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Weather Tuesday: high 66, low 32, hum. 55%.

The Labor Department's Consumer Price Index was about twice what had been anticipated as the largst surge in clothing costs in 43 years helped retail prices rise a brisk 0.5 percent in February even as fuel oil bills plummeted, the government said Tuesday. Taken together, the first two months of the year represent an annual inflation rate of 9.9%, compared with 4.6% for all of last year.

S. C. Gov. Carroll Campbell removed Jerre Dixon as the mayor of Blacksburg Tuesday, a day after the Attorney General's Office ruled that her recent shoplifting conviction constitutes a crime of moral turpitude.

Namibia became the world's newest nation Wednesday as Africa's last colony celebrated the end of 75 years of South African rule with traditional tribal dances and choirs singing liberation songs.

Western North Carolina inventor and businessmen Carrol Buckner, who designed the pioneering wood-burning Buck Stove 15 years ago, has filed for bankruptcy over a metal fabrication plant in Henderson

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\$2,488 To St. Luke's

The Duke Endowment has awarded grant totaling \$3,261,631 to 177 hospitals and 45 children's homes in North and South Carolina. The grants are awarded for days of care for indigent patients. St. Luke's Hospital in Columbus was awarded \$2,488.

Senior League Baseball Sign-up

Tryon Senior League Baseball will hold signups Sat., March 24, 10 a.m.-12 noon at Harmon Field. All 13-15 yr. old boys are welcome and urged to sign-up at this time. Registration fee is \$20.

BPW Scholarships

The Thermal Belt Business and Professional Women's Organization placed has scholarship applications in the Landrum, Polk Central and Tryon High Schools. They are also available at the Polk County Library and the Polk County Campus of Isothermal Community College. These applications are available for high school students who are planning to go to college or working women wishing to continue their education.

Applications must be returned to Judy P. Arledge, 362 Silver Creek Road, Mill Spring, N.C. 28756 by April 15, 1990. For further information, please contact Mrs. Arledge at 894-8139. Reporter

Crowned Polk County Child Development King and Queen



On March 7, 1990, 3 year old Olivia Shehan, daughter of Mrs. Cynthia Shehan was crowned Little Miss Polk County Child Development. 3 year old Darren Martin, son of Mrs. Frances Miller was crowned Little Master Polk County Child Development. Both children were given a trophy. These children sold the most votes at one dollar each. Proceeds go into the special center fund to purchase educational materials for the

The King and Queen accepted the celebration quite well. -Reporter

Green Blades Garden Club

The Executive Committee of the Green Blades will meet at 10 a.m. in the Mural Room of the Tryon Fine Arts Center, Thursday, March 29.

May Primary Voting Underway

Absentee voting began Monday in the May 8th primary which likely will decide Polk County's next sheriff.

The deadline to register and still be eligible to vote in the primary is April 9th.

Registered Democrats on May 8th will have the opportunity to choose:

* between two candidates in the Polk County sheriff's race. Running for sheriff are Boyce Carswell, sheriff since 1974, and Don Splawn, formerly the department's chief jailer from 1982-88. Splawn is now employed with Freeman-Wood Construction of Greenville.

There is no Republican candidate for sheriff, so the Democratic primary winner will run unopposed in November.

* between three candidates for two superior court judgeships in the 29th Judicial District, Loto J. Greenlee, Zoro J. Guice, Jr., and Hollis M. Owens, Jr.

* between six candidates for District 48's three seats in the N.C. House. District 48 includes Cleveland, Polk and Rutherford counties.

The candidates are incumbents Dr. John J. "Jack" Hunt, a dentist from Cleveland County who has served in the house since 1973, and Edith Lutz, an apple grower from Cleveland County who was first electedin 1976.

New candidates are Rick Gilbert, the director of the

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