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Inman customers, however, voted against receiving the same option.

Bob Dick, a graduate of Tryon High School and N. C. State, now Duke Power vice president for corporate excellence, spoke to the shareholders April 26 in Charlotte. He outlined the power company's new vision, called "The Company of Choice."

"We will be the supplier of choice by our customers, the employer of choice by our co-workers and our communities, the investment of choice by our owners, and the model of integrity and excellence for business and industry," Dick said.

His comments were reprinted in the first quarter report.

Jerry Vaughn, formerly Polk County's athletic director and football coach, has been named head basketball coach at Byrnes High School.

Vaughn, 44, had 15-4, 15-4 and 19-0 records, respectively, the last three years as ninth-grade coach for the Byrnes Rebels, winning the Spartanburg County Conference Junior High championships last year.

The state Court of Appeals Tuesday upheld a ruling by the State Property Tax Commission allowing individuals to pay less property tax on timber land than corporations.

Individuals' timber land is assessed at its "use value," while corporations must pay on "market value." Four timber companies had challenged the law in suits brought against 14 counties, including Polk.

The court said: "This statute has been carefully tailored to provide a tax incentive to the family forester while avoiding a tax windfall to those foresters less likely to need such an incentive."

It's time to clean out your ears — with a wash cloth and soap — to be ready for the beautiful sounds of "The Glory Days of Broadway." Tickets are still available for the Tryon Community Chorus shows, to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Glory Days

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serenade "Neath the Southern Moon."

The "Glory Days of Broadway" will open on Friday, May 18 and continue through Sunday May 19 at the Fine Arts Center. The box office is open from 10 to 4 for the rest of this week. The Spring Concert is produced by the Tryon Community Chorus and benefits the Rotary Scholarship Foundation which has provided scholarships for local students at both graduate and undergraduate levels for eighteen years. Get your tickets today for a splendid "Broadway" show. — Reporter.

Zoning

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Houston Road and the Columbus City limits, on the north by White Oak Mountain, and on the west by the Columbus Township line.

Pack and his lawyer dominated the discussion time before the Board of Commissioners, presenting nearly two dozen exhibits, and attempting to raise lots of questions about the legality, wisdom, and morality of the proposed zoning.

Altogether, seven people spoke against the rezoning, and four spoke for it.

"We have no problem with that 52 acres as agricultural use," said Charles Neff Jr., one of the leaders of the group seeking the zoning. "But we're talking about 840 acres totally. Of all the 105 property owners, 96 have signed in favor of zoning. That's over 90 percent, a greater percentage than asked for the Hunting Country zoning."

The Hunting Country was zoned in 1985 as RE-2, residential with two-acre minimum lots.

Residents of the Skyuka Road area first became concerned about their neighborhood when Pack placed a "For Sale: Industrial or Commercial Use" sign on his land last summer. Although restrictive subdivision covenants already protect much of the area, Neff said in February that residents want to extend that protection over the entire area.

Speakers Tuesday night repeatedly told the board that they believe it is unwise and simply not right for the county to allow industry to come right in the middle of an established

residential area.

"I have lived there for sixteen years," said Frances Waldrop. "If industry comes in, my property will automatically be devalued 50 percent. I hope he (Mr. Pack) gets every dime for his property, but don't let it be done at our expense."

Neff said that new homes in the Skyuka Road area in just the last year have added over \$1 million to the county tax base.

Others argued that building new homes is an industry employing people, and that new homeowners also employ many workers building additions and renovations.

"There is no reason to put industry right in that area," said Delbert Case. "Put industry in an industrial park."

But Pack's lawyer, Walter Curry, attacked the idea that the county should make its zoning decisions based on "popular vote."

"For a zoning ordinance to be valid, the law says you have to have a comprehensive plan," Curry said. "I can't find comprehensiveness here. You are being asked to zone by referendum, or popular vote. This zoning is really directed at Mr. Pack. The rest of the area already has restrictive covenants. You are being asked to remove a threat."

Soil and Water Conservation Service maps were presented to the board to show that Pack's land will not support small structures like houses, nor will it accommodate septic tanks. Since there is no public water or sewer in the area, to zone the land residential would "in effect, be taking his property from him," Curry said.

Curry raised several legal questions. He said the board cannot legally act "capriciously, or unreasonably." To zone land for a use it cannot support could be considered both, he said.

Curry also said the county may not have legally zoned the land around Columbus, since the county code called for at least 640 acres to be included in any zoning, and the zoned land is less acreage than that.

Curry left little doubt that Pack may raise these legal questions again in court if the county zones his land against his wishes.

"If you adopt this amendment to your zoning ordinance, Mr. Pack has only a few options," Curry said. "He can live with it. He can go to court and challenge

it. He can petition Columbus for annexation, or he can ask the town to exercise its extra-territorial zoning rights."

Fall Soccer

Registration Continues

Late registration dates are: Gibson Park Ballfield, Sat., May 19, 9:30 - 1:30. Harmon Field, Fri., May 18, 5:30 - 7:30, Sat., May 26, 5 - 7. Green Creek Ballfield, May 18 and 25, 6 - 9. Green Creek Elementary, May 19, and 26, 9 - 11:30.

One Sentence Reviews

Here are some of the new books at the Lanier Library:

FICTION

Masquerade by Janet Dailey. — "In *Masquerade*, Janet Dailey creates a riveting story of a determined, courageous and intelligent woman who must untangle the mystery that surrounds an accident involving her family's international shipping company — or risk losing forever the man she loves and possibly even her own life. The story sweeps from the palatial hotels and beautiful beaches of the French Riviera to New Orleans."

The Book of Evidence by John Banville. — "John Banville has been listed as Ireland's finest contemporary novelist, and *The Book of Evidence* is his award-winning new novel about the banality of evil. On Freddie Montgomery's return to his native Ireland he steals a painting that for him has been an obsession. But what started as a casual escapade culminates in a seemingly motiveless murder. *The Book of Evidence* is Freddie Montgomery's confession. But how much of it is true, how much the invention of a criminal's imagination."

Collected Stories of Wallace Stegner — Stegner's stories are set against the landscapes of America and beyond — California and Vermont, Salt Lake City and Hollywood, Saskatchewan, Egypt, France, the Philippines, and nameless places. His stories have been recognized with three O. Henry Prizes."

FOR RENT: One bedroom trailer, 894-8340. adv. 17, 18c.