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The weather Monday: high 70, low 41, hum. 40 percent.

A long time ago, when there were just 13 colonies, a wealthy man in the New World might write a contract for the services a poor man from the European slums. He would agree to pay the man's passage to America, and in return the poor man agreed to work for him for an agreed to period of time.

The poor man, once his passage had been paid, was obligated. If he found he had made a bad bargain, had an ogre for a master, or saw the opportunities of the Wild West slipping by while he slaved away in Boston - tough. If he bolted anyway, he could be arrested.

It was a system called indentured servitude, and it was outlawed long ago. We still have employers writing contracts for the services of employees, but these are entirely one sided. They bind the employer, but cannot bind the employee.

Ask any attorney who has worked with these sorts of contracts. Employment contracts are written to induce an employee to come to work for you, to sweeten the deal, to give the employee security in poten-

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## Lady Tigers End Season

The Tryon Junior High girls' basketball team ended their season with a loss in the first round of the Foothills Conference Tournament against the Campobello-Gramling Wildcats last Wednesday. Tryon had defeated them in their two previous meetings during the regular season, but were unable to stop the Wildcat's offense or penetrate their defense in the final game.

Tryon's record for the year was 6 wins against 9 losses, finishing fourth in conference play. The Tiger's were led in scoring by Alex Rutledge and Sekina Tyson. Kristi Bond played excellent defense all season, as did Kristie Johnson. Stephanie Hudson, who was named to the all-conference team, worked extremely hard in the variety of positions that she was asked to play.

Other team members were Allison Burns, Katrina Wilkins, Carole Morton, Dawn New-some, Sherry Smith and Nicole Makins.

Coach Gary Gibbs praised the effort and determination that the girls demonstrated throughout the year. "They worked hard in practice, played the games in a tough, competitive manner and improved from week to week. They can be proud of the way they represented themselves and their school."

-Community Reporter



Herbert Michener

(Photo by Bob Hunter)

## To Address Auxiliary

Herbert Michener, Chairman of the Medical Alert Committee, will present at the February 12 meeting of St. Luke's Auxiliary, an updated report on the service of this 10-member team. Serving St. Luke's with the installation and maintenance of the Emergency Response System, the team has increased then number of units from 60 to 91 and transformed most of the units to the better-performing, friendly "pendant" type while maintaining service on earlier installations. Scheduled visits for installation and maintenance are by appointment.

Mr. Michener, retired from Scott Paper Company and the U.S. Postal Service, began his volunteer service as a Courier at St. Luke's Hospital in 1983, joined the Medical Alert Team in 1989 and became chairman in 1990, and has served nearly 2,000 hours as a member of St. Luke's Hospital Auxiliary.

## Sign Rights'ers Upset 'About Things Not Even In Ordinance'

Some people in Polk County are attempting to stir a ground swell of anger over the county's new sign ordinance, Jeannie Martin said Monday night.

Martin, chairman of the Polk County Board of Commissioners, told the other board members she had heard people expressing anger "about things that are not even in the sign ordinance."

"They are concerned about home and farm signs. They think they can't put up a sign for a garage sale or a car for sale. They're worried about severe setback requirements. These are things we intentionally took out of the ordinance," Martin said.

Commissioner Sue Cochran said she believes some people are more interested in stirring up sentiments than with dealing in facts. "Some people are out saying you can't do this or that who know better," she said.

"They are intentionally trying to stir things up," Martin said.

The commissioners asked County Manager John Lewis to undertake some public relations efforts to better inform the public of the actual provisions of the county's new sign ordinance.