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Weather Monday: high 89, low 67, humidity 47%.

Air traffic controllers illegally walked off their jobs Monday and crippled commercial flights in the first nationwide strike of federal workers in history. President Reagan called them lawbreakers and a federal judge imposed accelerating fines that would reach \$1 million a day by Thursday. President Reagan said any striking controller who refused to resume work within 48 hours would be fired.

The Green Creek Church Softball Tournament is in progress this week. The tournament is sponsored by the Green Creek Ruritan Club.

The City of Saluda is making big plans for its 100th birthday this weekend.

Tuesday at 2 p.m. there will be a public meeting between the Polk County Board of Commissioners, Board of Transportation Member and representatives of the N. C. Division of Highways to discuss the 1981-83 Secondary Construction Program for Polk County. The meeting will be held in the Agricultural Conference Room at the courthouse annex. A map is posted in the courthouse

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Communication

July 31, 1981

To The Polk County Board of Elections and anyone else it may concern:

With this letter we resign as voting machine custodians for Polk County, but we would like to address the lies and half-truths that have been published recently about us. O'Neal stated that we receive \$30 each plus expenses. NOT TRUE. We each receive \$300, period. For this money we program 20 voting machines that are scattered all over Polk County. There are 10 precincts with 2 machines in each precinct. Precincts are located in Green Creek (2), White Oak (1), Cooper's Gap (1), Saluda (1), Tryon (3) and Columbus (2). We furnish our own transportation. We attend a meeting of Registrars, Judges and Machine Operators on the Friday night before the election to show them the set-up. We are on call election day from 6 a.m. until all machine keys are returned to the Election Board Office by the Registrars. We see that all keys are properly returned to the safe before we leave. Last election we left after midnight. We probably work an average of 8 hours on election day plus being on call the rest of the day. It takes about 2 hours per machine to program them which is 40 hours (20 hours each). Now take that 20 hours, add to that the meeting time, the election day time, the travel time, and see if that adds up to \$20 to \$30 an hour

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Elected Principal



Dr. Donald C. Jones

The Tryon School Board elected Dr. Donald Collins Jones as principal of the Tryon Elementary School Monday night.

A native of Carroll County, Georgia, he is a 1961 graduate of Wofford College with a double major in sociology and psychology and education. In March 1961 he entered the U. S. Army as a Second Lieutenant and served two years as an artillery officer and athletic and recreation officer at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

From 1963 to 1966 he taught school and coached in Liberty, S. C. and Charlotte County, Va. In the fall of 1966 he returned to school to complete his Master of Science degree in physical education at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and graduated in 1967.

In July of 1967 he was appointed

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Tryon School Board Accepts Resignation; Hires Principal, Teacher

During their regular meeting Monday, 3 August, 1981, the Tryon School Board accepted two resignations and hired three new teachers. Phillip Pleasants resigned from teaching woodworking and Debra Clark resigned from teaching 4th grade. Dr. Donald Jones is the new principal of the elementary school, Garland Rice is the new woodworking instructor, and Patsy Jones is the new 4th grade teacher. Elmo Neal was transferred to varsity football, drivers' ed., and biology.

Plans for the auditorium rejuvenation have been approved in Raleigh, and bids will be opened 12 August. State testing summaries for grades 1, 2, 3, 6 and 9 were presented, and grade 9 results are impressive.

Mr. Stafford will drop 1½ positions from the food service. The lunch prices will be 60c for grade K-4, 75c for grades 5-12 and \$1. for teachers. Biltmore Dairy submitted the low bid for milk. A firm price of 12.85c per half pint was accepted, on the condition that the delivery time be checked into.

The Policy Committee's recommendations for reduction in force and eligibility for rank in class were accepted. — League of Women Voters Observer