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The weather Tuesday: high 93, low 68, hum. 75 percent. The Tryon rain gauges of Robert Dedmond registered .41 inches of rain and more appeared to be on the way at presstime Wednesday.

The Bulletin received a letter recently about a boating accident on Lake Lanier, wondering why there had been no news stories about it yet in local papers.

We tracked down some facts today, but first a message. Often, you, the reader, are the one we local reporters rely on to tip us when something has occurred. It's just a fact of life in a small town that regular citizens, not "official sources," are often the ones who bring out the news.

No one mentioned the Lake Lanier accident to the Bulletin staff until a week ago.

So, if you find yourself wondering why something has not appeared in our columns, ask yourself if you thought to call us. We would appreciate the courtesy and the tip and will go to work on it.

Now, about the Lake Lanier boating accident. A report was filed with the S.C. Division of Wildlife and Marine Resources

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Medicare Adjustments Cost Hospital Millions

On August 16, St. Luke's Hospital Board of Trustees unanimously approved an \$11,700,000 revenue budget for fiscal year 1991 which begins October 1.

The proposed budget projects \$2,600,000 in Medicare contractual adjustments. Contractual adjustments are the difference between hospital charges and the amount actually paid by the Medicare program.

Additionally, the hospital projects \$235,000 in indigent care will be provided next fiscal year. This means that between Medicare adjustments and indigent care, the hospital will "write off" nearly \$3 million. "I believe this is clearly an indication of our commitment to the community," said Joseph Claud, board chairman.

Total expenses for fiscal year 1991 are projected to be \$8,575,000, with over \$3.5 million allocated for salaries.

In addition to the operating budget, the board approved \$422,000 capital expenditure budget for next year.

The trustees discussed at length the problems imposed by the Medicare program. "It is impossible to know at this point, what we can expect in the way of payment from Medicare," explained Thomas Bradshaw, hospital president. "Typically, Congress has used Medicare cuts to reduce the federal deficit. With Medicare recipients comprising

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Communication



Dear Jeff,

The problems with the Middle East affect us all in one way or another. I'd like to share my feeling with anyone who will take the time to read this and the time to say a prayer for all the sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, mother and fathers who are being sent over there! This letter is to our daughter Cpl. Tonya D. Durham.

Dearest Daughter,

When your call came Friday night, your dad and I had just sat down to eat "the Friday night special." We don't have it very much anymore since you kids are gone. Dad seemed real happy when he first started talking, but he got real quiet and the expression on his face grew troubled. The more he talked to you, the more I understood what you were saying. I started to cry and he finally handed the phone to me.

Our family has been through tough times, but my heart has

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Tryon Colored School Reunion

The first two day annual school reunion of Tryon Color Schools, Edmond-Embury School and Good Shepherd School was held on August 18-19th.

The very successful Saturday event consist of a teacher's roll call of which seven former teachers were present. During the class roll call many former students were present representing the years 1926-1966. There were former students attending from New York, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, Ohio and North Carolina.

The program closed with a delicious buffet dinner provided by the community.

The keynote speaker on Sunday was Miss O.B. Wiggins of Asheville, a former teacher of Edmond Embury School, for eighteen years. Her speech, "Remember the Past with Vision for the Future," was an inspiring message well recieved by former students and guests. Music was provided by St. Luke Male Chorus.

The festive occasion ended with a tour of the former Edmond-Embury School building where refreshments were served on the ground.

Chairpersons for the event, James Griffin and Lucy King wish to thank their committees and the community for their support and cooperation.