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Weather Monday: high 86, low 59, humidity 57%.

The Reagan administration said Mon. it believes thousands of persons in Afghanistan, Laos and Cambodia have been killed in recent years by an outlawed chemical poison — but it declined to hold the Soviet Union directly responsible.

There are lots of local activities going on. The town of Tryon meeting reported the start of 27 condominiums on Jervey Road and the permission to convert the Hedrick property into an inn at the intersection of Howard Gap Rd. and Hwy. 108.

A work day at the Marjorie McCune Home for the Blind is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19th by the 47 Lions Clubs in District 31-A. The hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Home is owned and operated by Western North Carolina Lions, Inc. to provide services to handicapped people and promote sight conservation through an extensive eye screening program in the public schools. All contributions are tax deductible.

The first reading on Landrum's budget for fiscal year 1981-82 will be made during a special meeting

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Michael Hamrick Is National Merit Scholar

Michael Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hamrick of Landrum has been named as a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. He is one of 15,000 semifinalists being named this fall entered the '82 Merit Program by taking the '80 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Semifinalists are the participants who scored highest in their respective states and they represent less than half of one percent of each state's secondary school graduating class.

Michael is a member of the Beta Club, annual staff, 85 Club and was a Junior Marshal at Landrum High School. He was selected for the 4th Congressional District Classroom Program but was unable to attend last summer due to an automobile accident.

On World Championship Softball Team

After two years as the bridesmaid, Howard's Western Steer reigns as the champion of the National Slo-Pitch Conference. The team from the Little North Carolina town of Denver posted a 2-0 record to capture the Miller High Life — NSPC championship series in the Cleveland suburb of Willoughby.

Russell Bradley of Tryon plays short stop for the Howard team.

Tawana Rickman Is Miss Polk Central

Miss Tawana Rickman, a senior at Polk Central High School was elected Miss Polk Central last Friday by the Student Body. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rickman of Mill Spring. She has been active in student activities and athletics.

Miss Janet Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith of Columbus was named the runner-up. Miss Smith has also been active in student activities and athletics.

Donna Dimsdale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dimsdale of Mill Spring was named Junior Miss Polk Central and Connie McCall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis McCall of Columbus was the runner-up.

Open House And Reception For New Parents

The Tryon PTA will host an Open House at 8 p.m. Thursday, September 17, in the auditorium of the Tryon Elementary School. A reception for new parents begins at 7:30 p.m. in the school library.

Giles Reunion

The annual Jim and Eliza Blackwell Giles reunion will be held Sept. 20th at Green Creek Community Building at 1 p.m.

A New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Vance of Rt. 2, Columbus are parents of a son, Paul David, born September 13th at Rutherford Hospital.

The maternal grandparents are Mrs. Reba W. Hodge and the late Bill Hodge of Landrum, S. C. and the maternal great-grandparents are Mrs. James Wilson of Landrum and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hodge of Rt. 2, Columbus.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vance of Cheraw, S. C. The paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Melton Smith of Kernersville and the paternal great-great-grandmother is Mrs. Ella Smith of Kernersville.

Large Crowd Attends Town Meeting

A large crowd attended the Tryon Town Council meeting Monday night at the Tryon Town Hall.

At a public hearing on One Tryon Place Condominiums on Jervey Road, Architect Holland Brady made a presentation explaining the proposed 28 units on the 7.04 acres. The condominiums will average 1200 sq. ft. and will cost from \$75,000 to \$80,000. They will be constructed of stained wood and brick. (The Planning Board had given unanimous approval). After discussion the Board unanimously approved the development. Construction will

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