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Weather Wednesday: high 56, low 27, hum. 54%. Precipitation at 7 a.m. Monday was .50 and it continued to rain.

Richmond and Wake-Chatham counties are still in the running for a low-level radioactive waste repository, says the company hired by the state to build the facility. Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc. also recommended eliminating sites in Union and Rowan counties, the other two places under consideration since November. Recommendation of the Richmond site, 5 miles from the S.C. border, also brought angry protests from S.C. members of Congress.

Retail prices spurted 1.1% last month, the most in 7½ years, as consumers suffered from high food and fuel costs.

The Town of Columbus is dedicating the old-fashioned street lamps tonight at 7:30 in front of the courthouse. If it is raining the ceremony will be inside the courthouse lobby.

The Polk County Little League/Senior League will meet Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Tryon Town Hall. Everyone is invited.

Judge Hollis Owens will speak to the Polk County Democrat Men Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the

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Collins Named Top Fireman

Keith Collins of Tryon was named Fireman of the Year by the Tryon Fire Department at the volunteers' annual Ladies Night banquet Wednesday night.

Collins was presented his award by Dr. C. W. McCall, Jr., who was filling in for this flu-stricken father as the guest speaker.

Clarence Scoggins presented length-of-service awards to a number of senior firemen to conclude the program held at the Tryon Youth Center on Hwy. 176.

Duke Power Building Planned

Duke Power Company announced today plans to construct a new building in Tryon, containing an appliance showroom, business offices, community meeting room, and support facilities.

The total project includes a new structure of about 3,500 square feet, removal of two existing buildings, a curving driveway with twenty on-site parking spaces, placed in a landscaped wooded setting.

The exterior of the building will be native stone and rough-sawn wood, approached across a planted terrace area. The architect for the project is Holland Brady, A.I.A., of Tryon and Daniel Owens Construction will be the general contractor.

Construction is scheduled to begin in early March.

Hannah Rogers Wins Tryon Spelling Bee



Hannah Rogers, a seventh grader, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Rogers, won the Tryon Middle School Spelling Bee. Zeke Graves, an eighth grader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graves was the runner-up. Hannah corrected the spelling of "judgmental" and then spelled "juncture" to win. Both students will compete in the county-wide spelling bee on March 7, at Stearns Auditorium.

Democrat Women

Polk County Democrat Women will meet Mon., Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Democrat Headquarters at Columbus. The Candidates will be present.

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High School Plans In Flux

Polk County school staff began meeting this week with the Asheville architects designing Polk County's new high school to help determine the nitty-gritty details — like which wall to put the pencil sharpener on.

The preliminary, "concept" plans drawn to present to the public for the bond referendum last year have already been through two major refinement processes, and may go through several more before final construction drawings are prepared. Supt. James F. Causby said recently in an interview.

The topographic survey of the building site just east of Columbus on Hwy. 108 has just been received, and it may show that the plans need to be altered yet again to fit the building to the ground.

In addition, the recently hired construction management firm, GMK Associates of Columbia, S.C., is only now reviewing the plans for the first time and may have suggestions.

"Things will change right up until the final package is ready for bidding," Causby said. He estimated bidding would begin in July. The new school is scheduled for completion by the fall of 1992.

Since the bond referendum plans were drawn, school staff and interested area residents have met with the architects, Wood and Cort, to refine the plans. The result was an increase

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