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Weather Monday: high 42, low 24. Tuesday was sunny and rather nice. Snow was supposed to have hit the area Tuesday night.

State Insurance Commissioner John Ingram filed as a Democratic candidate for reelection Monday and then fired his chief deputy commissioner who had just become a candidate for the job himself.

Thomas Bingham is a candidate for the Buncombe County School Board. Bingham, 26, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bingham and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bingham of Tryon.

Kurt Thomas, the first American to win an all-around medal in world gymnastics competition, received the Amateur Athletic Union's prestigious Sullivan Award Monday night as the nation's outstanding amateur athlete for 1979.

Jane Dusenbury had an article in the Asheville Citizen recently on "Lunch Hour Happy Time at Tryon's City Schools." The article was on Charles Stafford and the meals served in the school cafeteria and the salad bar at the high school.

At least 35 persons died in the

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## Ruff Files For Commissioner



**Billy Hugh Ruff**

Billy Hugh Ruff has filed as a candidate for Polk County Commissioner subject to the Democratic Primary. Mr. Ruff has previously served over six years on the Board of Commissioners.

He owns and operates one of the largest sawmills in the area and also operates a planer mill. A farmer, he grows corn, soybeans, small grain and apples. A past president of the Polk County Cattlemen's Association, he raises Black Angus cattle.

He has served on the Board of St. Luke's Hospital, WNCSHA Board, Social Service, Region C Law Enforcement, Sheltered Workshop. He is a member of the Sunny View Ruritan Club, has served three years as Master of Horse Creek Lodge, is a Shriner and Woodman.

He is married to the former

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## Blanton Files For School Board



**Clint Blanton**

Clint Blanton has filed for the Polk County School Board from Columbus Township.

He is a graduate of Polk Central High School, class of 1964 (first four year class at Polk Central).

Mr. Blanton is manager of Customer Service at Bommer Industry, where he has been employed for 11 years. He holds an Associate Degree from Rutledge College in Management. He was in the U. S. Army for two years, where he was personnel specialist at Fort Jackson. He is a member and past deacon at the Columbus Baptist Church and is Royal Ambassador Director and Sunday School teacher.

He is married to the former Harriette Splawn, who is a kindergarten teacher at Stearns School. They have two daughters,

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## Horne Files For County Commissioner



**A. Vernon Horne**

A. Vernon Horne has announced that he has filed with the Polk County Board of Elections as a candidate for Polk County Commissioner, subject to the May 6 Republican Party Primary Election.

A life long resident of Polk County. He attended Green Creek High School and Cecil's Business College in Spartanburg, majoring in Business Administration. He is married to the former Frances Daves of Cleveland County. They have two grown children, Wayne and Cindy.

Mr. Horne has been in the Real Estate business for 13 years, 10 years as President of Horne Realty. He was Development Consultant and Exclusive Agent for Ridgeview Acres, Co-owner and developer of Foxwood Hills.

He is a member of Mills Creek Church of the Brethren. Charter

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