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Weather Tuesday: high 75, low 42, hum. 28%. Wednesday was

another spring-like day.

The Polk County Committee of North Carolina 2000 met Monday night at the Mill Spring School. Carl Meroney and Glen Rhodes are the chairmen of committee. Its goals are to have citizens and leaders make responsible decisions. Glenn Rhodes gave a review of the trends, forecasts and history of the organization. Other speakers were: Paul Culberson, environment and natural resources: Holland Community Brady, Development: Ken Tucker, Economy: Mrs. Fred Rhodes, People and Elderly: Dr. James Benfield, Education; Opal Sauve, County; Karen Rindge and Beverly Stott on Youth. Those present were given a booklet on N. C. 2000 and a questionaire on "What do you want North Carolina to be like in the year 2000711

Layoffs, bad weather and sluggish markets sent North Carolina's jobless rate to 9.1% in January, the highest since the recession of 1975. In human terms, the 9.1% rate meant 263,000 of the state's 2.9 million

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Dale McEntire's Paintings At Fine Art Center

The Tryon Painters & Sculptors Inc. are opening a new exhibit of paintings by local artist Dale Lee McEntire of Green Creek. His one man show will be in the Gallery of the Art Center for the month of March.

Dale is a graduate of Polk Central High School and an art major of 21/2 years at Mercer University in Macon, Ga. Due to financial problems - a common factor these days - Dale had to continue his art education at Gaston Community College plus 312 years of private study with Karl Lohse in Tryon.

Besides his painting, Dale has worked at carpentry, been Art Director in the news dept. of a Macon Ga. TV station and is at present associated with J.C. Penny Co. For the past 3 years he has held the position of Advertising Supervisor and Visual Merchandiser with this company

In a Polk County Art Show at Columbus, juried by the Charlotte Mint Museum, one of his paintings titled, "Miss Martin" received honorable mention, a proud achievement for any artist.

Dale is a jogger, enjoys backpacking and has a great interest in the History of the American Indian. His work reflects all of these hobbies and are a refreshing change of pace

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Organizes Top **NOW Campaign**



Dallas Hutcheson

First State Savings and Loan Association, Spartanburg, S.C., received a national award for excellence in marketing from the Savings Institutions Marketing Society of America (SIMSA).

received a second place award among all savings institutions with assets less than \$150 million for its marketing campaign introducing NOW accounts. The campaign, called Check Club, was organized by Marketing Director, Dallas Hutcheson, Vice President of First State.

High quality advertising and marketing programs have become more important now that competition among financial institutions has intensified," said W. Cleve Brown, SIMSA chairman.

SIMSA's 15th annual awards competition attracted 947 entries. SIMSA is the national

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Woods Fire

The Tryon Volunteer Fire Department was called to a woods fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sayre on Warrior Drive Monday afternoon.

Meet Monday

The Polk Central Athletic Boosters Club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at the school.

Alan Peoples Wins Event

On Sunday, Feb. 21 in Concord. at the Sunday Sprints, Road Races, Alan Peoples, of the Polk County Striders, ran the mile. Alan's time was 5.20 and he won the event. There were 70 runners. To join the Striders call Alan at 894-8904. or 859-6270; Tom Foster First State Savings and Loan at 859-9471; or Garry Taylor at 863-2787

Singing Saturday

There will be a singing Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Free Will Baptist Church. Special singers will be the Cherokee Indian Singers from Cherokee, The Justice Family from Hendersonville and The Redeemed Quartet from Maggie Valley. Robert Price is the

Tryon School Bd. Meets Monday

The Tryon School Board will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the