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The weekend weather: Friday, high 60, low 27, hum. 58 percent; Saturday, high 65, low 28, hum. 60 percent; Sunday, high 71, low 34, hum. 62 percent.

The Candlelight Stroll Friday evening in Tryon drew, by some estimates, nearly 2,000 people to town. Look for more downtown festivities in the future.

The books, *A Sense of Heritage: A Pictorial History of the Thermal Belt*, were shipped from the printers Friday and are expected at the Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce offices later this week. When an exact arrival time is known, a distribution schedule will be announced.

A letter arrived Friday in response to a *Curb Reporter* column on out-of-state students attending Polk County Schools. The writer, however, did not want his name used "in view of the insulting phone calls I have had after publication of two previous letters to you."

On this rare occasion, we will share the letter in this column

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Merry Christmas! At Green Corner

Come one, come all and join in the fun this coming Saturday at high noon at Green Corner on the Melrose Avenue. Jointly sponsored by The Lanier Library and the Fine Arts Center, "Caroling in the Park" is another of Tryon's traditions you won't want to miss.

Everybody is invited to participate in this holiday community sing and this year it will be particularly exciting with Wayne Fellers' "brass" adding backup music including two trombones, two clarinets, two trumpets and a flute. Chuck Dunn will be directing.

Following the sing hot wassail and cookies will be served in the Fine Arts Center Lobby, Mollybelle Schwab and Pat Fryer in charge.

—Community Reporter

Christmas Carols At McDonald's

The Silver Creek Baptist Church Choir will sing Christmas Carols at McDonald's of Columbus tonight (Tuesday) from 6-6:30. Please join us.

—Community Reporter

Name Omitted

The name of Mary Lancaster was inadvertently omitted as a co-hostess for the Thrift-y Garden Club Christmas Party to be held tonight at 5:30.

—Community Reporter

McFalls Gives Confession To Landrum Police

Frankie Dean McFalls, charged last Friday with murder in the death of Angelia Brown, made his first appearance in Polk County Circuit Court Monday and was given a court-appointed attorney.

Meanwhile, graveside services were held Saturday for Brown, who was McFalls' common law wife. Her body had been found in the woods of Green Creek Nov. 22.

McFalls told the story of her death to police Friday. He called Landrum Police Chief Gary Laughter and Polk County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. James Carter to his cell in the Spartanburg County jail Friday morning.

"He advised us he wanted to get this off his chest," Laughter said Friday afternoon. "Frankie Dean had a violent temper. He said he had regretted this ever since it happened. He said he didn't mean to do it and he wanted her father to know that."

Laughter said he stopped by Tom Brown's house Friday to convey McFalls' message.

McFalls did not describe the killing in his confession. "It was too traumatic. Either he can't say how he did it, or maybe there is a block in his memory," Laughter explained. "We will have to talk some more about that."

What McFalls did say is that

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Hospice Tree Shines At Stearns

The Hospice Christmas Tree, a Norway spruce which has already taken root and is thriving in Stearns Park in Columbus, will be formally presented to the park on Sun., Dec. 15 at 1:30 p.m. in a brief ceremony. The public is welcome.

This particular tree has been placed in Stearns Park to be a visible symbol of the compassionate care offered by the Hospice program to brighten that phase of life when recovery is no longer anticipated. A plaque recognizes the people who provide that special care.

The Hospice Tree has been planted in the park for the enjoyment of the community year round. Hospice will deck it out with lights each Christmas season.

—Community Reporter

Tryon Antiques Club

The Tryon Antiques Club will have their Christmas meeting at the Old Farm owned by William Janes on Page Road. This meeting will be held on Dec. 17th at 2 p.m. It is recommended club members form their own car pooling.

The hostesses are Mrs. Ray Carson, Mrs. Nelson Page and Mrs. Burton Miller.