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the Legion Headquarters in Tryon.

The courtroom was full Monday afternoon for the public hearing regarding the "Proposed Building Code Ordinance of Polk County, North Carolina." Most of the objections were to the part that stated that you couldn't build your own home if the cost were over \$30,000 and must have a contractor. Some objected to the licensing of contractors; some objected to on site inspection before being able to build; some objected to having a building inspector at all. The general feeling was that there are too many government regulations already and let's not add any more. The hearing began at 3 p.m. and lasted until 6:15 p.m.

County Manager Marvin Wagner stated that the Polk County Board of Commissioners will now study the Building Code and either amend it, reject it or adopt it.

#### ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

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Twenty-seven years were spent in Polk County.

Under his leadership the consolidated high school at Polk Central was built. He took advantage of many federal and state programs that were available for public schools and upgraded the academic instruction in Polk County Schools.

In addition to his school activities, he has been active in civic, cultural and religious activities. He is president of the Tryon Concert Association which he founded 26 years ago. He is past president of the Board of Directors of the Fine Arts Center, member of the Tryon Kiwanis Club, on the Board of the Polk-Rutherford Mental Health, on the Board of the Western North Carolina Lung Association. He is

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a member of the Vestry of the Church of Holy Cross and has served as Senior Warden, served on the Executive Committee and Standing Committee of the Diocese of Western North Carolina and a member of the Patterson School Board. He has been treasurer of the Flat Rock Playhouse for a number of years and is a member of the American Guild of Organists.

Supt. Cromer has served as President of the Western District of School Superintendents, is a member of the American Associations of School Administrators and other educational organizations.

#### Charged With Rape

Ralph Edwin Jones, 26 of Forest City was arrested Monday night and has been charged with rape. He allegedly raped a woman Saturday night near the Cox Plantation in Polk County. Both Jones and the victim are from Rutherford County, but the rape is supposed to have happened in Polk County.

Polk County Sheriff Boyce Carswell said that Jones had been charged with rape and with crime against nature and was being held in the Polk County jail. Bond will probably be set today in District Court.

#### Edneyville Downs Polk Central 49-44

The Edneyville boys eliminated the Polk Central Patriots 49-44 Monday night in the first round of the Appalachian Basketball Tournament being held at Polk Central. The two teams had split games during the regular season and had another close battle Monday.

Leading the Edneyville scorers were David Splawn with 17 points and Chuck Dalton with 10 points. Mack Simpson was Polk Central's high scorer with 14 points followed by Randy Petty with 10 points.

Edneyville advanced to the semi-finals Thursday night against Tryon.

#### BOYS GAME

POLK CENTRAL (44) — Kerr 9, Nelon 5, Petty 10, Simpson 14, Owens 6.

EDNEYVILLE (49) — Splawn 17, Johnson 5, Edney 6, Williams 9, Dalton 10, Andrews 2.

Halftime: 25-17, Edneyville

#### HORTICULTURIST TO SPEAK

Robert Cain who will be teaching Horticulture and Agriculture at Blue Ridge Tech will speak about Trace Minerals in Agriculture at the regular meeting of the Town and Country

Organic Gardening Club on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. at the Extension Building in Columbus.

Mr. Cain graduated from the University of Southern Illinois with a Masters in the Science of Horticulture and recently moved here from Ft. Myers, Florida.

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