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The weather was, well, nice. For a better description, we'll have to wait for the return of our official weather recorder.

The Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce's "Visitors Guide and Membership Directory" is back from the printers, and it looks *mahvelous, darling*.

Registration for the Spring Session takes place today from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at Discovery House of the Arts, 115 Walnut Street in Tryon.

Sgt. Diane Masologites, U.S. Army, and Capt. Larry Biggers, U.S. Marine Corps, will be the featured speakers today at Tryon Rotary's "welcome home" luncheon. Both served in the Persian Gulf.

Tickets are on sale for the Tryon Little Theater production of "Send Me No Flowers." The show will be on stage May 2-5.

There will be auditions for this summer's Tryon Youth Center production of *Grease* Saturday, May 4 at 9 a.m.

The Pea Ridge Community Club will be holding a Breakfast and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 4, beginning at 6 a.m.

The Polk County campus of Isothermal Community College
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Thermal Belt BPW Scholarships

The Thermal Belt Business and Women's Club will again offer two scholarships this year. The first one will be to a high school senior.

The applications have been distributed to the high schools: Landrum High School, Polk Central High School and Tryon High School.

There are also applications at the Columbus Library, the Landrum Library and the Lanier Library.

This scholarship will be in the amount of \$500. The deadline for applications will be May 22, 1991.

The second scholarship will be in memory of Hazel Wiggins, the amount to be determined by donations. This scholarship will offers to the clients of Steps To Hope, please contact Steps To Hope for applications.

—Community Reporter

Daffy Jills Meet

The next meeting of the Daffy Jills Garden Club will be Thurs., May 2 at 1:30 p.m. The home of Mrs. Jos. Hughes will be the meeting place and co-hostesses will be Mrs. N. Orchard, Mrs. J. Rutledge and Mrs. J.E. Parks.

Mrs. George Gray will give the program, *The Magnolia Gardens of Charleston, S.C.*

—Community Reporter



Tom A. Smith

Smith Accepts Asheville Position

Tom A. Smith of Columbus has been named vice president of finance of Thoms Rehabilitation Hospital Health Service Corporation in Asheville.

Smith, a native of Kentucky and a graduate of the University of Louisville, comes to his new position with eleven years of healthcare finance experience in both non-profit and proprietary settings. For the past 3 1/2 years he was the chief financial officer at St. Luke's Hospital in Columbus.

Smith will be responsible for all financial operations of the 80-bed rehabilitation hospital and its affiliates. Additionally, he will have administrative responsibility for all aspects of

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Favorable Credit Rating Expected

Polk County's school superintendent, county manager and commission chairman all expect a good credit rating after visiting two financial rating companies in New York last Wednesday and Thursday.

Word on Polk's exact credit rating should arrive early this week. Sealed bids will be received May 7 for the sale of the bonds.

Supt. James F. Causby, County Manager John Lewis and County Commission Chairman Jeannie Martin traveled to New York to present county audits from the past three years, reports on the current budget year, and other pertinent data on Polk County to officers with Standard and Poors and Moody's, the top two financial rating companies in the nation.

Both companies are located in the financial district of Manhattan.

A favorable credit rating for Polk County could result in lower interest rates on the \$14 million school bonds, Causby said.

Neither bond rating company identified any problems with the county's finances and each only asked for minimum additional information, such as the percentage of high school graduates going on to college, Dr. Causby said.

The rating officers were impressed that more Wall Street

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