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Weather Monday: high 67, low 33, hum. 60%.

The retail empire of Campeau Corp., retreated into bankruptcy court Monday, in one of the largest financial collapses in American history. It involves Rich's, Burdines, Jordan Marsh, Bloomingdale's and other wellknown chains.

The Soviet Union declared a state of emergency in parts of Azerbaijan Monday night and ordered army, navy and KGB security forces to help contain ethnic hostilities that officials portrayed as verging on civil

Thursday at 8 p.m. "Pretty Polly" will be at the Tryon Fine Arts Center.

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. The Friendship Council welcomes the public to the meeting at Roseland Community Center where Karen Rindge will speak of her stay at Zimbabwe University

Pine Crest Inn will never be the same again. The family of Mrs. Stanislas Czetwertynski, all 60 of them, had a great time in helping Mrs. Czetwertynski celebrate her 90th birthday over the weekend. It was the first time in 30 years that all of them had been together. All family members

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A New Arrival

Mike and Beverly Rollins of Campobello, S.C. are parents of a son, Michael Zeke, born January 12th at Mary Black Memorial Hospital in Spartanburg, S.C. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. He has a brother, Mark, who is 14 months old.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stott of Columbus.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mack Rollins of Landrum, S.C.

The maternal greatgrandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Stott of Columbus.

Gun Club Meets Thurs.

The Polk County Gub Club will meet Thursday, January 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Tryon Town Hall.

Polk County Little League

The Polk County Little League and Senior League will hold its "kick off" meeting for the 1990 season this Saturday, January 20th. The meeting will be held in the Woodman of the World Lodge above the tag office in Columbus and will begin at 4 p.m.

This is an open meeting to anyone interested in supporting and helping our kids (ages 9-15) participating in the 1990 baseball season. (Volunteers are badly needed!)

Sunny View's Teacher Of The Year



Joyce Jackson

Joyce Jackson, a veteran sixth grade teacher at Sunny View Elementary School, has been named by her fellow faculty members as Sunny View's "Teacher of the Year."

A graduate of Gardner-Webb College, Mrs. Jackson earned her master's degree in Middle Grades Education Appalachian State University.

She began teaching at Sunny View nearly twenty years ago. with a combined seventh and eighth grade class. When those grades were shifted to Polk Central, she taught a combined class of third and fourth graders. For the past fifteen and one/half years she has taught sixth graders, an assignment she enjoys because it keeps her on

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Discovering Columbus

with Homar A. Jones

The County Commissioners had a problem. The belfry atop the courthouse was in bad need of a paint job, but there was no long line of applicants seeking the job. There wasn't even one applicant.

Eighteen years of age when the Civil War began, Charles Page, of New York, joined the Union Army and fought his way through the South. Whether he took part in Stoneman's Raid, was one of the soldiers who camped on the courthouse grounds, or billeted briefly in Chevalier House is not known. After the war Charles returned to New York, married and had a son. Somewhere in the recesses of his mind there must have lingered some pleasing memories of the South.

After the death of his wife, Charles loaded a covered wagon with household furnishings, including a mahogany desk, two wash stand type tables and the family Bible, and he and his son Herman headed South. They arrived in Columbus and took up lodgings at Chevalier House.

Charles was a skilled carpenter and painter. Records show that he did much work for the county - repairing the buildings, and laying and keeping in good shape the plank sidewalks and the bridges at the street crossings.

In the 1840's the idea of plank roads surfaced, and in the 1850's the building of plank roads took second place only to railroads. A plank road was constructed by allowing a graded bed to settle

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