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Weather Monday: high 45, low 35, hum. 80%, rain at 7 a.m. Tuesday was 1.37 inches. It continued to rain Tuesday morning, but the weather man said it was supposed to clear up.

Israel's parliament, defying international protest, adopted legislation Monday to annex the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights of neighboring Syria. Syria called the move a "declaration of war" and vowed to defend its territories. American officials voice their disapproval.

Poland's declaration of martial law brings protests around the world.

The U. S. Supreme Court barred a group of public high school students Monday from using a vacant classroom for prayer meetings before class.

Melvin Covil is the new president of the Home Builders Association of Greater Spartanburg. Covil, owner and president of Westgate Realty and Construction Co., also received the Builder of the Year Award, given by August Kohn and Co. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Covil of Lynn.

Mrs. Eleanor Todd Yarbrough at Marjorie McCune Center, Black Mountain wishes to send

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Wreck

A 2-vehicle accident took place on S. Trade Street Monday about 12:22 p.m. Both cars were headed north. A '78 Volkswagen operated by Guenter Panoscha of Tryon, stopped at the Hearthstone entrance to make a left hand turn. A 1965 Ford truck driven by V. L. Newman of Lynn, failed to stop in time and plowed in the rear of the Volkswagen. No one was injured, but the Volkswagen was totaled and about \$800 damage was done to the truck. Mr. Newman was charged with exceeding safe speed. Tryon Police Officer Leon Foy investigated the accident.

Hit By Train

Ms. Gail Justice of Landrum, driving a '78 Ford was struck by a train about 3:50 a.m. Tuesday. Ms. Justice was taken to St. Luke's Hospital by the Landrum Rescue Squad. A spokesman for St. Luke's Hospital said that Ms. Justice was in stable condition in the recovery room following surgery Tuesday morning. She received internal injuries and superficial facial injuries.

The '78 Ford was demolished.

Cantata Tonight

The Columbus Baptist Church Adult Choir will give the Christmas Cantata, "Christmas Is Love" tonight at 7:30 at the Hickory Grove Baptist Church. The Choir will give the Cantata again Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Columbus Baptist Church.

Retires



Charles W. Lankford

Charles W. Lankford retired from the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Tryon, Monday night, December 14, at the regular and organizational Town Board meeting. Mr. Lankford did not seek re-election in the town Municipal Election this past November. His last official act as Mayor Pro Tem and honorary Town Clerk was to administer the Oath of Office for the Mayor and Commissioners for the new terms.

Mr. Lankford was first elected to the Town Board of Commissioners on May 5, 1953. Since that first term he was re-elected seven times for a total of 28 years on the Town Board of Commissioners. Going back to C. D. Stevens in 1953, he served with the following Mayors: R. E. Brantley, William J. Hipps, (Continued On Back Page)

Fires

The Columbus Volunteer Fire Department was called to two fires Monday. At 8 a.m. they were called to a gas tanker on fire on I-26 about half-way up the mountain. The truck was carrying 8850 gallons of high test gasoline and going up the mountain. The truck's brakes had not released and caught on fire. The truck driver told firemen he saw the smoke from his side mirror. The fire was contained to the brake lining, drums, etc.

The firemen were called out about 7 p.m. to an old house that was being burned below Jackson's Crossroads on Peniel Rd. The house was being burned on purpose, but a motorist passing by, turned in the alarm.

"Polk Oak" Design For N. C. Capital

Claude and Elaine Graves of Little Mountain Pottery, Peniel Road, Columbus, recently completed a commission for the N. C. State Capitol Building in Raleigh. Jill Flink Fine Art, the Graves representative in Raleigh, handled the commission of trays glazed in the "Polk Oak" design inspired by the Fall leaves in Polk County.

Miss Sandy Pruette, student at Appalachian State University is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Allan Pruette in Tryon.