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Weather Tuesday: high 52, low 36. Early Wednesday morning it was sleeting, raining and snowing. Polk County schools were let out early due to bridges freezing over and some ice on the roads.

Six American diplomats who escaped capture when the U. S. Embassy was seized Nov. 4th slipped out of Tehran after 12 weeks in hiding, helped by the Canadian Embassy and an elaborate ruse of false identities and forged documents, it was disclosed Tuesday.

Comedian Jimmy Durante died at age 86 Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif.

Frank L. Fitzsimons Sr., 82, of Rt. 1, Hendersonville died Tuesday in a Hendersonville hospital after a brief illness. He was author of "On The Banks of the Okalwaha" and had conducted a radio program from 1947 until 1972 on station WHKP. He has been active in number of civic activities and was founder and former chairman of the Henderson County curb market. Duke Power Co. has announced that completion of its Cherokee Nuclear Station will be delayed at least three years and that the work force there must be reduced

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Polk Lawmen Are Acquitted

A jury was out 12 minutes Tuesday afternoon in U. S. Federal District Court in Rutherfordton and came back with a **NOT GUILTY** verdict for four Polk County lawmen. Acquitted were Tryon Police Chief Jerry Ross, Highway Patrolman David Satterfield, Chief Deputy Allen Rickman and Jailer Gary Durham. They had been sued for \$50,000 each by convicted killer Fred Constance who alleged that they had violated his civil rights. Constance claimed that he was hit while in custody for killing Saluda Police Chief Andrew Williams. Constance was found guilty for first degree murder in the Sept. 3rd 1976 shotgun slaying and sentenced to life imprisonment.

WILSON WITHDRAWING FOR COMMISSIONER RACE

Dock B. Wilson who earlier announced that he was going to run for County Commissioner has announced that he is withdrawing from the race.

GUEST PREACHER AT TRYON 1ST BAPTIST

Dr. Fred B. Bentley, President of Mars Hill College will be the guest speaker at the Sunday 11 a.m. worship service of the Tryon First Baptist Church.

Dr. Bentley has held various church positions and taught at Indiana University and the University of Louisville before coming to Mars Hill in 1966.

Sets Up AFS Endowment Fund



John A. Stephenson

The Board of Directors of the Polk County Community Foundation and The Polk County Chapter of the American Field Service have announced the establishment of the Polk County AFS Endowment Fund.

A generous donation from John A. Stephenson, in memory of his wife, Elizabeth K. Stephenson, has made this fund possible. In setting up this endowment with the Foundation, Mr. Stephenson expressed the hope that AFS activity in both the schools and the community would continue to grow as it has in the past two years and that our young people would have the opportunity to enlarge their worlds and foster human understanding through the AFS programs.

The Foundation will give the annual income from this Fund to the AFS Polk County Chapter to

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Robert F. Gibbs Elected President Of Tryon Country Club

The annual meeting of the Tryon Country Club was held on January 24 at the Hearthstone Inn with 94 members in attendance.

Elected to three-year terms as directors were Frank Johnson, Guy Housh, and Robert Mueller. They succeeded Richard Palmer, Russell Gratner, and Fred Margolf whose terms expired.

Following committee reports, golf trophies were awarded to Fred Edwards, Jr., Club Champion; Fred Edwards, Sr., Runner-up; Marion Palmer, Seniors Champion; Henry McClintock, President's Cup; and Eric Larson, Executive Course Champion. A film covering the exciting highlights of the 1979 Masters Championship at Augusta was shown.

Following the meeting the new Board of Directors elected Robert F. Gibbs, President; George A. Blaine, Vice President; and Paula Joyce, Secretary-Treasurer.

At the first regular meeting of the new Board on January 29, President Gibbs appointed the following committee chairmen: Finance, Larry Pexton; Membership, Robert Mueller; House, Robert Creswell; Grounds and Greens, Henry McClintock; Special Events, Guy Housh; Publicity, George Blaine; Golf and Tournaments, Frank Johnson; and Swimming Pool, Fred Edwards, Sr.