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## SWAB Board Disbanded By Polk Commissioners

The Polk County Board of Commissioners Tuesday night disbanded the Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) after an executive session meeting with Rutherford-Polk-McDowell District Health Department Director Clifford Fields.

The district health department operates the county landfill which came under close scrutiny by the SWAB members. The vote to disband the board was 4-1 with board chairman Jeannie R. Martin voting against.

Commissioner W. Kenneth Faulkner said the solid waste advisors had finished their job and that there was no sense in continuing to employ their services.

"They did an excellent job," he said. "We have taken their advice. We have appointed a solid waste manager and we have begun a recycling program."

Members of the Polk County Taxpayers Association commented after the motion was passed that perhaps the county had killed the messenger after SWAB members aggressively campaigned against lax operation of the landfill.

Faulkner said this was not the case. "We've been getting the same message all the time," he said.

However, Jeannie Martin said she thought the SWAB Board still had work to do.

"I feel solid waste is a  
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## Gaut-Butler Joins Coldwell Banker

Gaut-Butler Realty Inc. has merged with Coldwell Banker Town & Country Realtors, effective Jan. 1, Coldwell Banker President Earl Thompson announced Wednesday.

Gaut-Butler sales associates Norma Gaut, Susie House and Valerie Thompson will join the residential sales staff at Coldwell Banker.

"The professionalism and integrity of these three will allow us to strengthen our commitment to serving the community," Thompson said.

Dick Gaut said he will move his property management operations to the Coldwell Banker building, at 937 South Trade Street.

"This will give Norma, Valerie and Susie greater sales support," Dick Gaut said. "They should be able to promote themselves to be much more effective."

"The sale will give me more time to develop my property management business and other things without the responsibility of running an office," he said.

Gaut-Butler sales associate Bob Mueller, 73, said his plans are indefinite at this time.

Gaut-Butler was formed four years ago when Gaut Realty Associates, which had operated since the early 1980s, merged with Butler Realty. Gaut said three years ago he bought Dean Butler's interest in the firm.

One year ago, Gaut purchased  
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## Two Speakers At Republican Club Luncheon

At the Jan. 10th luncheon meeting of the Polk County Republican Club (Western Steer Steak House, 12:30 p.m.), guest speaker John Winslett will address the issue of taxes.

Special guest will be Herschel S. "Scotty" Morgan, recently announced candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives seat. Election will be held this fall.

Mr. Morgan served with distinction in Japan, Okinawa, Korea and Vietnam. While serving in the US Air Force in Vietnam, he was captured and spent 7 years, 10 months and 9 days as a Prisoner of War. He was the second longest held Air Force prisoner in North Vietnam. On February 12, 1973 he was honorably released, returning home on the first aircraft to depart Hanoi.

In 1974, Mr. Morgan received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Science with minors in Business Administration and Physical Science.

All members are invited. Although there is no seat limit, the club requests that reservations for members and their guests be made by calling 859-9810.

## Tryon Woman's Golf Assn.

If you haven't joined the Tryon Women's Golf Assn., you must do it by Jan. 15th to get your name in the handbook.