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Weather Tuesday: high 80, low 46, humidity 32%. During September the precipitation was 7.48 inches, the average is 4.94 inches. To date the precipitation is 35.56 inches and the average to date is 46.20 inches, leaving a deficit of 10.64 inches. Wednesday was another perfect day.

The drought in South Carolina, particularly in the Piedmont area, is becoming critical and may cause the Piedmont soybean crop to be cut in half, spokesmen at Clemson University said Tuesday. The Piedmont could lose \$15 million.

The Senate passed and sent to President Reagan Tuesday a bill boosting the national debt limit past \$1 trillion for the first time. The bill will permit the government to borrow the money it needs to pay bills in the fiscal year beginning today. At \$1 a second it would take 31,600 years just to count a trillion. — or \$1,000,000,000,000.

President Reagan ordered the Coast Guard Tuesday to halt the flow of illegal aliens from Haiti and other Caribbean countries into the United States. In the past three years, nearly 50,000 Haitian refugees have arrived in south

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Charges Dropped Against Stott

Wednesday at the Polk County District Court, the State of North Carolina took voluntary dismissal to both criminal charges brought against Bobby Joe Stott by the complainant Mike O'Neal, editor of the Thermal Belt News Journal. O'Neal had brought charges of Communicating a Threat and Trespassing against Mr. Stott.

Tournament Of Bands In Landrum Saturday

The Landrum Band Boosters Club will sponsor the 3rd annual Harrison Elliott Tournament of Bands, hosted by "The Distinctive Regiment" of Landrum High School. The tournament will be held Saturday at the Landrum football stadium. Opening ceremonies will be at 3 p.m. with the first band in competition performing at 3:30 p.m. The Awards Ceremony will begin at 8:45 p.m. Bands will be classified for judging by number of instrumentalist, excluding percussion, as follows: Class IV, up to 35; Class III, 36-49; Class II, 50-64; Class I—65 or more.

Judging will be Olympic Style.

The following bands have accepted an invitation: Edneyville, Greenville, Blacksburg, Broome, Greer, Southside, Mauldin, Charles D. Owen, Abbeville, Blue Ridge, Jonesville, Eastside, Wren, Boiling Springs, Chapman and Northwestern.

Appreciation Day For Dillard Davidson



The Rev. Dillard Davidson of Beulah Baptist Church will have Pastor's Appreciation Day on Sunday, Oct. 4th. The Rev. Dillard Davidson has been pastor at the church for 22 years. He will be honored at the worship service and this will be followed by a fellowship dinner at the church.

A spokesman said, "Mr. Davidson has carried a motto with him through these years, "It is better to give than to receive", and he has truly given much of himself, time and love to all of us who have known him." All of his friends and family are invited.

Central Business Committee Meets

The Tryon Central Business District committee will meet Monday, Oct. 5th at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Homecoming Friday At Polk Central

Friday night will be Polk Central's Homecoming against the North Carolina School for the Deaf. The Homecoming Queen will be crowned during halftime ceremonies. The Homecoming attendants are from the 9th, 10th, 11th grades and the Homecoming candidates are from the 12th grade. The court is as follows:

9th Grade: Tammy Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Price; Pam Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Greene; Amanda Staley, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Staley.

10th Grade: Rhonda Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harris; Michelle Mathis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Peeler; Lona May, granddaughter of Mrs. Julia Twitty.

11th Grade: Donna Carson, daughter of Mrs. Christine Carson; Tami Pittman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pittman; Rhonda Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson.

12th Grade: Paula Hamilton, daughter of Lewis Hamilton and Ms. Janice Hamilton; Lisa Miller, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller; Lora Mills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mills; Janet Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith; Beverly Stott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stott.