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Weather Tuesday: high 59, low 29, hum. 66%. Wednesday was a beautiful January day.

Bells in 144 countries and the 50 United States will ring out Monday to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. on what would have been the slain civil rights leader's 61st birthday.

Jim Palmer and Joe Morgan became the 20th and 21st players elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in their first year of eligibility.

Boyce Carswell, Polk County Sheriff has announced that he will institute "selective enforcement" at unannounced points of time to apprehend unlawful disposal of waste from vehicles on county roads. This includes the trash from uncovered vehicles containing trash and persons throwing trash from vehicles. Violators will be cited.

America's two most admired corporations are its biggest maker of pharmaceuticals and its largest producer of cigarettes. Fortune magazine said Tuesday. For Merck & Co., it was the fourth consecutive year the drug maker has topped the magazine's ranking of the most

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Special Meeting For School Board

Polk County Board of Education will interview construction management firms and handle any other business which comes before the Board on Tues., Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stearns Board Room.

Polk Schools Closed Monday

The Polk County Education Center and all Polk County Schools will be closed Mon., Jan. 15, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Evangelist To Speak

National Evangelist A. A. Ledford of Cleveland, Tennessee will be speaking at the Tryon Church of God Jan. 10 through Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m.

The author of numerous books, articles and cassette albums on prophetic themes, Reverend Ledford is often featured on television and radio programs discussing last day events in the light of the scriptures. His ability to communicate deep prophetic truths in a manner easily understood by his listeners has made him a favorite campmeeting speaker.

The Tryon Church of God is located on Highway 108 in Tryon. Pastor Bill McDonald invites everyone to attend. — Reporter

Discovering Columbus

with Homar A. Jones

"During my childhood," wrote Ed, "most people were poor and all lived simply and with economy. There were few cook-stoves. Often, I would go in the late afternoon with my aunt Lesley Rollins into the woods to hunt her milk cow that ran at large, and to get arm loads of bark from dead oaks to burn in the fireplace and to cook meals in pots and pans." (Presumably over the flames and coals from the fireplace). "Matches were first beginning to be used. They were in wooded boxes about the size of snuff boxes and cost ten cents. That was too expensive, so people covered fire coals, and chunks of wood were covered in fireplaces to save matches." The first chore of newlyweds, when they moved into a house of their own, was the making of a fire, and the fire was kept alive day and night as long as they lived in that house. That was a matter of necessity, but the next people to occupy the house carefully cleaned out the fireplace before making a fire of their own. There was a superstition that this rid the house of all troubles, misfortunes and illnesses suffered by the previous occupants.

"Eggs were four dozen for a quarter, spring chickens, twenty-five cents each, pullets thirty-five cents, hens fifty cents, hen turkeys, seventy-five cents and "gobblers" one dollar. One turkey might weigh fifteen

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Run-A-Thon

The Polk County Wolverine Cross Country and track squad is sponsoring a Run-A-Thon to help raise money to provide the best possible running programs for the Wolverines. Track and cross country are non-revenue-generating sports. The budget, therefore, is always tight. The two track and cross country coaches, Steve Aldred and Alan Peoples are running 100 miles each. If you would like to help the Running Wolverines, choose a coach to sponsor, or consider sponsoring both. Pledge a certain amount for each mile the coach completes in the Run-A-Thon. All of the money donated will be used for the track and cross country programs.

Pledge should be paid by Feb. 2nd.

Graduates

Appalachian State University held its first December commencement ceremony Dec. 10th and awarded degrees to 566 undergraduate and 56 graduate students. Among the graduates were:

David Mark Hall of Columbus, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice with a major in Criminal Justice.

Loretta Denis Hembree of Columbus, a cum laude graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Special Education Mild-Moderate Handicapped.

Susan Cathey Dobbins of Rutherfordton, Master of Arts Degree with a major in Industrial Technology.