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Weather Monday: high 55, low 26; Tuesday: high 53, low 40. Wednesday was sunny and warmer. It has been perfect weather, maybe too good because we need a good rain to keep down woods and grass fires.

President-elect Ronald Reagan has selected Gen. Alexander M. Haig as secretary of State and Raymond Donovan as labor secretary. Former S. C. Governor Jim Edwards is reported to have the inside track to become Secretary of Energy.

The 96th Congress which will be remembered for the Abscam scandal, adjourned Tuesday. When the next congress convenes Jan. 5, Republicans will control the Senate for the first time since 1955. Democrats will retain their majority in the House. Both houses will be more conservative.

The Polk Central Band will present their annual Christmas Concert tonight at 7:30 in the Stearns School Auditorium in Columbus.

Saturday the Landrum Band Christmas Parade is at 10 a.m. and the Columbus Christmas Parade is Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Polk County Courthouse will be closed Dec. 24, 25, 26 and Jan. 1st.

Sam T. Marlowe Surveyor of the Year

Sam T. Marlowe of Sam T. Marlowe and Associates, Registered Land Surveyor, was awarded the Surveyor of the Year Award by the Western Chapter of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors in Asheville on Dec. 9th.

Mr. Marlowe and his family moved from Greensboro in May 1972 to open his surveying business in Columbus.

He serves as Director of the Ethics and Illegal Practices Committee of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors. He is registered in South Carolina and an active member of the South Carolina Society of Surveyors and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping. Mr. Marlowe is a Rotarian and a member of Peniel Baptist Church.

Ken Tucker Is Rotary Speaker

The Tryon Rotary Club will meet Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the Pacolet River Plantation. Tryon Mayor Ken Tucker will show slides and tell of his recent trip to Korea as a member of the Rotary International District 767 Group Study Exchange team. Mayor Tucker is the Consumer Credit Officer at NCNB.

Mrs. Sue Alewine has returned to her home in Tryon after being a patient at Spartanburg General Hospital.

Lose 232 Pounds

Last Monday evening's session was the grand finale for the enrollees for Wa-Rite the weight-control program that began eleven weeks ago in the Landrum First Baptist Church.

Of the eighteen persons finishing, Judson Woodruff of Landrum was the champion, with a loss of 23½ pounds. The recommended loss is 2 pounds per week for a continuing program of weight loss and good nutrition.

Nine had lost 10 to 20 pounds, and the total net loss for the group was 157. Fifteen who failed to complete the course shed another 75 pounds.

Eleven showed improved blood pressure. Dr. Roy Morgan reported that all present Monday night had normal blood pressure, a marked improvement over the readings at the opening session.

The program was sponsored by the Tryon Seventh-day Adventist Church. Leaders were Mrs. Frank Carruth and Mrs. Fred Wier.

Pictures Used On Christmas Tree

Snapshots of children are being used to decorate the Christmas tree in the children's area of the Landrum Library. You are invited to bring your child's picture, name and telephone written on the back, for the tree.

Nominated For Naval Academy

Michael Scott Cochran, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cochran of Rt. 1, Tryon, has been nominated for an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy by Congressman Lamar Gudger.

Michael is a senior at Polk Central High School.

Passes Exam

Edward T. Delehanty of Lake Lanier was notified on Dec. 15 by the Internal Revenue Service that he had passed the Special Enrollment Examination and thus was eligible to apply for enrollment to practice before the Internal Revenue Service. This written examination covers Federal taxation and tax accounting and the use of tax return forms for individuals, partnerships, corporations, trusts, estates, and gifts. It also covers ethical consideration and procedural requirements. It is a four part test requiring two days to complete.

The questions in the 1980 examination were directed toward the tasks which enrolled agents must perform to complete and file forms and tax returns, and to represent clients before the Internal Revenue Service.

"The Holy Night"

Tryon Penecostal Holiness Church will present a Christmas program Sunday evening at 6 p.m. "The Holy Night," directed by Mrs. Claudia Sorrow.