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Weather Thursday: high 61, low 38, hum. 80%, rain .08. Friday morning was sunny and a delightful day.

President Reagan declared Thursday that he has "no plans to send American combat troops into action" in El Salvador or anywhere else, but refused to flatly rule out that possibility in the future.

At least three NASCAR drivers allegedly used their race cars to transport narcotics in a "massive drug operation" involving 70 people, FBI agents said Thursday, Robert Pence, head of the FBI's North Carolina office, said 66 of the 70 were indicted by a federal grand jury in Miami and four were included in Charlotte, ending a 2½ year investigation into narcotics activity in South Florida and North Carolina.

Tonight at 7 o'clock the Tri-County Softball League will hold an organizational meeting at the Tryon Town Hall.

Tonight at 7:30 the Polk County Committee of N. C. 2000 will meet at the Mill Spring Elementary School.

Tonight at 7:30 the 4-H Volunteer Recognition dinner will be held at the 4-H and Youth Center in Columbus.

Tonight at 7:30 the Landrum  
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## Still Destroyed

The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Departments Narcotics and Vice Division joined forces with the S. C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission to raid a still on Rt. 1, Landrum, Thursday about 12:30 p.m.

Two men, who were at the site of the still were arrested when the law enforcement officers raided the still on Landrum Mills Road. Arrested were Johnny Calvin Weaver, 50, of Landrum, Rt. 2, and Roy Douglas Whiteside, 38, of Landrum, who were charged with manufacturing illegal liquor.

Using dynamite police destroyed the nine-50 gallon barrels and confiscated four cases of illegal liquor. — from Spartanburg Herald

WSPA-TV news stated that a hose was hooked up from a nearby trailer which ran to the still. The trailer reportedly belonged to Jamie Belue.

## New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Harding of Stockbridge, Ga., are parents of a daughter, Adria Kate, born on Feb. 12th in Georgia.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Edna Roach of Tryon and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Harding of Springfield, Va. Mrs. Ethel Anderson of Springfield, Va. is the great-grandmother.

Adria has a sister, Meredith, who is 2 years old.

## Dudley McGraw Not Guilty

On Jan. 25th the Court of Appeals of North Carolina reversed a conviction of Dudley G. McGraw for felonious manufacture of marijuana. Mr. McGraw, who represented himself was sentenced to 5 years in Polk County Superior Court on Oct. 15, 1980. Mr. McGraw appealed the verdict and was represented by Wayne Eads of Raleigh.

The appeal was heard Nov. 19th, 1981 by the Court of Appeals and the judgment was given Jan. 25, 1982 by Judge Earl W. Vaughn with Judges Webb and Hill concurring.

## Stolen Van Stopped In Polk County

A Purolator Courier Van, which had a load of pharmaceutical supplies, was reportedly stolen while it was parked at the Village Shopping Center in Spartanburg about 5:20 p.m. Thursday. Lt. L.D. Cudd of the Spartanburg Police took up the chase and attempted to drive beside it, but when he did, the driver turned the van into the police car, almost wrecking it. When Cudd was bumped, the Spartanburg County police and two S. C. Highway Patrol vehicles joined in. The van couldn't outrun the police vehicles, but it wouldn't stop and

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## Paving Firm Is Fined

A Rutherfordton paving company has been fined \$175,000 and its president sentenced to 30 days in federal prison in connection with the bid rigging of a 1977 highway contract.

Thompson Contractors, Inc. and its president, Lawrence Thompson, were sentenced Tuesday in federal court in Raleigh, after pleading guilty to violating the U. S. Sherman Antitrust Act.

The Pleas were part of a plea bargain with the U. S. Justice Department.

The charges involved bids on an 11.8 mile resurfacing project in Henderson and Polk Counties. The company was awarded a \$320,131.24 contract for the project in 1977 and completed the resurfacing in May 1978.

The indictments charged the firm and unidentified co-conspirators with discussing prospective bids and submitting intentionally high bids, as well as bids that contained false, fictitious and fraudulent statements and entries. — Asheville Citizen

## ALANON Meeting

The ALANON evening group will meet Monday, March 22, at 7 p.m. at Tryon United Methodist Church. The ALANON afternoon group will meet Tuesday, March 23 at 2 p.m. at Tryon Presbyterian Church.