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The weather Tuesday: high 76, low 64, hum. 52 percent and 1.08 inches of rain fell. Altogether, 8.18 inches of rain fell in April, well over the average of 5.31 inches. So far this year 24.98 inches of rain has fallen, a surplus of 1.69 inches over the average. Last year was far wetter, however, with a surplus of 6.9 inches through April.

Dr. Terry Staggs of upper Greenville County near Landrum was featured in the *Spartanburg-Herald Journal* Monday. Staggs was complaining that his portion of Greenville County is overtaxed.

Some northeastern Greenville County residents pay 43 percent more school tax than their neighbors to the south because they are included in the Spartanburg County Schools District 1. They want the district lines redrawn so that Greenville children are taken back into Greenville schools.

About 134 upper Greenville County students attend Spartanburg District 1 schools.

The district lines were drawn in 1952, at a time when the area was "backwoods," Staggs said.

"We realize county and school
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New Arrival

Herbert and Therese Twitty of Tryon are parents of a son, Jimmy Tyrone born April 12 at Rutherford Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 15 ozs.. His brother Ryan Herbert is 20 months old.

Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Vera Twitty of Tryon.

Maternal grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. James Lowrance of Green Creek. Great-grandmother is Mrs. Irene Twitty.

—Community Reporter

Green Blades Meet

The luncheon meeting of the Green Blades Garden Club will be on Thursday, May 9, at 12 noon at the home of Mrs. Gordon Arey, 221 Marion Street.

The chairmen's annual reports are due at this meeting.

Members are requested to car pool from the Congregational Church Parking lot.

—Community Reporter



Tryon Crafts regrets that the bus trip to Schiele Museum on May 7 has been cancelled.

—Community Reporter



(Photo by Robert F. Hunter)

Spring Concert

by Eileen White

When the Tryon Community Chorus presents its Spring Concert on May 17, 18, and 19, Roxanna Headlee, pictured above, will follow the Kyrie sections of the first movement of the Mass in G by Johannes Brahms with the soprano solo of the central Christe with its choral extension.

The Mass in G is simple and tuneful, much to the taste of Antonio Salieri, the Emperor's music director. Roxanna Headlee is a North Carolinian who studied voice performance at Montreat-Anderson College. She has sung Oratorios and chorus as a soloist and an ensemble singer. Currently, she sings in the choir at the Church of the Holy Cross in Tryon, as well as the Community Chorus.

S&P Gives Polk 'A'

Standard & Poor's bond rating agency gave Polk County an 'A' credit rating, it was announced late Tuesday.

That makes it all A's. County officials learned Monday that Moody's had given Polk County an 'A.'

John Boyle, of Raymond James & Associates Inc. in Tryon, said 'A' is "a great rating." He said he believes Polk might have been rated even higher, AA or AAA, if the county were not making its first application for credit.

He said the highest rating, AAA, is usually only given for insured bonds. Had Polk gotten an AAA rating, its interest rate on the \$14 million bond issue might have been a quarter of a point less, Boyle said.

As it is, the 'A' rating will save the county hundreds of thousands of dollars over the interest expense which might have been incurred had the county's rating been lower. A quarter of a point drop in the interest rate will save the county roughly \$540,000 over the 20-year life of the bonds.

Bids for the Polk County school bonds are scheduled to be opened May 7. County officials are anticipating bids of interest rates in the mid-6s.

Boyle said his company may submit a bid for the bonds. He said he has checked with area clients and found "fairly good interest" in purchasing Polk's

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