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Weather Thursday: high 86, low 62, humidity 37%.

Those who live in South Carolina should fill their gas tank up today. On Tuesday the state adds 2 cents to the price of a gallon of gasoline. This boosts the state's 11-cent gas tax to 13 cents.

Drought has forced restrictions on water use in the parched western North Carolina mountains and dropped some rivers to their lowest level in memory.

Mrs. Cleo Geer of Columbus attended the Western District of N. C. Association of Agricultural Extension Secretaries in Sylva and was elected Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year. She and her husband, Trent, will attend the State meeting in Blowing Rock Sept. 3 and 4.

Workers compensation insurance rates will increase an average of 12.2 percent on Jan. 1 under a request filed Thursday by the North Carolina Rate Bureau.

James Larkin Pearson, North Carolina's poet laureate for more than 28 years, died Thursday morning at the age of 101 in a Wilke's County hospital. The Polk Central Patriot Band

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Tryon Town Hall Closed Labor Day

Tryon Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 7th for Labor Day. There will be regular garbage collection on Saturday, September 5th and Monday, September 7th.

Notice

There will be no Social Security Representative at the Tryon town Hall, Thursday, Sept. 3rd.

Elwood Martin Has 65th Birthday; To Retire Thurs.

Elwood Martin will be retiring from the Town of Tryon on September 3rd after over 21 years of employment service.

Mr. Martin most recently served for many years as the Superintendent of the Water and Sewer Plant. He celebrates his 65th birthday today, August 31st.

He is a member of the Tryon Presbyterian Church, a Third Degree Mason at the Jeff L. Nelson Lodge and also current Vice Commander and past Commander of the American Legion Post 250. Mr. Martin and his wife, Mary, reside at 215 Whitney Avenue in Tryon. They have three grown children.

Mr. Martin was a member of the Western Section of the North Carolina Waterworks Operators Association.

Planning Board To Review Townhouse Plans

The Town of Tryon Planning and Zoning Board will meet Wednesday, September 2nd at 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall to review and comment upon preliminary drawings for a proposed 28 unit townhouse development located on approximately 7.04 acres of property formerly referred to as the Dr. Jervey house (behind the TMA Building on South Trade Street). The owner of the property, Bernie DeBord, and architect, Holland Brady will be present to discuss the proposal.

Lowry Re-Appointed To Indians Affairs

Jim R. Lowry of Columbus was sworn in Thursday as a member of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. Secretary of State Thad Eure swore in one new member and four others who had been re-elected by local Indian organizations.

Installed in a brief ceremony were new member James Sampson, Jr. of Fairmont, Tom N. Carter of Clinton, Perlie Simmons Jackobs of Bolton, W. Lonnie Revels of Greensboro in addition to Lowry.

Mr. Lowry is chairman of the commission, which consists of several government officials and 15 representatives from the Indian community who serve three-year terms.

Destroy Still

A 16 barrel underground distillery was destroyed Thursday afternoon by Greenville County Deputies and ABC officers. The still was found on Butter Street, Rt. 1, Landrum. Deputy Dean Hamrick stated that there was a trap door leading down into the still and that only a small section of stove pipe was showing. He stated that you could walk across the still and not know that it was underground.

Boyd Ridings, Jr. was charged with possession of illegal distillery equipment.

Tryon Hounds Horse Show And Country Fair

The Seventh Annual Tryon Hounds Horse Show and Country Fair will be held Sept. 11, 12, 13 at Harmon Field, Tryon, N. C. The judges will be Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mutch of Weston, Conn. George Webster of Landrum, S. C. will officiate as Steward and Mrs. Irene C. Acker is Show Manager.

Members of the Saluda Association of Artists and Craftsmen will participate in the Country Fair featuring woodworking, pottery, toys, paintings and basket weaving.

The parking spaces will be handled by and benefit the Polk County Animal Protection Society. The Polk Central High School Boosters Club will handle the gate.