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The weather Wednesday: high 49, low 16, hum. 58 percent.

We were all so looking forward to snow, but by 2 p.m. Thursday, there was none. It was unusual to us to see school called off for miles around just on the threat of snow. Perhaps the school kids will take up a collection and pay off the weatherman for more such predictions!

The persons who've purchased "lifecare" residences in Tryon Estates were to meet with corporate officers of ACTS, Inc. this morning at the Tryon Fine Arts Center.

In light of recent announcements that Tryon Estates lost its financing with First Union Bank, this was expected to be a very important meeting.

Tryon Estates executive director Sam Collier said, "We have some positive things to relate to our residents."

He said some progress has been made in locating new financing and that progress will continue to be made.

There is one rumor about ACTS floating around that we asked Collier about, and that is that ACTS was taken over last year by another firm.

Collier said ACTS, Inc., a non-profit corporation, was not taken

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Beechwood Residents Cannot Appeal Ruling

The Town of Columbus' rezoning of five acres along Hwy. 108, which was opposed vigorously by several residents of Beechwood, was ruled on Jan. 15 by the N.C. Court of Appeals to be legal.

The case was heard Dec. 4, 1990, 18 months after the rezoning occurred.

Virginia Dale said she and the two other plaintiffs in the case, Irwin Winter and Jerry Shannon, have not had a chance to review the appeals court brief to decide whether or not they will continue the appeals process, taking the case to the N.C. Supreme Court.

But Columbus Town Attorney Chris Callahan said the plaintiffs have no right of appeal since the appeals court judges were unanimous in their decision. If the judges had split the decision, the plaintiffs would have a right to ask the Supreme Court to hear the case, he said.

"The most they can do now is petition for a 'discretionary review'," Callahan said. The Supreme Court judges have the option to hear or not hear a review, Callahan said.

Callahan said he has never filed for a review, and he did not know how long the plaintiffs have before they must decide.

Bill Wakefield, the owner of the property and owner of Wakefield Buick in Spartanburg, said he believes the case has dragged on too long already.

Wakefield is the former owner of TLC Chevrolet/GEO on South Trade Street just across the state

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At Tryon Rotary



Monday, Jan. 28 at noon, the Tryon Rotary Club will hear Henry Janiec, Director of Brevard Music Center.

This is Mr. Janiec's 26th year at the Brevard Music Center. Since 1965 he has served as principal conductor of the Music Center Orchestra and the Opera Workshop, as well as making guest appearances with other performing groups of the Center.

In addition to his artistic duties, in which he is charged with the direction of the educational and performance programs of the Center, he also serves as its principal administrative officer.

A native of NJ, Janiec joined the faculty of the School of Music at Converse College in 1952 after graduating from Oberlin Conservatory. He was appointed Dean of the School of Music in 1967. Janiec has been principal conductor or music director of

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Dug Hill Residents Meet On Fire Protection

The residents along Dug Hill Road will have a meeting at the Rock Springs Baptist Church on Dug Hill Rd. on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. to discuss the fire protection situation confronting them.

Chamber Members Only!

The Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce wants to remind its members of the first "after hours" this year, to be held on Thursday, Jan. 31.

This gathering is being sponsored by First Federal Savings Bank.

Wedge & Wine will have various wines available at a nominal cost and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be on hand. We will also have a non-alcoholic punch.

The festivities will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Mimosa Inn on Hwy. 108 in Tryon.

Please call the Chamber office at 859-6236 by 5 pm Mon. Jan. 28 with a reservation head count. We look forward to seeing all our members! — Reporter.

R.D. Van Buskirk

Funeral arrangements for Richard D. Van Buskirk have been rescheduled for 11 a.m. this morning at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Dudley Stroup officiating.