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Weather Thursday: high 72, low 48, hum. 77% and Friday at 7 a.m. the precipitation was 2.39 inches and it continued to rain. If it had been snow we would still be digging our way out.

Thursday afternoon a high-speed chase came through Polk County. William Byron Brooks, 35, of Lexington, N. C. was apprehended in Rutherfordton after a 25 minute chase that started in Spartanburg County and went through Polk into Rutherford County. Brooks is accused of robbing the South Carolina National Bank at 930 Hearon Circle, Spartanburg around 5 p.m. Spartanburg County Sheriff's deputy Bill Wharton chased the vehicle all the way and had Polk and Rutherford deputies and N.C. Highway Patrol help. The suspect lost control of the vehicle which had a flat tire and ran off the road in Rutherfordton. Wharton chased the man and tackled him across the street from the Rutherford County Hospital. Brooks received a broken leg and was taken to Spartanburg Regional Medical Center for surgery. During the chase the suspect tossed a pistol out of the window and this was

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SBA To Work Through Local Board

The Board of Directors of the Region C Development Corporation has received a Certificate of Approval from the Small Business Administration to operate as a certified development company in Cleveland, McDowell, Polk and Rutherford counties. The Certificate was presented Feb. 15 by Ms. Bynum Rudisill, District Council of the Charlotte SBA office.

This certification allows the newly formed Corporation to work with commercial banks in offering financing for land, buildings and equipment to healthy small businesses in the four counties. Staff services for the Corporation are provided by the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission.

The Corporation membership is appointed by the respective county commissioners. The current officers of the corporation are: Ed Ghent, McDowell County, President; Bobby Smith, Cleveland County, Vice President; Ms. Celia Arledge, Polk County, Treasurer; Allen Jobe, Rutherford County, Secretary; Ms. Judy Bohan, Rutherford County, Assistant Secretary.

For further information about the Corporation contact Judy Bohan at 704-287-2281. — Reporter

Skyuka Road Zoning Approval Recommended

The Polk County Board of Commissioners today at 3 p.m. will get its chance to consider the controversial zoning case involving Skyuka Road.

The Polk County Planning and Zoning Commission, which has been considering the case for the last nine months, decided in a special session Thursday to recommend approval of a new residential, one-acre minimum zone on 840 acres just west of Columbus.

The planning commission's recommendation normally carries a lot of weight with the county board.

Planning commissioner W. E. Barnette made the motion to recommend approval which was passed unanimously by the six members in attendance. Commissioner Charlie Feagan was absent.

"In view of all we've heard and in view of the fact that its 88 to 1 in favor of this, I make the motion that we ask the county commissioners to designate a new zone," Barnette said.

Barnette was referring to the 88 signatures of property owners in the affected area on the petition seeking the zoning. Claudy Pack was the one opposed. At a public hearing Feb. 8, he said he wanted to reserve all his rights, including the right to sell his 52 acres to an industry.

However, the planners went

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Landrum Lions Meet Tuesday

The Landrum Lions Club will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Landrum Civic Center. The guest speaker will be Charles Gray of Inman, the Clemson Extension Agent in Spartanburg County. Mr. Gray will speak on "Gardening and Horticulture."

Spring Is Coming!

The first signs of spring are everywhere. The forsythias sharp yellow, the willow's tender green. The camellias are blooming in the sunny spots and the daffodils are springing up. And, in natural sequence, here in the Tryon area, this means the Spring Concert is coming.

The Tryon Community Chorus has announced the date of its opening registratin and rehearsal on Monday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Congregational Church Hall. We are happy to report that Betty Brewer and George Finnie will join their considerable talents once more for this new and welcome production.

The Chorus hopes that all singers, great and small, will try out on March 5. They welcome newcomers and look forward to seeing all who have contributed to the success of past productions. — Reporter

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