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Weather Wednesday: high 58, low 39, rain .21. Thursday was sunny and windy.

Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee has dropped out of the Republican presidential primaries. Speaking of Republican primaries, South Carolina is holding one Saturday. It will give the Republicans just across the State line an opportunity to express their views as to their party's nomination.

Jay Silverheels, the faithful Indian sidekick, Tonto, of the "Lone Ranger", died Wednesday at the age of 62.

The N. C. Supreme Court in a 4-3 decision ruled Wednesday that the state cannot regulate charitable solicitations by religious groups, saying the law violates constitutional safeguards against state interference with religion.

Tonight beginning at 6 o'clock, the Green Creek Ruritan Club is sponsoring a Poor Man's Supper at the Green Creek Community Building. A variety auction will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The tryouts for the Tryon Little Theater production of "A Shot in the Dark" is at 7:30 tonight at the Fine Arts Center.

The Church League basketball

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Church League Basketball Tourney

The Church League Basketball Tournament will be held tonight and Saturday at the Tryon gymnasium.

TONIGHT

- 6 p.m. — Landrum 1st Baptist vs Tryon Methodist - Presbyterians
7 p.m. — Tryon 1st Baptist vs Garrison Chapel
8 p.m. — Columbus Baptist vs Lynn Baptists
9 p.m. — Landrum Methodist vs Big Level

SATURDAY

- 11 a.m. — Boy Scouts A vs Green Creek Scouts
12 noon — Pacolet vs Boy Scouts B
Rest of schedule determined by winners of Friday night games.

Bobby Fagan Is Promoted

MATTHEWS, N. C. — The Mid-Carolina Telephone Company today announced the promotion of Bobby J. Fagan from cable splicer to construction supervisor. Fagan is a Landrum, S. C., resident.

Meet Today

CBAJJDP Task Force Juvenile Crime Prevention will meet Friday at 12:30 p.m. at The Meeting Place. Lunch Reservations must be made by 9:30.

Mrs. Ernst Benkert

Mrs. Helen Limerick Benkert, 79, of 411 Melrose Ave., Tryon died at her home Thursday morning.

She was born in Harrisburg, Ill. and was a daughter of the late Grant and Grace Leitch Limerick. She was the widow of Ernst A. Benkert who died in 1969. She had made her home here since 1961 and was a member of St. John's Catholic Church.

Surviving are two sons, Ernst G. Benkert of New York City and Kyle G. Benkert of Columbus; also eight grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 Saturday morning in St. John's Catholic Church with Father James J. Noonan officiating.

Burial will be in Polk Memorial Gardens.

Rosary will be cited on Friday night at 7:00 in McFarland Funeral Chapel.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Catholic Church.

"Keen Agers"

"Keen Agers" at The Meeting Place work on many projects and enjoy the varied activities there.

Mrs. Clyde Lancaster picks up cancelled stamps from churches, offices and banks and takes them to the Meeting Place, where they are trimmed by many hands.

Extension Homemakers international work group send the stamps and many others, collected by Homemakers Clubs, to a Christian organization in

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Government Competes With Business

Six months ago, the U. S. Small Business Administration set up a National Task Group to find out how serious is government competition with small business.

This week it announced what it found: that the federal government now competes with small, private businesses to an astounding degree. The Group found that federal agencies have set up their own businesses in printing, manufacturing, travel services, distribution, communications, wholesaling, retailing and so many other business activities it would take all my editorial time just to list them.

Of course these government-operated businesses pay no taxes.

Furthermore, they charge higher prices; the Task Group estimates that if the government purchased the same goods and services from private business, it would save 35 percent of the taxpayers' money.

We agree with the Group's recommendations: that Congress should require the government to buy from private enterprise rather than go into business for itself.

The tax-paying small business is part of the backbone of America; it deserves to be supported, rather than destroyed by unfair competition from big government. — WRAL-TV Editorial