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The weather Tuesday, high 60, low 22, hum. 45 percent.

James J. Kilpatrick wrote his "The Writer's Art" column Sunday to praise good writing and picked among his examples none other than Tryon's own Mary Ann Claud, a columnist for the *Hendersonville Times-News*.

Kilpatrick chose a 1990 column by Claud written to contrast big city and small town life. Of that piece, Kilpatrick wrote in part:

"Now and then she has guests from Metropolis. (quoting Claud) 'The sounds of silence which delight me make them fretful; my leisure translates into their boredom; the crickets keep them awake.' She loves her small-town lifestyle, and she worries about these alien and exotic creatures. What if they catch on to what they have missed?"

"What if they trade their urban alarm clocks - the percussive pre-dawn clatter of city garbage trucks - for the whistle of our train puffing up the Saluda grade? What if they invade our mountains en masse and noise up our peace and solitude?"

Life in a small town has its  
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## Tryon Finances Look Healthier

Tryon's mayor and town council complimented manager Matthew Dolge for bringing the town's finances into line and putting them back into good shape.

"I'm very happy how it (finances) came out this year; I expected worse," Dolge told the council.

Susan Bishop with Crisp Hughes and Co. auditors reported that the town is up \$25,000 in undesignated fund balance funds, up \$38,000 in retained earnings in propitiatory funds, down \$16,000 in expenditures and up to 96.9% in collection rate for taxes.

However, Dolge said that the town is not out of the woods yet in water and sewer finances. Two big projects are underway now, but tens of thousands of dollars will be needed to fix a leak at the dam. He added that the leak is not presently dangerous.

Another problem the town faces is a major storage plant leak around the top, another tens of thousands of dollars cost for the future, Dolge said.

"Right now we can't absorb these costs and we're floating along," Dolge told the council.

"The General Fund is stronger than we thought, but the water and sewer is in bleak shape. We're paying the bills, but not much more," Dolge reported.

Even with a 15% increase in  
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James R. Bowyer

## Receives Doctorate

James Robert Bowyer graduated from the University of Tennessee Dec. 15, 1991. He received a Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry Degree.

Dr. Bowyer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Edgar Bowyer of Spartanburg. He is the grandson of the late Jason and Bertha Bishop of Campobello. His paternal grandparents are Mrs. Addie Bowyer of Sandy Plains and the late Finch Bowyer.

-Community Reporter

## OP Earle PTA Meets Tonight

OP Earle PTA will meet for their Christmas Program tonight (Thurs.) at 7:30 p.m. at the Landrum High School Gym. There will be door prizes.

-Community Reporter

## Columbus Lions Light Cross

The Columbus Lions Club have lit the cross on Tryon Peak for the 23rd consecutive year. The entire cross has been checked and refurbished with new heavy duty, long life bulbs that should prove much more durable to withstand the long hours and service weather conditions that are possible on top of the mountain.

The Columbus Lions light the cross for the Christmas and Easter seasons for all the people of the Thermal Belt area. As a symbol of the true meaning of those seasons.

They express sincere gratitude to everyone who has contributed time, effort and money to this project.

Contributions to help maintain the cross on Tryon Peak may be sent to: Columbus Lions Club, P.O. Box 121, Columbus, N.C.

-Community Reporter

## Men's Bridge

Results of the Tryon Men's Duplicate Bridge Club match at the home of Tom Dustin on Tues., Dec. 17 were: 1st tie Dick Petura and Glenn Webb with Joe Doti and Dick Long, 3. Charlie Francis and John Thompson.

The next match will be at the home of Dick Petura on Tues., Jan. 7, 1992.

-Community Reporter