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The weekend weather: Friday, high 90, low 63, hum. 62 percent; Saturday, high 93, low 65, hum. 63 percent; Sunday, high 92, low 68, hum. 58 percent.

Contrary to what you might have thought, there has been just slightly more rain than average so far this year, according to our official weather recorder Robert Dedmond. Last year was even wetter.

The average precipitation January to June is 34.82. So far this year, we've had 34.97 inches, a surplus of just .15 inches. Last year we experienced a surplus of 4.22 inches.

There was a total of 4.31 inches of rain recorded in June, less than the average by 1.36 inches.

Joel B. Rosch, director of research and development for the State Bureau of Investigation, told the Asheville Citizen-Times Monday that rural citizens are more likely to be victims of crime than they used to be.

SBI figures show reported crimes in Tryon have risen from 53 in 1984, to 77 in 1989.

Rosch blamed the growing
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TR&HC Office On Summer Schedule

The Tryon Riding and Hunt Club has gone to its summer office hours for the months of July and August.

The office on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, and closed on the 4th of July.

So please call to make sure someone is there.

Polk County Peaches

Warm summer days often create lackadaisical moods which can easily be changed with a cool refreshing beverage made from Polk County peaches.

This year there is an abundant crop of this nutritious fruit... the peach. For your convenience, the Cooperative Extension Service has compiled a list of the local peach producers, their phone numbers, varieties they grow, and the beginning ripening dates. After you get this free list, purchase your peaches, try the following recipe for Peach Slush: (Makes 6 cups)

2 cups thin sliced peaches
1 pint vanilla yogurt ice cream
2 cups cold nonfat skim milk
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon almond extract

Place peaches in blender container, cover. Blend at high speed until peaches are pulsed, about 1 minute. Add ice cream, blend on high speed 30 seconds. Add milk, lemon juice and almond extract; blend until foamy about 30 seconds. Serve immediately.



Mr. and Mrs. Cochran

65th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cochran of Tryon will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary July 4. Joining them in celebration will be their son, Jack Cochran, and family of Greensboro, N.C.; their daughter, Doris Williams and family of Tryon; and their grandson, Dr. Kenneth Cochran and family of Green Creek.

The couple has six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cochran was the former Gillian Collins.

Buys Home

Terry W. McEntire has purchased the home of Dr. Robert and Donna James at 109 Woodland Rd. in Tryon.

Peggy Dedman was the selling agent and Phil Edwards handled the transaction. Both are agents with Coldwell Banker Town & Country, Realtors.

Tryon Estates Financing Closed

Construction on Tryon Estates should begin again in earnest Monday, July 8, according to Ed Romanow.

Romanow is vice president for development with Total Care Systems, the firm which manages ACTS Inc.'s 14 retirement communities.

ACTS has been working on finding a lender to back the completion of Tryon Estates ever since a loan commitment with First Union Bank was pulled last fall.

Romanow said the loan has closed and the funds are in ACTS' portfolio, drawing interest.

"We actually have the cash," he said. Romanow praised the Thermal Belt community for its patience and understanding.

Romanow said through all the delays, only two residents withdrew from the project and one of those has returned.

"There should be no further disruptions," he said.

The first phase of the retirement village was expected to be ready for occupancy in January 1992. Kim Johnson, the executive in charge of construction, said he is now analyzing the effect of the delays on the construction schedule.

"We will do everything we can to adhere to the commitments we've made," Johnson said.