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The weekend weather: Friday, high 90, low 72, hum. 65%; Saturday, high 81, low 69, hum. 63%; Sunday, high 88, low 68, hum. 67%. And two-tenths of an inch of rain fell.

Answer to Communication from George Scofield on the front page of today's Bulletin. Read Scofield's letter first.

Dear George:

Thanks very much for your letter, I appreciate the tone and the earnest way in which you're approaching this.

The rhetoric on both sides of this issue — mine own included — has been charged with emotion, and you have not succumbed. Bully for you. I wish you could be cloned about 4,000 times and register all 4,000 to vote.

First, off, if you are confused even after much obvious study and thought, think how much more so the casual observer is confused. Can we rush into cutting local support for our schools by 20 percent in such a state?

All along, I have tried to argue that Polk County — we, the people — could easily have seen years ago that the county would have to pick up the slack after merger properly did away with

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## Communication

Dear Jeff,

I've read your Curb Reporter Column of last Friday with much interest. It seems that I'm again lacking informaton to wit. . .

The County Commissioner's are cutting the budget 20% from what it was four years ago. I thought that they were cutting this Board of Education's budget about 5%.

You say you believe that family counseling is needed. I agree that's why I'm trying to get out the facts. that's what counseling is. Understanding.

I feel hurt tht you implied that some of us who think we might be over spending or wasting money are trying to fool someone. I thought that it happens sometimes, at least I do.

Singling out Steven D. Wyatt as the bad boy, is not only wrong but unfair. He has a job to do. ]

Do you want me to think that those Commissioners that are opposed have a vendetta against the schools? Implying this is also unfair. They have a right to their opinion right or wrong.

What does the EMS have to do with the schools budget? I don't understand!

People who sign petitions without knowing what the cost might be lack understanding. I have many dreams that I cannot afford and maybe every penny the School Board wants is one. Who knows?

Saying that we on fixed incomes are for or against the budget is unfounded. Just like the

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## Celebrate 70th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. (Stanley) Blomeley Sr. of Columbus will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary June 19 (today).

Married in Lambert, Mississippi, Mr. Blomeley is from Pensacola, Fla. and his wife, the former Ursalene Elzey, is from Edith, Tenn. They have three sons, Stanley Jr., James Lee and Dr. Charles P. Blomeley; 12 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to a reception in honor of the Blomeley's on Sunday, June 24, 3:30 — 5:30 p.m. in the Morgan Center at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

## Gun Club Meeting

Members meeting 6 p.m. Thursday at Gun Club. Cat fish stew and then Fun Fests.

Mrs. Celia Blackwell of Green Creek had three of her granddaughters visiting with her this past week. Dina Blackwell from Garden Grove, California, who is currently attending Long Beach State University; Terri Blackwell from Garden Grove, California, who is currently attending California State Polytechnic University in Pamona (Cal Poly); and Laura High from Spartanburg, S. C. who graduated from Coker College in Hartsville, S. C. in May.

## Black Bear Visits Polk

A black bear attempted to aid Polk County with its solid waste problems this past weekend, tipping trash cans from Sunny View to the South Carolina border.

Mattie Wilson was finishing up some work in her kitchen Saturday morning when she heard some commotion outside the window.

"I heard a bang, bang, bang," Wilson said. "Real close to the window where I was washing dishes." She walked out the kitchen door, and there, just six feet away, was a fully grown black bear.

He never turned his head to look at her, Wilson said, but just started leaping away.

"I ran inside yelling to Charlie, 'A bear! A bear! Please come, it's a bear!'"

Charlie Wilson had his shoes off, but scampered out the front door and attempted to follow the frightened animal through a pine grove.

Mattie Wilson got onto the phone to warn Thaxton and Sadie Holbert. While she was on the phone with Sadie, sure enough, the bear was heard rummaging the Holberts' trash cans.

"I came back in the house and had to fall on the bed," Mattie Wilson said Monday. "I'm still scared to think how that thing could've got up on my back."

Polk County Sheriff Boyce Carswell said calls about bear sightings started coming into his

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