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Weather Wednesday: high 64, low 42, hum 78%. These days have been perfect for out of door events. We may have to pay later, but it's nice to enjoy the beautiful weather we have been having.

The Soviet Union Communist Party leadership agreed Wednesday to surrender its historic monopoly and accepted a program that recommends the creation of a Western-style presidency and cabinet system of government.

A tanker's hull was gashed and hundreds of thousands of gallons of heavy Alaskan crude oil spewed from the ship Wednesday 2 miles off a popular Southern California beach.

Felix S. Bloch, the career diplomat suspected by U.S. authorities of spying for the Soviet Union, was formally suspended on the basis of a government regulation authorizing the head of an agency to remove any employee without pay when the action is considered necessary in the interests of national security.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson arrived Wednesday for talks with South African leaders and said he hoped to see Nelson Mandela

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New C.P.A.

The North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners announced today that 330 candidates have successfully completed the Uniform C.P.A. Examination held this past November. According to Charles I Bunn, CPA, Executive Director of the State Board of CPA Examiners, 1903 people qualified to sit for the exam.

Among those receiving CPA eligibility was Mrs. Sheila Painter Price of Landrum, S.C. A graduate of Gardner-Webb College and Polk Central High School, Mrs. Price is married to Robbie Price and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Painter of Columbus. Currently, she is employed as financial controller for RENK Corporation in Duncan, S.C.

As soon as she receives her certificate Mrs. Price plans to open a local accounting service.

Landrum Team Wins Battle Of Brains

Landrum Junior High Battle of the Brains team defeated Paolet Junior High 34-11, Wednesday, January 31st. The contest, held at Landrum High School was broadcast by WSPA Radio with Bill Drake.

Landrum team members included Jodi Christopher, David Eubanks, Allison Morse, and Elizabeth Lawrence, alternate. Mrs. Dee Bunn is team advisor.

Red Fox Ltd. Has Until March

A bankruptcy judge in Charlotte on Monday gave Red Fox Ltd., owner of the golf club and residential development in Columbus Township, another 30-day extension on its protection from its creditors while it seeks to find a buyer for the properties. The extension to March 14 was granted at the request of Red Fox's first mortgage holder, North Carolina Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Blicker Nettles, general manager of Red Fox Ltd. said his company's negotiations are continuing with a potential buyer who came forward in January, when foreclosure was imminent.

Nettles said Thursday that he had to confer with Red Fox Ltd.'s attorney before he could make any announcement about the company's progress toward a sale.

In the meantime, the interim board of The Club at Red Fox, a group of owners and area residents seeking to buy the properties and convert Red Fox to a member-owned club, have begun negotiating with North Carolina Federal Savings & Loan.

The board began negotiations several weeks ago after receiving nearly \$900,900 from potential owner-members. The money is presently held in an interest bearing escrow account at NCNB.

The interim board hopes to buy the properties from the bank.

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Columbus Fireman Want To Neogitate

The Columbus Fire Department would like to build a new firehouse on what is now school property along Old Prison Camp Road, in front of the school bus garage, Geoff Tennant told the school board Monday.

"We want to negotiate with you, if you have any interest in selling," Tennant told the board. "We're not asking any favors."

Tennant said the fire department needs new, larger quarters to house the 3,000-gallon water tanker it plans to buy. The new equipment will be needed once Tryon Estates is built.

The building the firemen envision will have five bays and a meeting room and will fit nicely on Old Prison Camp Road, he said.

"We want to be close in to town," he said.

Superintendent Dr. James F. Causby said he sees no school need for the property. He said if the board wanted to sell, it could deacre the property 'surplus' and then sell it to the highest bidder.

However, if the board wanted to ensure the property goes to the fire department, it could ask its state representatives to enact special legislation allowing a closed sale.

Board of Education member Ralph H. Arledge said he supported the idea.

"I am very interested in seeing what we can do," Arledge said.