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Weather Friday: high 44, low 26, hum. 37%; Sat., high 32, low 18, hum. 32%; Sun., high 39, low 17, hum. 23%. Monday was also cold.

Poland's U. S. Ambassador, Romuald Spasowski, declared Sunday he is defecting to the United States because a "state of war has been imposed upon Poland" and "I cannot be silent."

A blast of arctic air shocked the Southeast Sunday, plunging temperatures to record lows in Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin lashed out at the Reagan administration Sunday, accusing it of anti-Semitism, breaking its word and treating Israel like a "vassal state."

George Rogers, former University of South Carolina Heisman Trophy winner set a rushing record for rookie running backs and the NFL rushing title Sunday as he gained 107 yards rushing, giving him a total of 1,674 for the year.

Everyone is so busy this time of year, that many of us don't get into the spirit of Christmas.

If anyone wants a Christmas greeting in the Christmas edition

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## Fire

A house owned by Edward Fowler on Pea Ridge caught on fire Sunday about 10:45 a.m. The fire, which damaged the ceiling and the roof of the house, was put out by the Mill Spring and Columbus Fire Departments.

## Move Here

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Trucks of Baldwin, Michigan have moved to their winter home on S. Blanton St. in Columbus. Mrs. Trucks is the former Mary Pattie who lived in Columbus when she was in school and is a graduate of Stearns High School. Her father, the late D. D. Pattie, built the Pattie building in Columbus and operated a drug store there. A pharmacist, Mrs. Trucks owned and operated two drug stores in Michigan before she retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Placak of Skyuka Rd., will have as guests for the Christmas holidays their daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Nemrow, and grandchildren, Greg, Kim and Clay, all of Boston, Mass.

Bryan Corpening, student at Western Carolina University, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gay Corpening of Tryon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kerby of East Sandwich, Mass. are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kerby at Red Fox.

## Emergency M.D.'s At St. Luke's

Doctors will bed down right in St. Luke's Hospital on weekends, beginning less than two weeks from now, to be ready for any patients coming to the Emergency Room.

They will be fully licensed physicians from the Family Practice Center in Asheville. The Center is part of the Residency Program sponsored by UNC at Chapel Hill.

One of the Asheville M.D.'s will be here from Friday night to Monday morning. During the week, physicians on St. Luke's Medical Staff will continue their coverage of the Emergency Room.

At their December meeting, Trustees elected Joseph G. Claud, senior vice-president of NCNB, to a three year term on the Governing Board, to succeed Horace Smith, whose term has expired.

Also elected to a three year term was R. Anderson Haynes, attorney. He has been filling the unexpired term of Dr. A. T. Pagter, Jr.

James Stott has been appointed by Polk County Commissioners to a three year term on the Board of Trustees.

Officers of the Medical Staff for the coming year are Dr. Roy Morgan, Chief; Dr. George Hartman, Vice-Chief; Dr. A. T. Pagter, Jr., Secretary, with Dr. Theodore Rozema and Dr.

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## Excise Tax To Be Reduced

The two percent federal excise tax on your telephone bill will be reduced to one percent effective Jan. 1, 1982.

Mid-Carolina Telephone Co. said the tax, which was imposed during World War I, has been steadily declining in recent years from a high of 25 percent of the telephone bill. The tax will be eliminated entirely from your bill by Jan. 1, 1985.

## Declares Dividend

The Board of Directors of First Bankshares Corp. of S. C., whose major subsidiary is First National Bank of South Carolina, today declared a dividend of 35 cents per share, totaling approximately \$884,000.

Payable February 1, 1982, to shareholders of record January 15, 1982, this is the 154th consecutive dividend paid by First Bankshares Corp. of S. C. and its predecessor, First National Bank of South Carolina.

A federal jury found former state AFL-CIO president Wilbur Hobby and business associate Mort Levi guilty Saturday of illegally obtaining and misusing job-training funds.

Keith MacVean, student at N. C. State University is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian MacVean of Tryon.