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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1991

The weather Monday: high 56, low 38, hum. 75 percent.

Happy 95th birthday to Dr. Homer Beal of Woodland Terrace in Tryon - a veteran of World War I and World War II.

Spring sports are upon us. Polk County Wolverine tennis players scrimmaged with Chase High School Tuesday, and men's golf and varsity baseball teams will each scrimmage tomorrow. Soon, the seasons will be underway

The Church of the Holy Cross in Tryon has been full each Wednesday at noon as people of all denominations have gathered to pray for loved ones and for peace.

Today, they will gather at 12:15 p.m. to offer thanks for the peace that has come in the Persian Gulf. To that prayer, we would add one another: let it last and spread throughout that region.

Al Brown, associate coordinator of the U.S. Postal Service for the "287" zip area will present a plaque to Virginia Owensby March 15 at 10 a.m. in honor of her appointment as the new Lynn, N.C. Postmaster.

Bell, Pace, Win **County Spelling Bee**

Stephen Bell and Patricia Jo Pace, two eighth graders from Saluda School, won the Polk County Spelling Bee on February 26 at Stearns Education Center in Columbus.

The ten other challengers, all champions and runners-up from grades 4-8 in their individual schools, were eliminated only after several hard-fought rounds. They were, respectively, Michael Barnes and Cliff Gordon from Green Creek, Jessi Bromwell and Donnie McCraw from Mill Spring; Joe King and Dwayne Bolt from Polk Central, Wendy Yon and Crystal Bailey from Sunny View, and Hannah Rogers and Benji McCall from Tryon Elementary.

Among words which stumped these young experts were noble, extinct, chalice, coordinate, bandanna and parquet.

When a member of the audience raised a question regarding an alternate spelling of judgment, the judges allowed Pace, who had been disqualified with judgement, to reenter the contest, which was down to four contestants.

Next, Wendy Yon, the Sunny View champion, missed purloin, and Dwayne Bolt, the runner-up from Polk Central, misspelled tenement, leaving only Pace and Bell. For several rounds both finalists misspelled such words as tarpaulin, leprechaun, madrilene, comradery,

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Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin William Goodwin of Tryon announce the engagement of their daughter, Tamara Gwynne Goodwin, to Wesley James Gravelle II of Columbia, S.C.

Miss Goodwin is a 1982 honor graduate of Tryon High School and also a graduate of M.L. College of Fashion and Design. She is a freelance fashion model and is employed as a buyer for Round Robin, Inc. in Columbia, S.C.

Mr. Gravelle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley James Gravelle Sr. of Los Angeles, Calif. and Columbia, S.C., is a 1981 graduate of Hammond academy. He is also a graduate of the University of South Carolina School of Business and is presently completing his Masters Degree in Epidemiology. He is employed by the USC School of Medicine in the Department of Immunological Research.

The wedding will be held May 18 at Tryon First Baptist Church.

Swim Club Deadline

Monday, March 11, is the deadline for making reservations for the Tryon Swim Club luncheon which is being held in conjunction with the club's annual meeting at Brannon's Restaurant on Thursday, March 14. Members planning to attend should notify Sally Hollweg at 859-6139.

A punch bowl social is planned for noon. Lunch will be served at 12:30 with the meeting scheduled to state at 1:30. - Reporter

St. Patrick's Day **Festivities at TCC**

On Sunday, March 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be a gathering of the clans at the Tryon Country Club to celebrate in a proper fashion this noteworthy day.

Corned beef sandwiches, dessert and coffee will be served. For those wishing to add the appropriate libations-BYOB.

Members and their guests should sign up early at the club. - Reporter

Baseball Meeting

There will be a meeting of all managers and coaches of Polk County Little League and Senior League Teams. Anyone interested in managing or coaching a team please plan to attend on March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Tryon Town Hall. All managers from last season must bring their equipment.- Reporter