartanburg Day School.

St. Luke's Year Was Tough One

St. Luke's auditors, Coopers & Lybrand of Charlotte, sent Robert Hoppe to last week's board meeting to report on examination of the hospital's financial statements.

Mr. Hoppe said St. Luke's had responded financially better than most hospitals to the current ravages of low census, government regulations and inflation.

(Another increase of 40 percent on X-ray film, due to rising cost of silver, on top of the 20 percent one of a short time ago, is in the works. But the hospital's charge for an x-ray study of course is pegged, for the time being.)

Financial Director Mrs. Genelle Hooker said in her 17 years at St. Luke's, this past one has been the toughest.

Death, disability and departure have robbed St. Luke's of 4 physicians this past year. There were 2,000 less patient days this year than last, but of course the hospital must continue to be staffed 24 hours a day.

New physicians are bringing the census back up. There was a full load of eight surgical procedures the morning of the board meeting, with 6 more scheduled for the next day. More doctors are to begin practice here in 1980.

St. Luke's showed an operating loss of \$11,000 this past year.

A Medicare-Medicaid refund of \$140,000 due in the next two months will help ease the strain.

President Howard J. Spika said two-nurse teams of St. Luke's registered nurses this week

began visiting nursing schools in a 500-mile radius, to call one-on-one on graduates in the search for much needed R.N.'s at St. Luke's.

A search committee composed of the Executive Committee begins this week to find a successor to Administrator Spika, who is planning to retire in 1980.

Dr. Donald Gilbert, Medical Staff Chief, reported the WNC Peer Review Team had just been here and given St. Luke's Staff a good report; also that St. Luke's own Professional Standards Review Organization is to continue — a big plus over having to import other doctors for this review, and a sign of recognized professional excellence by St. Luke's medical staff.

Trustees were reminded that the next Operation Outreach dinner, program and tour will be Monday, Feb. 4, in the hospital cafeteria. Area citizens interested in supporting St. Luke's program to spread information about the hospital's medical services throughout the area are urged to telephone Ms. Bobbie Hill at St. Luke's for a reservation. No charge.

Trustees adopted the Long Range Plan for the hospital, a document of interest to all seriously interested in St. Luke's future.

This, and the Coopers & Lybrand audit, are available to the public in the administrator's office. — Hospital Reporter

40 Years Ago

The members of the Tryon football team will be given their annual banquet at the high school. The banquet will be served by the home economics classes under the direction of Miss Elisabeth Watson. Dutton Beatson is the captain of the '39 team...Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Avant of Tryon have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth to Marcus B. Caldwell of Tryon and Newberry, S. C....Fire, starting from a short-circuited wire in the attic of the old wing of the Mill Spring school building completely destroyed the section of the structure... Nation is blanketed by cold spell and Tryon gets snow...Paderewski, the great musician, has been elected to head the new Polish government which has been organized by exiled Poles in France.

Honored

Jay S. Kelly of Columbus was named to the All A list at East Carolina University for the Fall Semester and Eugene Woody Cowan of Tryon was named to the Dean's List.

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