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Weather Thursday: high 32, low 25; Friday: high 27, low 11; Saturday: high 30, low 17; Sunday: high 51, low 19. Monday was sunny and still on the cool side. The precipitation during January was 5.75 inches; the average is 4.93 inches, leaving a surplus of .82 of an inch.

Authorities regain control of the New Mexico State prison where at least 27 inmates are dead.

Eight members of Congress have been implicated in an FBI investigation of political corruption that was carefully monitored at the highest levels of the Justice Department. FBI agents reportedly paid out almost \$500,000 in cash to the officials. At least 20 public officials and 20 lawyers and businessmen are implicated. John W. Jenrette (D-SC) was one of the Congressman named.

The big news locally was the late minute political activity. The complete line up: County Commissioners: Republican candidates are Paul Butler. Vernon Horne and Opal Sauve: Democrat Candidates: Frank Moss, Dr. Wm. R. Bosien, Warren Carson, Jr., Lee Atkins, Billy Hugh Ruff, Hubert McEntyre. (Two to be nominated by

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Earl Thompson Files For School Board

Earl Thompson of Columbus has filed for the Polk County School Board for Columbus Township.

A native of Polk County, Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Tryon High School. He has been president of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, president of Tryon Hounds and is a member of the Columbus Baptist Church.

He is married to the former Emily Lowe and they have one daughter, Kelly, age 12, a student at Stearns Elementary School.

Mr. Thompson said that he would like to help improve the education for all children in the county.

Mobile Home Destroyed By Fire

The mobile home of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Edwards on Fire Tower Road, Pea Ridge was destroyed by fire about 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Mrs. Edwards and her two year old daughter. Michelle, were at home at the time, and Mrs. Edwards smelled smoke. She took her daughter and ran to her neighbors' home. They attempted to put the fire out, but it was in the walls of the mobile home and continued to burn. The fire gained headway quickly and destroyed the mobile home and also an adjacent trailer which was used for storage. Mr. Edwards and 4-year-old son, Chad were visiting his parents,

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Warren Carson, Jr. **For County** Commissioner

Warren Carson, Jr., of Tryon has announced for Polk County Commissioner. A native of Tryon, Mr. Carson is a graduate of Tryon High School, UNC at Chapel Hill and received his masters degree from Atlanta University. He has been an English teacher in Spartanburg since 1975.

Mr. Carson has been active in a number of civic and church organizations. He is second vice chairman of the Polk County Democratic Party, former judge and registrar for Tryon Precinct No. 1. He is presently president of the Polk County NAACP; president of the Tryon PTA; chairman of the Mayor's Advisory Task Force, Town of Tryon; member of the Board of Directors, AFS-International: member Board of Directors, American Cancer Society, Polk County Unit; Activity leader, Roseland 4-H Club; member, trustee and youth advisor of Garrison Chapel Baptist Church.

Water Damage To Home Here

The Tryon Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Bradburn home on Baker Drive Saturday about 2 p.m. The home had filed up with smoke. Somehow a copper pipe pulled lose in the attic of the home which is heated by hot water and the

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Man Killed In **Traffic Accident**

Carl Edward Harrelson, 49, of Mobile. Alabama was killed in a traffic accident on I-26 here. The body was discovered by David Jackson who found him Sunday about 2:30 p.m., but he was believed to have been dead since sometime Saturday night.

Patrolman David Satterfield who investigated the wreck said that the 1980 GMC pick-up truck was apparently headed west on I-26 when it went off the right of the road near the Morgan Chapel overpass, then the truck went off into the medium and rolled over and turned around and headed east in the east bound lane and then rolled off into a deep ravine. Mr. Harrelson was thrown out. and the truck apparently rolled over him and then continued on down the deep ravine.

Patrolman Satterfield said that the wrecked truck was almost hidden from the road even when you were standing at the edge of the road. The truck was owned by Key GMC Truck, Inc. of Mobile. It is believed Mr. Harrelson fell alseep at the wheel.

This was the first traffic fatality in Polk County in over a year. Last year there wasn't a traffic fatality in Polk County according to Patrolman Satterfield.

VFW MEETS **TONIGHT** VFW Post 9116 will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the 4-H Youth Center in Columbus.