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Weather Friday: high 45, low 23; Saturday: high 44, low 21; Sunday: high 57, low 23.

According to reports the U. S. and Iran have an agreement on the release of the hostages. As we were going to press Monday, the hostages were reported to be on the plane, but still awaiting a final detail on financial arrangements.

The inauguration of Ronald Reagan of the United States takes place today in Washington.

The entire area is extremely dry. Until we get a good rain everyone should be careful with discarded cigarettes, matches, ashes from the fireplace or wood stove.

One of our sad tasks is writing obituaries when friends die. Those of us who deal daily with the Postal Service, realize what a loss it is when an employee like Gilmer Lynch dies. He was accommodating and went out of his way to help patrons of the post office. He didn't do just his job, but more than he was expected to do. He had recently been transferred to the Spartanburg Post Office.

The Tryon Concert Association presents "The Apple Hill Chamber Players" tonight at 8
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Fires! Fires! Fires!

The Columbus Fire Department has been working overtime in responding to fires.

Sunday at 12:01 a.m. they were called to the Charles Blackwell residence on Houston Road to a chimney fire. No damage was done to the house.

Sunday at 1:15 p.m. they were called to a grass and woods fire off Hwy. 108 opposite Wheaton Industry. About 1/4 acre was burned.

Sunday at 2 p.m. there was a woods fire near the Leslie Watkins residence in the Beulah Community which burned about 3 acres.

Monday at 2:30 a.m. the firemen were called to the fire off I-26 which ended up burning several hundred acres.

Monday at 11 a.m. they were called to a woods fire off Peniel Road where some fireplace ashes had started the fire.

AARP Meets Today

The Polk County Chapter of AARP will meet today (Tuesday) at 2 p.m. at the Meeting Place. The guest speaker will be Russell J. Constance of Tryon Federal Savings and Loan who will speak on Handy Facilities Effecting the Retired Today.

Refreshments after the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beaver have returned home to Warrior Drive. Tryon after a month in Cape Coral, Florida.

Big Fire

A woods fire burned several hundred acres along I-26 early Monday morning. The area from near Hershhal Newman's to Skyuka Road was burned and several of the residents were getting ready to evacuate. The fire jumped the highway medium and burned on both sides of I-26. According to reports one vehicle belonging to a member of the Saluda Volunteer Fire Department which was parked off I-26 was burned and two other vehicles were burned.

A trucker travelling I-26 turned in the alarm by CB radio about 2:30 a.m. Monday. Fire Departments from Columbus, Tryon and Saluda responded to the scene. The high wind and dry conditions made the fire very difficult to fight. About noon Monday the fire was reported under control. The fire fighters from the Forestry Service remained on the scene, but the firemen and their trucks returned to their fire stations.

A New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard McGuinn of Mill Spring are parents of a daughter, Lougenia Renee, born Jan. 17th at St. Luke's hospital.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Backcus Gregg of Rutherfordton.

The paternal grandmother is Marie Sain of Mill Spring. The paternal grandfather is Eddie McGuinn of Mill Spring.

Injured In Wreck

A one car accident occurred early Saturday morning on Hwy. 176 near Pacolet River Plantation. The car travelling west went out of control on a curve and wrecked. Steve Pierce and Eddie Jackson were taken to St. Luke's Hospital where Mr. Pierce was treated and released and Mr. Jackson was reported in stable condition Monday morning.

Gilmer Lynch

Gilmer Lynch died unexpectedly Monday morning at his home in Tryon.

A native of Polk County, he was the son of the late John G. and Mildred Womack Lynch. He was a graduate of Mill Spring High School and served in the U. S. Navy during the Korean Conflict.

He worked at the Tryon Post Office where he had been the Supervisor of Postal Operations and was recently assigned to Spartanburg as Supervisor of Window Operation.

He had been active in the Polk County Little League program.

He is survived by his wife the former Jean Cochran; a daughter, Miss Nancy Lynch and a son, Joey Lynch; two sisters, Mrs. Thelma Rudolph and Mrs. Jean Williams, of Spartanburg; a brother, Charles Lynch of Bushnell, Fla.

McFarland Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.