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The weather Wednesday, high 67, low 36, hum. 50 percent.

Have you ever noticed how once someone becomes famous everyone wants to know them. Take Susan Leonard of Tryon, for instance. Ted Tally wins an Oscar for best screenplay for his work on *Silence of the Lambs*, and she gets all excited like she knew him when and all. I mean, she's only his sister. Give me a break.

The boys at the Associated Press even jumped on the bandwagon Wednesday releasing a story about how Tally is a "North Carolina native". They interviewed his aunt Lura Tally, a N.C. state senator from Cumberland, near Fayetteville.

"He often visited here..." she said. Yeah, sure.

Tally, 39, also received The Writers Guild of America's best screenplay award for *Silence*.

Tally attended the North Carolina School of the Arts and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He later graduated from Yale Drama School. He lives with his wife, Melinda, and son, Austin, in Buck's County, Pa.

Oh, yeah. Now I remember him. We were sitting in the

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'M*A*S*H' On Stage Tonight In Tryon

Tonight at 8 p.m. is the opening night for *M*A*S*H*, the first production of the new Polk County High Drama Club.

The play will be staged again on Saturday night at 8 p.m. Both performances will be in the auditorium at Tryon Elementary.

Featuring an all-star cast of characters from the famous film and TV series based on the Korean conflict, the two-act play promises to be a sell-out, although tickets can still be purchased at the door. Seats are \$3 for students and school personnel and \$4 to the public.

The part of "Henry Blake" is played by Chris Gibbs from Polk Central. "Hot Lips Houlihan" is Tonya Sain, from Tryon High. "Duke Forrest" is played by Mike Barnes from Polk Central. And "Hawkeye Pierce" is Jesse McMahon, a high school student from ICC. The play has been in rehearsal since January.

Formed at the beginning of the 1991-92 school year, the Polk County High Drama Club meets once a month. Officers are: Chris Gibbs, President; Keshia Parris, Vice-President; Kelly Sparks, Secretary; and Rhonda Burnette, Treasurer. Faculty advisors are Angela Perry and Jennifer Bronzini.

It is always the secure who are humble.

—G.K. Chesterton



'Connie' Woodruff

Woodruff Joins Steps To Hope

Conyers "Connie" Woodruff, until recently Children Services Social Worker at the Polk County Department of Social Services, has joined the staff of Steps to Hope as Children's Program Coordinator, it has been announced by Rachel Ramsey, director.

Ms. Woodruff, in her new position, assumes responsibility for developing and conducting new programs to meet the needs of children touched by family violence. In nearly six years with the DSS, she has worked closely with school guidance counselors and other faculty members, and that experience should be helpful in her new position.

The Children's Program Coordinator position was made possible by grants from the N.C. Dept. of Human Resources
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Columbus' New Well Brought In A Gusher

Crews for the Town of Columbus were looking for new water sources last spring, but they never expected to find a gusher.

Treating water from the Pacolet is too expensive, Town Administrator Butch Smith said, and so the town was hoping to tap into groundwater.

This week the tap they found went on line - a gusher.

It all began last March when town workmen and private drilling crews were out punching holes in the earth. They found 25 to 30 gallons per minute (g.p.m.) in one spot, 15 g.p.m. in another. No good, said Town Administrator Butch Smith. The town needed at least 100 g.p.m. to make it worth the investment.

"Charlie Feagan said he knew where water was," Smith said. The site Feagan knew was in a forested section near Feagan's The Woods subdivision. Feagan had a 100 g.p.m. well nearby, Smith said. Feagan brought out a dowsing rod, and traced out the water vein.

"He came to a spot and said, 'Right here! Not there. Not there. Here.'"

Smith, a skeptic about dowsing, said he was amazed earlier in the search when the men gave him the dowsing rod to try. It did nothing, then inexplicably twisted in his grip when dowser Walter Stott touched his hands. With Stott's
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