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The weather Wednesday: high 60, low 35, hum. 52 percent.

Fifty years ago today, Valentine's Day 1942, a few dozen young Polk County men left town. Not all of them returned.

They were the first group of selectees to be drafted from Polk County. World War II had begun for America only months before, when Pearl Harbor was attacked Dec. 7, 1941.

The list of names from that first roll call includes William 'Whitey' Barton, Lee Ray Ross, Lawrence Thompson, DeWitt Smith, Marion Smith, Roy Capps, Rob Capps, Will Fisher, Charles Thompson, LeRoy McGraw, Paul Justice, Tom Steadman, R.B. Bennett, and Durham C. Gosnell and Bill Gosnell.

Bill Gosnell recalls how he sought his assignment. Franklin D. Roosevelt had not approved any enlistment program, so Gosnell went to the draft board chairman, Julian Hester, and asked to be put at the top of the list.

When the day came to shed his civvies, Gosnell and the others were taken to Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C. From there he went to air fields in
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Recreation League Tournament Sat.

The Polk County Recreation Department basketball tournament for fourth, fifth and sixth grade teams will be held tomorrow.

The girls will begin play at Stearns gymnasium in Columbus at 8 a.m. when the Green Creek Lady Hawks meet the Tryon Terminators. The winner will meet the Mill Spring Indians at 10 a.m.

The Saluda A Team will meet the Tryon Dolphins at 9 a.m. The winner will meet the Saluda B Team at 11 a.m.

The girls final will be played at the Polk Central gymnasium at 1 p.m.

The boys action will begin at the Polk Central gymnasium at 9 a.m. when the Tryon Gold meets the Green Creek Hawks. The winner will meet the Tryon Blue at 11 a.m.

At 10 a.m., the Mill Spring Warriors will meet the Green Creek Bulls. The winner will play the Green Creek Hornets at noon.

The boys' final will be played at 2 p.m.

Precinct #4 Republicans

Precinct #4 Republicans will meet Tues., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at Saluda Fire Hall. Please bring a covered dish. We will elect delegates and alternates to the County Convention. For information call 704-749-9387.

—Community Reporter

Spending Habits Cause Riff Between Council Members

The Landrum Town Council's disagreement over the intent of a \$500 spending limit set in November for all Landrum City departments continued at Tuesday's board meeting.

"The reason the \$500 purchase limit was put on the books . . . We were not talking about every day expenses; we were talking about capital gains," Mayor Robert Cogdell told the council.

Mayor Cogdell then read several invoices from the Landrum Fire Department, of which Doug Brannon is the councilman in charge. Cogdell included a Nov. 15 invoice from the Fire Department of \$2,194.50 which was approved after the November vote was taken to limit spending in all departments to \$500 without council approval.

"If the mayor's got to abide by his own rules, the council has to," the Mayor said, pointing to criticism he received in the news media following the January meeting.

"The water department has a lot of expenditures over \$500," he said.

"Why didn't you say something before?" questioned Fred Williams. "If it was wrong, why not say something before now?"

Brannon replied this was the first he had heard of these invoices.

"But you know all about my
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Fund Set Up For Landrum Employee Whose Home Burned

The N. Shamrock Ave. home of Furman Davis in Landrum was destroyed by fire Monday.

Davis worked for the city of Landrum for 40 years in the water and street departments. Now the people of the area want to pay him back.

John Lawrence, editor of *The News Leader* in Landrum, said, "No matter what the weather, hot or below zero, Furman has always been on the job... This is just one way we can show that we appreciate what he has done for us.

The Landrum Lions Club has set up a Furman Davis Fire Fund. Those wishing to donate to the fund should make their checks payable to the Landrum Lions, and note on the check that the money is for the Furman Davis Fire Fund. Checks may be sent to the Landrum Lions, P.O. Box 262, Landrum, S.C. 29356.

Jackie McFalls Had Hole-In-One

Jackie McFalls of Lynn, had a hole-in-one on Wed., Feb. 12 while playing golf at Village Greens Golf Course on the ninth hole, 178 yard Par 3. Jackie used a 6 iron.

His playing partners were: Hov McClure, Harold Davis, Ronnie Hutchins and Phillip Stevens.

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