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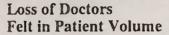
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St. Luke's Hospital in-patient volumes were down 31% for October, and the hospital president attributes at least some of these low numbers to the loss of two medical staff doctors.

Dr. Andrew Rogers, surgeon, and Dr. Kenneth Curl, internist/pediatrician, having gone has had some impact on decreased admissions, St. Luke's president Tom Bradshaw told the hospital board of trustees Thursday.

In addition, at least eight physicians have seen a decrease in admissions compared to the same period last year, while other physicians have seen an increase in admissions, Bradshaw said. Most of the decrease is in surgery, he added.

The monthly report also shows a \$13,000 excess of the budget, Bradshaw reported. Out-patient revenues were right on budget, he said.

However, operating expenses are \$114,000 under budget, Bradshaw said. Operating expenses were under budget in almost all categories, he pointed

Trustee Ted Owens asked if hospital admissions are usually down in December.

"Yes, surgery should go down, but the flu epidemic may pick up," Bradshaw answered.

The trend of not going to the hospital unless you absolutely have to shows in the month of October," said trustee chairman Joe Claud.

-C. Wharton



Gus Hoffman

Receives Governor's Award

At the Nov. board meeting of FENCE, the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center, board chairman Gustav A. Hoffman was inducted into The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. This recognition is granted only by the Governor and is considered the most prestigious of the several categories of awards presented by the state of North Carolina.

Guidelines by which recipients are chosen include community achievement which embodies extra effort plus longevity and consistency of service. Presented on be half of Governor James G. Martin, the award honors Hoffman for his achievements at FENCE, the Foothills Equestrian Nature Center.

A found director of FENCE, Hoffman has served as Board Chairman, President and CEO. He and his wife Jeanne moved to Tryon in 1976. Prior to his (Continued On Back Page)

McFalls Body Found In Green Creek. Landrum Woman Missing Since Oct.

Polk County Chief Deputy Calvin Atkins received a report Monday from the Chief Medical Examiner's that a woman's body found Friday evening in the woods off East Green Creek Drive was that of Angelia Brown McFalls.

McFalls, 20, of Landrum, has been missing since Oct. 17. The identification was made using chest X-rays of McFalls taken after an auto accident.

Atkins said Monday that he was still awaiting the medical examiner's report on the cause of death.

When Polk County officers found it, Atkins said the body was badly decomposed. He estimated it had been laying in the woods four to five weeks.

Landrum Police Chief Gary Laughter said his department also is "working furiously around the clock on the case."

Atkins said he and several other officers were following up a complaint Friday night at about 9:15. They walked into the woods looking for a campsite, Atkins said, when they caught the odor of decomposition.

Not far away, the officers found the body covered with sticks and leaves and an old otten stump. Atkins said the area was roped off and guarded overnight and officers returned

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The weekend weather Friday, high 72, low 56, hum. 60 percent, and 47 inches of rain fell; Saturday, high 68, low 39, hum. 60 percent, and .10 inches of rain; Sunday, high 58, low 38, hum. 60 per-

cent. If you follow pro football, you know that Washington and Dallas have a pretty good rivalry going. Something on the order of Alabama and Auburn,

or Ohio State and Michigan. So wouldn't you know it had to be Dallas to end the Redskins' winning streak. Dallas! Alas, take heart, it will not be Dallas in the Super Bowl. The Redskins will see to that. All in good time.

What's happening: Tuesday School will hold a Thanksgiving bake sale tomorrow from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in front of The Book Shelf on Pacolet Street in Tryon.

The Tryon Hounds will meet at 10 Thanksgiving morning at Caroland Farm, and again Saturday the 30th at McSwain

Orchard.

Emme Pebler and Joan Schairer are preparing a Thanksgiving meal for people who would otherwise eat alone,

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