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Weather Wednesday: high 69, low 43. Thursday was a beautiful spring day. During April the precipitation was 6.02 inches. The average for April is 5.09 inches. The precipitation to date is 24.54 inches and the average to date is 21.34 inches, leaving a surplus of 3.20 inches thus far this year.

Former budget director Bert Lance was found innocent Wednesday of nine counts of bank fraud. Jurors were unable to agree on several other charges.

Sen. Ernest F. Hollins, D-S. C. appears to be in line for Sen. Edmund S. Muskie's chairmanship of the Senate Budget Committee.

Three "Arab power" militants seized the Iranian Embassy in London Wednesday and threatened to kill their 20 hostages unless Ayatollah Kohmeini's regime frees 91 political prisoners.

Church Women United May Fellowship is today at 12 noon at St. John's Catholic Church.

The Conference 1-A baseball tournament continues today at 4 p.m. in Landrum. On Saturday the tournament will begin at 1 p.m.

Tonight at 8:30 the second performance of "A Shot in the

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Andersons Buy **Benkerts Home**

Dr. and Mrs. Douglas J. Anderson have bought the Ernst Benkert home at 411 Melrose Ave. in Tryon. Gaut-Pruette Associates was the broker.

Dr. Anderson, a native of Drexel Hill, Pa. graduated from Emory University in Atlanta and received his M.D. degree from Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. He is completing his residency in Internal Medicine at the Greenville Hospital System in Greenville and will begin practice in Tryon.

Mrs. Anderson (Gail) is originally from Elizabeth City, N. She graduated from Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. and has attended graduate school in Charleston at the Medical University of South Carolina and at Clemson University. She is completing her M. S. degree in both Anatomy and Nutrition.

Their interests include sports, antique hunting and camping.

Flower Show

The Southeastern Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will hold its annual Flower Show May 3 and 4 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Asheville Mall in Asheville, Exhibits will be accepted from anyone. All classes are open to commercial and non-commercial exhibitors.

Exhibitors may bring their blooms on Saturday morning between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. at the fountain area in the Mall.

Promoted



Bommer Industries of Landrum, S. C. has announced that W. J. (Digit) Laughridge, III has been made National Sales Manager and will be responsible for all domestic and export sales Polk Central Boosters

A native of Rocky Mount, Mr. Laughridge received his B. S. degree from Wake Forest University where he was All-Atlantic Coast Conference in football and baseball and an AP Honorable Mention All-American in football. He played one season of professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization.

He was a marketing representative with the Transportation Industry until joining Bommer Industries in March 1976 as Assistant Sales Manager, On May 1st he was appointed National Sales Manager.

Mr. Laughridge moved to Tryon in 1972 after his marriage

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Hwy. No. 9 To Be Upgraded

Rep. Edith Lutz and a large delegation from Polk County attended the N. C. Department of Transportation meeting Wednesday in Asheville. The Polk County delegation and others present were assured by Department of Transportation Secretary Bradshaw that No. 9 would be upgraded immediately from Hwy. 108 to Hwy. 74 and later from Hwy. 74 to the S. C. line.

Others attending were Buford Swain, Mr. and Mrs. William Earl Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson, Joe Dalton, Billy Hugh Ruff, Fred Earl Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Sauve and Everett Lutz.

Meet Monday

The Polk Central Boosters Club will meet Monday, May 5 at the school at 7 p.m.

Communication

If you believe one paper in the county, there will be two or three people running for the School Board, who will only listen to a hand full of people for their advice. I for one had rather they listen to this hand full than listen only to one newspaper editor.

Keith Ritchey

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