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The weather Wednesday: high 92, low 68, hum. 69 percent, and by Thursday at 7 a.m. .05 inches of rain had fallen.

A conservation tip was passed along to us recently from Bill Hague. He read the following clip in *Car & Driver*:

"Americans are throwing gas money down the drain - perhaps as much as \$4 billion a year. That's the finding of a recent report from the General Accounting Office. Pointing to an Energy Department study, the GAO says that sales of premium-grade gasoline increased from 14 percent of total gas sales in 1984 to 23 percent in 1989. Yet the percentage of new autos that require premium dropped from 27 percent in 1971 to just 6 percent in 1988. Even when old cars are factored in, the percentage of all cars on the road requiring premium fuel dropped from 18 percent to 15 percent in 1988. So why the rise in premium use? A lot of clever marketing by the petro giants, most likely. Remember: unless your car's tank says "Premium Unleaded Only," fill it up with regular unleaded. Your engine

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Man Who Dropped Dumbbell Gets Life

Timothy Lee Waldrop, 22, of Gramling, was found guilty of murder Wednesday and given a mandatory life sentence.

He will be eligible for parole in 20 years.

The Spartanburg jury refused to dismiss the act of dropping a dumbbell from an overpass as an unintentional accident, as the defense had argued.

Defense attorneys said their client was guilty of manslaughter, not murder, in the death of Indiana trucker Philip Earl Reed.

One juror said the jury felt Waldrop probably did not want to kill anyone, but was old enough to know the danger and dropped the deadly weights into the path of the oncoming truck anyway.

No trial dates have been set for the three other young men who were on the Landrum Mill Road bridge the night of March 21, 1990.

Arlo Schuler, 18, David Lee Alverson, 18, and William Roy Camp III, 17, all of Inman, are also charged with murder, but may receive reduced sentences for agreeing to testify against Waldrop.

Roseland Open House Saturday

There will be an open house with hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks for sale at Roseland Recreation Center at noon Saturday.



Bryan Hutcherson

Polk County Rookie Of Year

Byran Hutcherson, member of the Polk County Little League Pirates, was chosen Rookie of the Year.

He was presented a trophy recently by the Polk County Little League Association.

Bryan will be a 4th grade student at Tryon Elementary this fall. He also participates in the American Youth Soccer Association and enjoys swimming.

He is the son of Robie and Cindy Hutcherson of Columbus. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Grover Whitmire of Sunny View and Mrs. Joy Stuckey of Kingstree, S.C.

-Community Reporter

Bill Kuhn To Speak

Bill Kuhn, a retired chemical engineer will be guest speaker at the Thermal Belt Rotary meeting on Monday evening, August 12. Bill worked for American Car Company for 41 years before his retirement in 1982. Bill and his wife have lived in Tryon for a number of years and have been active in many local volunteer groups.

In addition to his local volunteer service, he has on two occasions accepted consulting assignment for the International Executive Service Corps (IESC). These assignments involved service in Jamaica and Thailand.

Bill's subject on Monday evening will be *The International Executive Service Corps as a Change of Pace for Retirees*.

The Thermal Belt Rotary Club invites anyone interested in more information about IESC to attend our meeting at Western Steer in Columbus at 6:30 p.m.

-Community Reporter

Dotson Won 2-on-2 Volleyball Contest

Rene Dotson was part of the winning team in the 2-on-2 competition at the UNC-Asheville volleyball camp held recently.

Dotson, a Polk County High School team member, played with an individual from another school.