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The weather Thursday: high 59, low 38, hum. 48 percent, and .37 inches of rain fell.

January's overall precipitation was nearly a third of an inch more than the 5.32-inch average for the month, according to Robert Dedmondt's gages (.29 inches to be exact, for any of you statisticians).

The first round dual team championships in wrestling begin today at the Tryon gymnasium.

The Polk County Board of Commissioners meets tonight. Before they do, however, the board will convene a final public hearing at 7 p.m. in the courthouse courtroom to allow public discussion of the naming of the secondary roads in the county.

The Saluda Town Council meets tonight at 7:30 p.m.

George Johnson of Tryon will present a slide show on the preservation and restoration of homes for the Polk County Historical Society tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at the Stearns Educational Center.

Bloodmobile Today

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Parish House of Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Tryon today, Monday. Hours are 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Jean Stratford, executive director of the Polk County Chapter of the American Red Cross, said that a good turnout is very important in order to meet blood quotas for Operation Desert Storm.

Causby To Appear On WTYN

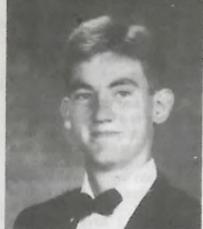
On Tuesday, February 5, Dr. James Causby, Polk Schools Superintendent, will appear on "Community News and Views", a morning radio show on WTYN in Tryon.

At 9:30 a.m., Dr. Causby will be the guest of David Bivens, the show's host. He will answer questions about the new high school construction, the restructuring of the curriculum, and the renovation of other schools in Polk County.

"Community News and Views" is broadcast every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9:30 to about 9:50 a.m., featuring a variety of people who are knowledgeable on topics of interest to most citizens. - Reporter

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Ledford Attends **Leaders Conference**



Danny Ledford of Lynn attended the 1991 National Young Leaders Conference from Jan. 22 to 27, in Washington, D.C. Having demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and citizenship, Danny was among 350 high school students from across the nation at the conference for outstanding young leaders sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

The theme of the National Young Leaders Conference was "The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today." Throughout the six-day conference, the scholars met with key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of government, the media and the diplomatic corps.

Thank you to all those sponsors who made my trip possible. Your support was greatly appreciated," Ledford said. - Reporter

Jury Handed **Tucker Case**

A Durham pathologist called to the stand Friday morning in the trial of James Christopher Tucker disputed the medical conclusions of the state's expert

The trial of Tucker, who faces second degree murder charges in the death of his two-yearold son, wound up Friday afternoon. The defense rested before lunch, and the jury was to receive instructions Friday afternoon.

Pathologist Dr. Steven Vogel of Durham testified for the defense Friday morning. He used illustrations to bolster his contention that a stomach injury was not the cause of Nathan Adam Hill's death.

On Thursday, the associate chief medical examiner had testified for the state that his autopsy showed the boy died from a trauma to the stomach which caused the rupture and hemoraging of the lining of the abdomen, a condition called peritonitis.

Dr. Vogel had reviewed the autopsy. "In my mind, I would not at all be satisfied in saying that this child died of peritonitis," Vogel told the court. "He did not die by any physical trauma.'

Vogel said it is hard to determine what the cause of death was.

Also called for the defense (Continued On Back Page)