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The weather Thursday, high 58, low 44, hum. 68 percent, and at 7 a.m. Friday there was a trace of precipitation.

Now we've really done it. Sure, it was fun talking to radio disc jockeys in the Mid-West and California about "the world's smallest daily newspaper." And doing that interview with Associated Press last year was a kick.

We learned to banter with the media personalities, calling them by their first names: "Yes, Jerry," and "Well, you see, Jim..." in the proper radio tone of voice.

Well, now we're going to pay the price. Now we'll size back down to our britches. David Letterman's "Late Night" staff called for a subscription Thursday. Ahhhhhhhhhhh!

Fear swept through the newsroom, front office and production shop of the Tryon Daily Bulletin after Wanda Cash put down the phone receiver. With one resounding chorus, we looked at each other, hair follicles all lit up like Christmas lights: "HE'S GOING TO MAKE FUN OF US ON NATIONAL TELEVISION!"

Have you ever seen Dave (Continued On Back Page)

Sidestreet, Jaycees Plan Benefit Dinner For Keuther Surgery

Ralph Keuther of Tryon has been told by his doctor that he must have by-pass heart surgery, but he is without health insurance.

To help him bear the cost, the Polk County Jaycees and Sidestreet Pizza have teamed up to hold a benefit Spaghetti Supper Sunday, Feb. 9.

The meal will be prepared by

The meal will be prepared by Sidestreet, featuring Sidestreet's own spaghetti sauce, meatballs, salad, garlic bread, drink and dessert. It will be served by the Jaycees at the Tryon Youth Center from noon to 7 p.m.

Dinner music will be provided by Twice Shy from 3 to 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person and are available from ACE Hardware, Bill's Jewelry, Carole's Shoes, Catering by Joan, the Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce, Cowan's Super Market, Fashion 200, The Flower Cottage, Four Winds Florists, Hansel & Gretel, LaParisienne, NationsBank, Nature's Storehouse, Preston's, Sidestreet Pizza, Skee's Automotive, Stonehedge Inn, The Tryon Daily Bulletin and individual Jaycees.

The Tryon Fine Arts Center will hold a "Night on the Town" Jan. 28, featuring a buffet dinner and viewing of *The Horse's Mouth* with Alec Guinness. For more information, call 859-8322.

Polk Man Arrested For Assault, Robbery

Jackie Lee Twitty, 32, of Rt. 4, Rutherfordton, in Polk County, turned himself into Polk County authorities last Thursday night after being sought for armed robbery in Rutherford County.

Twitty was charged with two counts of common law robbery, one count of assault inflicting serious injury and two counts of armed robbery.

The crimes occurred Thursday morning in Rutherford, said Rutherford County chief deputy Floyd Lawter.

The Holland Express Convenience Store in the Sandy Mush community was robbed at 10:52 a.m. The robber beat the clerk severely, causing serious injuries to her face and head. He then took her pocketbook and the cash from the cash drawer.

The robber then went to the Country Plaza II convenience store in the Danieltown community, where he pulled a handgun on the clerk and took her pocketbook and the cash from the cash drawer.

Lawter said both victims positively identified Twitty as the robber. A warrant was issued for Twitty's arrest. The Polk County Sheriff Thursday night transported Twitty back to Rutherford County, where Lawter said Twitty confessed to committing the crimes.

Twitty is the son of the late Lynn Twitty, formerly a Polk County deputy sheriff.

Tryon Kiwanis To Hear About Outreach Ministry

The Rev. Fran Ruthven will speak to the Tryon Kiwanis Club about the Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Western Steer Family Steakhouse in Columbus.

Ruthven is a graduate of Harvard University, where she earned a Masters in Divinity degree. She is currently completing a Master of Theology degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta.

She has served in several pastoral positions in Massa-chusetts and Georgia and directed a homeless shelter for women and children in Atlanta.

She is currently a part-time director of the Thermal Belt Outreach Ministry. She is married to the Rev. Steve Bridges, associate minister at the Congregational Church in Tryon.

They have a son, Andrew, four months old.

Buy Home

Lola and Donald Roskam of Chester, N.J. have purchased the home of George Wilhelm on Highway 176 in Landrum. Lola at present works for the US Military as a civilian employee and Don is in small engine repair. They both plan to seek employment upon moving down on the first of April. The entire transaction was handled by Glenn Otto Mittelstadt of AM:Realty.

-Community Reporter