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The weather Tuesday: high 82, low 67, hum. 68 percent, and by 7 a.m. Wednesday .02 inches of rain had fallen.

Official weather recorder Robert Dedmondt added up the July rainfall Wednesday morning and found 8.51 inches had fallen during the month. The interesting thing though is this: the first 17 days of the month saw only .017 inches, and in just the last week we had 5.8 inches. Feast or famine.

Elizabeth Winter of Columbus wonders why Americans are celebrating Desert Storm. She sent along a letter to the editor clipped from another paper which compares America's "military glorification" parades with those put on by the communist and facist dictatorships of the past.

"This was no victory at all," the letter reads, "but a nasty, ignoble little war - a contest of bullies and military hardware that left everyone (except possibly George Bush) worse off and deeper in debt."

What's happening:

The annual tour of Historic Flat Rock Inc. will take place Friday, August 2. Tickets are on

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Lutz To Try Again For Transfer Tax

The Polk County transfer tax bill is dead for now, but may come up again when the General Assembly reconvenes in May, 1992.

The bill would have provided for a 1 percent tax on all sales of real property in the county, but only if the measure was approved by Polk County voters in a referendum.

County officials asked Rep. Edith Lutz to sponsor the bill, saying they needed an additional source of revenue to handle long-term "capital project" needs, such as landfill construction, sewer and water projects, and county facilities.

The transfer tax bill received a "favorable report" from the House Finance Committee, said

She said the bill next was referred to subcommittee, where no vote was taken on the measure before the General Assembly adjourned.

"I may try to get it through when we go back in May," she said. "If the people are willing for a referendum for it, then it's fine with me."

Lutz said there were a lot of lobbyists opposing the measure.

Ladies Bridge

Red Fox Ladies Tuesday Bridge meet on Tuesday, July 30. Results were as follows: 1st Brenda Merkel, 2nd Kathleen Glunz, 3nd Ann Voyda. -Community Reporter

New Arrival

A baby girl was born July 20 to Polk County Commissioner Tim McCormack and his wife Sheila.

Keelia Brooke McCormack was born at 7:46 a.m. at Mary Black Hospital. She was 7 lbs., 4 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long.

Keelia has three sisters, Danielle, 10, Jennifer, 6, and Shanna, 3.



Fred Schairer is given a Rotary Desk Clock upon his retiring after 12 years as secretary for Tryon Rotary.

Retires As **Rotary Secretary**

At the July 1st meeting of Tryon Rotary Club, past president Arthur Fisher recognized Frederick M. Schairer for 12 years of excellent and faithful service to Rotary as secretary of the club. Fred has been replaced

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O.P. Earle **Registration Begins**

O. P. Earle Elementary School in Landrum will have pre-registration for the 1991-92 school year on August 7, 8 and 9 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

New students and all students entering O. P. Earle for the first time must bring their certified (not hospital) birth certificate, S.C. Immunization Certificate and Social Security Card. New and returning students will be able to pay fees and receive their class assignments.

The CSAB readiness test will be administered during the three days of registration to all students entering the first grade. If your child is to attend the first grade at O. P. Earle and you have not already received notification of the testing schedule, please contact the school on August 5.

Pre-registration for the Landrum Recreation Center's Afterschool Youth Club for children in grades K-6 will also be taken on August 7, 8 and 9. The cost for this program is \$15 a week per child. For more information, please contact Vera Miles at 457-4244.

-Community Reporter

Meeting Place Bridge

Results of the Tuesday afternoon Meeting Place Bridge are as follows: 1st Paul Hicks, 2nd Eddie Fitzgibbon, 3rd Norman Newell, 4th Agnes Kelly. -Community Reporter