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CURB REPORTER
The weekend weather: Friday,
high 53, low 46, hum. 60 per-
cent, and .70 inches of rain;
Saturday, high 61, low 47, hum.
55 percent, and .30 inches of
rain; Sunday, high 61, low 46,
hum. 56 percent.

Dale Edwards, Polk County
Supervisor of Elections, said the
opening of the filing period for
candidates for county and state
offices has been postponed to
Feb. 10 at noon. Filing was to
begin this week.

The delay in filing is due to
continuing problems with state
redistricting efforts, Edwards
said. The new filing period will
be from Feb. 10 to March 2.

In other county news, County
Manager John Lewis said some
county residents are confused
about the county's intention to
hire an assistant county man-
ager. The position, although
not titled "assistant county
manager", already exists. It was
filled by Rob Moehler, who left
Jan. 1.

The new assistant county
manager will handle the same
jobs as Moehler - planning and
zoning, economic development
- as well as some new duties.
The position title and pay was

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St. Luke's Radiologist Leaving Hospital Staff

On Friday, Dec. 27, Richard
R. Gentry, MD announced to
hospital administration and
trustees his intention to termi-
nate his practice of Radiology at
St. Luke's Hospital effective
May 1, 1992. Dr. Gentry will be
joining the group of radiologists
at Bristol Regional Medical
Center in Bristol, Tenn.

"My decision to pursue a
career elsewhere is the direct
result of pressures arising from
changes in the Medicare pro-
gram coupled with the uniquely
high percentage of Medicare
patients in this area," said Dr.
Gentry.

Medicare's new Resource-
Based Relative Value System
(RBRVS) has been in effect for
radiologists over the past year,
and will be effective for all
physicians beginning Jan. 1,
1992. "Under this new system,
Dr. Gentry's specialty will
experience one of the most sig-
nificant reductions in reim-
bursement from Medicare," said
Tom Bradshaw, hospital presi-
dent.

St. Luke's Hospital already
has begun aggressively seeking
radiologists to continue provid-
ing high quality services at the
hospital. Several radiology
groups are interested in serving
St. Luke's Hospital, said Brad-
shaw. "While we will miss Rick
Gentry and his family in this
community, radiology services

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And All That Jazz

In response to numerous
requests for an evening of jazz,
the Tryon Fine Arts Center will
present the N.C. Jazz Ensemble
on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m.

The band was organized 12
years ago by Oliver Hodges,
bass player, and Stanley Baird,
saxophonist. Most of the musi-
cians are instrumental teachers
in universities and high schools
and have had extensive training
and experience in jazz
ensembles of various sizes.

The 17-member band will
bring back memories of the
dancin' 40's when we all twirled
and dipped to the tunes of the
god old solid big bands. Vocal-
ist Melva Houston, recently
returned to her home in Mr.
Airy after a successful Euro-
pean career, will enthrall the
audience with her energy and
style.

The Special Events Commit-
tee of TFAC is sponsoring this
event. Tickets are \$10 and will
be available at the box office
beginning Jan. 9th from 10-2
until showtime.

-Community Reporter

Meets Tuesday

The Beautification and
Appearance Commission will
meet Tuesday, Jan. 21st at 5
p.m. in the Conference Room of
the Agricultural Extension
Building.

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Peace Center At Tryon Rotary

Now in its second season, the
Peace Center for the Performing
Arts in Greenville, S.C. pro-
vides a unique source of enter-
tainment for all of us in this
area of the country.

Here to tell us about this
innovative institution and its
present theme of, "Season Sec-
ond to None," will be Gary
Ault, director of marketing,
advertising and public relations
for the Center. This will be the
regular noon meeting at Tryon
Holy Cross Church, Monday,
Jan. 13.

Mr. Ault, a native of Cincin-
nati, has spent his business
career in the field of advertising
and sales promotion. Prior to
his affiliation with the Peace
Center he was the reorganizer
and manager of the Greenville
spectacular, Freedom Weekend
Aloft.

-Community Reporter

Buys Boat House

Thomas A. Ballantyne III has
purchased Mr. and Mrs. Doug
Brannon's boat house in Lake
House's first basin, for the use
of his sisters, Marsha, Jean and
Amy, who bought a house on
Jervey Road and plan to move
to Tryon within the next five
years.

Tom is a former resident of
Tryon, now living in Incline
Village, Nevada.

Earl Thompson of Coldwell
Banker Town & Country, Real-
tors was both listing and selling
agent for this transaction.