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The weather report was unavailable again Tuesday, but the weather reporter is back home. Mrs. Robert Dedmond called today to say that Robert is home from the hospital after quadruple by-pass heart surgery. He is still weak, and cannot take visitors, she said, but seems to be on the mend.

The new street signs are going up all over Polk County. Signs have already been erected for all the streets in White Oak, Green Creek and Cooper's Gap townships. Coming soon to a street corner near you!

Gift certificates are available now for the Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce's pictorial history of Polk County. This 128-page book, to be published next fall, will bring together hundreds of photographs portraying the way of life in Polk County as it was, and as it still is today.

The books are being sold for \$29.95 now, but after Jan. 31, the price will rise to \$45.

Gift certificates for the pictorial history are available in Columbus at The Flower Cottage, NCNB and Tryon Federal; in

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Annual Christmas Toy Auction

It's time again! Just as Santa is preparing for his big night, so we at The Upstairs Art Gallery are preparing for our third annual Toy Auction. Response has been wonderful in the past, and this year promises to be even more fun.

Here's what's in store for you on Friday, Dec. 7: 6-7 p.m., cocktails and delicious dinner buffet, complete with beef tenderloin. At this time, you may view the 20 or so pieces of donated artwork, all by local artists. At 7 p.m., there will be entertainment by Jeff Sumerel, followed by the actual auction. It will be a gala evening.

Food preparations are by Pamela Derrick of "Raspberries and Thyme" catering, and Mr. Dee Miner. Area artists are: Ann McCown, Nancy Herron, Paul Pourbaix, Jeanne Parker, Charlotte Fowler, Patti Palmer, Elaine Kerby, Philip Dusenbury, Joe Bruneau, Ann Gleason, Dave Newlin, Amy Rice, Jeff Sumerel, Claude and Elaine Graves, Susan Leonard, Mary Schweder, Connie Glassman, and Kimberly Wilcox. Auctioneers will be Joe Claud and Dewitt Miner, Sr.

Be sure to make your plans now to attend on Dec. 7 — it's the best party in town. Admission is \$20 per person and includes all drinks, dinner, entertainment and auction. — Reporter.

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For Local News

Named PAC Executive Director



Melissa Warren has been named Executive Director of the Pacolet Area Conservancy according to an announcement by Allen "Bud" Slater, president. She will begin work on December 1st.

Mrs. Warren is a graduate of UNC at Chapel Hill and has completed work at Cape Fear Technical College, UNC at Wilmington and Cataba Valley Community College. Her expertise is in land use planning, grantsmanship, marketing and public relations. In January she will undergo intensive training in environmental institute management at the University of Delaware Graduate School.

Melissa says her first love is working with the environment and she looks forward to working with the Pacolet Area Conservancy (PAC).

She and her husband, David, make their home at 1257 E. Shore Drive on Lake Lanier. Melissa will sing the role of Mary, mother of Jesus, in the Christmas Concert at the Fine Arts Center Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

Tryon Kiwanis Supports Major Emphasis Project

Each year, Kiwanis International adopts a major emphasis project theme for clubs to recognize and contribute. Setting a precedent this year's theme, Young Children: Priority One, will run for three years. Like Terrific Kids, the Tryon club intends to be very active, county-wide, with this extended term project.

Young Children: Priority One addresses the needs of children, prenatal through age 5. Statistics show that this age group has serious problems. Each year, thousands of babies are born so small that they have a very poor chance of survival. Those that do survive often have a mental or physical handicap. As many as a third of the children eligible to enter kindergarten are not ready to do so. If present trends are left unchanged, more than 100 million children will die during the 1990s. Every day the tragedy of our children worsens.

There are solutions to these problems and Kiwanis International's Young Children: Priority One project wants to assist. There are ways to help young children. The best way to prevent infant mortality is to ensure adequate prenatal care for pregnant women. An early childhood program stressing developmental learning and social growth will help a disadvantaged child succeed in school. Parent education and

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