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The weather Monday, high 54, low 41, hum. 40 percent.

Radio station KOA in Denver, a 50,000-watt monster, reached at least one friend of Polk County with its interview on the "world's smallest daily newspaper" recently.

Tryon resident Margaret Vance said her nephew and god-child, John Moran of Denver, called over the holidays and mentioned having heard the interview. He works with International Harvester now, but hopes to retire to Tryon someday, having visited here often in the past.

"His ears really perked up," Mrs. Vance reported.

And here we thought the interview had gone poorly, too shallow. John's call serves to remind us that the real point was that the Thermal Belt's reputation was broadcast out over the Rockies. And that is good.

Quotes for the day:

"I am always in favor of the free press, but sometimes they say quite nasty things." *Winston Churchill*

Freedom to think requires only freedom of expression and freedom from the threat of violence. (Continued On Back Page)

Littlejohn Arrested, Warrants Sought

Randolph Littlejohn, the man who was attacked last Friday in a brawl on Markham Road, was in jail Tuesday.

Littlejohn was charged with felony riot, Tryon Police Chief Nathan Shields said. His bond was set at \$4,000.

Shields said Littlejohn and some of his protectors were also participants in causing the fight in front of James Bryan's store.

Polk County Deputy Mack Blanton delivered a criminal summons to Eugene Littlejohn Monday, asking him to appear in court on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon, Chief Deputy Calvin Atkins said Tuesday.

Five others had been arrested as of Monday, and Shields said more warrants are being sought.

"There will be a few more warrants issued," Shields said. He said Tryon police had interviewed another victim who had identified additional persons as having participated in the assaults which took place that evening.

Shields issued a public statement on the incident Monday afternoon. That statement is reprinted in full below:

"On Dec. 27 at 8:14 p.m. the Tryon Police Department received a telephone call advising that a fight was occurring at Bryan's Store on Markham Road. According to Tryon Police Officer Gail Nonamaker, (Continued On Back Page)



Knopp To Speak At Tryon Rotary

The story of a little known but very important and intriguing industry, "Powder Metallurgy", will be presented at the noon meeting of Rotary at the Episcopal Church in Tryon on Monday, Jan. 6th.

The speaker will be Walter Knopp of Columbus who has spent 40 years in the powder metallurgy industry. Mr. Knopp has degrees in Mechanical Engineering (B.S.) and Metallurgy (M.S.) from Stevens Institute of Technology in New Jersey. His career has included research, development and instruction in the powder metallurgy field, membership in many technical and engineering associations and societies, adjunct professorship at the University of Alabama plus seven patents and 21 technical papers.

Mr. Knopp and his wife, Betty, moved to this area in 1984 from Wyckoff, N.J. The Knopps were married in the Chapel of the Church of the Holy Cross in 1948 as Betty's parents were the late Paul and Dorothy Smith of Gillette Woods in Tryon. Mr. Knopp is a Lay Reader and Treasurer of the Church of Good Shepherd and a Director and Vice Pres. of FENCE.

Meets Every Monday

The Al-Anon Group for the Tryon/Columbus area meets every Monday at 8 p.m. at the

Columbus Presbyterian Church in the upstairs room of the educational building. If alcohol is a problem in your family, you can find help in Al-Anon.