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The weather Tuesday, high 92, low 66, hum. 70 percent.

The Brannons have sold The Vineyard Restaurant. The new owner is Ernie Barham, a retiree from Miami Beach, Fla.

Ernie was not available for comment Wednesday, but Doug Brannon reports that the closing is taking place in two parts. The first closing was held two weeks ago. The final closing will be held in October.

Brannon said he believes Barham plans to open the restaurant Nov. 1.

"He plans to ease into that," Brannon said. "He has to hire an entire staff."

Welcome to Tryon, Ernie Barham.

What's happening:

The Tryon Elementary School PTA will meet tonight, starting with an open house at 6:30 and a general meeting starting at 7:30 to hear a panel discuss child abuse.

Reservations for the Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce annual dinner to be held at The Vineyard next Tuesday must be made by Saturday at noon. Call 859-6236.

The North Carolina Big Sweep program will hold a (Continued On Back Page)

New Arrival

Ronnie and Norma (Levi) Hunt of Spartanburg, are parents of a son, Wayne Brackett, born on Tues., Sept. 17, at Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, Spartanburg, S.C.

He weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandmother is Alice Levi of Orlando, Florida.

Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Wayne Hunt of Gaffney, S.C.

Landrum Petition Drive Can Force Question On Ballot

A petition drive to require a public vote on the question of expanding the size of Landrum's Town Council has enough signatures.

Councilman Doug Brannon, who favors expansion, said Wednesday that 160 persons have signed the petition, roughly 15 percent of Landrum's 1,089 registered voters.

S.C. law requires at least 15 percent of a jurisdiction's registered voters on a petition before requiring a public referendum vote.

The petitioners are seeking to have the public vote on whether to enlarge the town council from four to six members. The present council had voted in August to put the matter on the ballot in November. But by a 3-2 vote last week decided to take the matter back off the ballot.

Brannon has argued that a (Continued On Back Page)



Pam McNeil Thompson

'Fiddler' Music Director

Pam McNeil Thompson is shown at the keyboard preparing for a rehearsal of *Fiddler on the Roof*, the musical that Tryon Little Theater will present at the Fine Arts Center September 26-29. Pam is serving as Music Director, her fourth such assignment for TLT, her others being *Call Me Madam*, *Something's Afoot* and *High Spirits*.

Pam is enthusiastic about *Fiddler*. She says, "the tunes are unassuming, yet ingratiating. They dramatize with feeling the lives of Tevye and other dwellers in Anatevka." She goes on to say that of the songs, some are comic, others poignant, such as the devout *Sabbath Prayer*, and the gentle *Sunrise, Sunset* that marks the flight of years, the growing-up of children.

Tickets are still available. The box office is open daily.

Driver's License Office Now Open Wednesdays Only

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles driver's license office in Columbus is now open Wednesdays only.

The branch office was open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but hours were cut due to state budget cutbacks, Sgt. Mary June Pate announced this week.

The Columbus office, located beneath the county jail, will be open from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

On other days, persons needing license office service can either visit the Hendersonville or Forest City license offices. Both are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, but Pate said the office is sometimes unable to serve people who arrive after 4 p.m. before closing time.

The Hendersonville office is located on Hwy. 25 North at Baystone Drive. Phone 704-692-6915.

The Forest City office is located on Hwy. 74 Bypass, across from Isothermal Community College, below the Wal-Mart.

Public Hearing

The Polk County Board of Commissioners will conduct a Public Hearing on Mon., Oct. 7, 1991 at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Courthouse Annex, Columbus. The subject of the Public Hearing will be the proposed Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax.