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*The weather Thursday, high 45, low 20, hum. 45 percent. It's Christmas weather!*

Although there are always going to be a few grinchies running around, isn't it nice that it's Christmas again?

Merry Christmas, and thank you for all that you have done for *The Tryon Daily Bulletin* and for the community we serve over the past year.

We at the Bulletin wish for you a heart as big as White Oak Mountain, big enough to include a spot for each and every neighbor.

What's happening:

Mr. Bill French's residence on Long Branch Lane (off Warrior Drive) has quite a Christmas display. Drive by.

The Saluda Stage Co. will present *Cinderella* one final time for the students of Saluda School Friday, Jan. 3. If you still haven't seen this production, you are invited to attend that day.

The Heritage Chamber Players, a unique ensemble of French horn, strings and piano, will perform Friday, Jan. 3 at 3:30 at Isothermal Community College Polk campus. Tickets

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## Hospital Trustees Spend Money For St. Luke's Future

St. Luke's Hospital Board of Trustees Thursday voted to spend a total of \$69,000 on consultants to bring in much needed physicians and to ensure that the hospital is meeting the community's health care needs.

St. Luke's Hospital will contract with Tyler & Co. of Atlanta to recruit an in-hospital internist and a general surgeon at a cost of \$21,000 per physician.

If the hospital's trustees and administration tried to recruit these much needed physicians themselves, it could take two to three years, pointed out trustee chairman Joe Claud. Tyler & Co. can find them in 6-10 months, he said.

The motion was recommended by the newly formed Medical Staff Support Committee whose members interviewed all but two of the existing medical staff and found unanimous support for such recruitment, said Claud.

"I've never seen the medical staff so unified on any one issue as this," Claud said of the need for the in-hospital internist and general surgeon.

Much of the lower admissions and subsequent lower income St. Luke's is experiencing comes from the lack of these two types of physicians, said hospital president Tom Brad-

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Deborah H. Johnson

## Deborah Harriet Johnson To Wed Richard E. Dukes

Mr. and Mrs. Alderman Boreham Johnson of Magnolia, N.C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Harriet, to Richard E. Dukes of Spartanburg, S.C. The couple will be married May 23.

Miss Johnson was graduated from Western Carolina University with a Master of Science degree in Home Economics. She is an Extension Agent with the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service in Polk County.

Mr. Dukes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dukes, was graduated from the University of S.C. with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He is an Internal Auditor with C&S/Sovran Corporation, Spartanburg.

## Destroyed In Fire

The log home of Ned R. Lindsey on Old Hwy. 19 in Lynn was destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon.

Sheriff Boyce Carswell said Lindsey had been away and when he returned, he found the house in flames.

Columbus fire chief Geoff Tennant said Lindsey had to walk "a considerable distance" before he could get to a phone to call for help at 3:36 Thursday afternoon.

When the Columbus Fire Department arrived, backed up by the Tryon Fire Department, Tennant said the roof of the house had already caved in.

"I knew when we rolled in that we could only concentrate on protecting the surrounding area," Tennant said. "When the roof is caved in before you even get there, there is not much you can do."

Due to the setting, Tennant said the firemen had to stop some distance from the house. They ran 200 to 300 feet of hose, then hooked on another 400-foot hose, Tennant said.

Tennant said there were two pumper trucks responding, two tanker trucks and about 20 firefighters. They were on the site about three hours, he said.

Firefighters were called back to the house Friday morning when someone noticed a tree still smoldering nearby.

In other fire news, the Mill Spring Fire Department responded Thursday to a woods fire off Toney Road.