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Discovering Columbus

with Homar A. Jones

When the cool, dry days of October arrived men in Western North Carolina rounded up their mules and horses from lush meadows or from high grass of the uplands. They brought in hogs from the woods, fattened and sleek from a rich diet of nuts and acorns, and each marked on an ear or by a brand on a flank. Farmers collected turkeys from their roosting trees and ducks from the barnyard. Then they began the long, slow trek to Charleston, coming through Polk County via Saluda Gap, Howard's Gap, by the Block House, or down Hickory Nut Gap through Mill Spring. People living in the Columbus area could take their livestock and poultry to either point. All along the Drovers Roads animals were driven in on poor and narrow subsidiary roads that were nothing more than slightly widened Indian trails.

For two months the Drovers Roads were alive with noisy dust-raising animals. Sometimes an owner preceeded his drove, leading the way on horse back; sometimes speculators would take combined herds, hoping to make a profit for himself as well as the owners when he sold at market. A Drover had several helpers, often young men or half-grown boys who walked beside the herds to keep the animals in line and moving. The helpers cracked long, snapping whips and their strong voices rang out

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Carson To Lead USCS Gospel Choir

Warren J. Carson will lead the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg Gordon Colloms Gospel Choir Feb. 4 at 4 p.m.

The concert of traditional and contemporary music will take place in the Tukey Theater. The event is one of several planned in observance of Black History Month.

All events are open to the public.

Support Group To Meet Monday

The Codependents/ACOA Support Group will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the Tryon Presbyterian Church.

Columbus Council Meets Thursday

The Columbus Town Council meets Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Reminder

The Drop-Out Banquet will be tonight (Wed.) at 6:30 at the Western Steer in Columbus.

Elected Treasurer

Grady Stewart of Landrum has been elected treasurer of the Spartanburg Area Personnel Association.

School Board Meets Monday

The Polk County Board of Education will meet Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Stearns Administrative Center in Columbus. The Board will meet in executive session at 7 p.m.

Polk Commissioners Meet Monday

The Polk County Commissioners will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room in the courthouse annex.

Narcotics Anonymous

The Narcotics Anonymous meeting schedule is as follows: Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Church of Holy Cross. For more information phone 859-2272.

Buys Land

G. C. Wofford of Charlotte has purchased 23.67 acres from Horace and Whitney Page along Spivey Creek Road near Landrum, S.C. Mr. Wofford is a native of the area and is looking forward to his return in October. At that time he will park his 18 wheeler and go into retirement.

The sale was handled by Glenn Otto Mittelstadt of AM- Realty.

Tryon Hounds

Wednesday
9 a.m. at Glenn Wenger's

Weather Monday: high 60, low 37, hum. 65%. At 7 a.m. Tuesday the precipitation was 1.29 inches.

Marilyn Louise Harrell, a real estate agent in Baltimore, said Monday she tried to help as many poor people as she could before getting caught for embezzling at least \$4.75 million in housing funds from the U. S. Government.

East Germany's ailing and disgraced former dictator, Erich Honecker, was arrested Monday and will face charges in March along with three of his associates.

Medical insurance costs for employees rose 20.4 percent in 1989, driven by increasing use of expensive medical technology and escalating costs of outpatient and substance abuse services, according to a survey released Monday.

The Tryon Daily Bulletin is 62 years old today. During the past 62 years, the Bulletin has attempted to be part of the community, helping it become a better place for all of us to live. We appreciate the help our readers have given us. It is your paper.

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