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The weekend weather: Friday, high 47, low 38, hum. 85 percent, and 1.3 inches of rain fell; Saturday, high 58, low 41, hum. 70 percent, and 1.12 inches of rain fell; Sunday, high 45, low 33, hum. 68 percent and a frost covered Polk County Monday morning.

Tryon weather observer Robert Dedmond said snow is expected Wednesday, brought by moist blasts of air off the Gulf of Mexico. Aaa-reee-baaa! Let it snow, Senor. I'd say wax those skis, but it's hard to think of recreating when a mass destruction seems about to begin in the Middle East.

Harthorne Wingo, a Tryon boy who made good as a basketball player with the New York Knicks from 1972 to 1976, was featured in a long article on the sports page of the Sunday New York Times. The writer described Wingo's rise to fame and his hard fall since that glorious time. Wingo was released from a drug rehabilitation program last summer, but says he fell back into drug use when he returned to Harlem.

However, now he has moved to
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Polk Schools Are Above State Average

The "below par" rating Polk County Schools received on the first report card for local school systems does not upset Superintendent Dr. James Causby because the same report places Polk County Schools in the 23% of the state's school systems in overall achievement.

"This tells us what we've known for a year and a half; Susan's seen it too (assistant superintendent Susan Leonard)," Dr. Causby said Friday. "We know the achievement level has improved a great deal, but there's a lot more we can do," he explained.

The report was put together well by the State Department of Public Instruction in considering the differences between different school systems, Dr. Causby said. However, he believes that Polk County's "Advantagement rating" of 13 is a little high.

The final report took test results to determine achievement, and then added factors that would subtract or add advantages a school might have that would lessen or improve a chance for high student achievement. The possible advantagement level was a range of minus 40 to plus 40, with zero being the average level of advantagement statewide.

The actual range was from the most disadvantaged, minus 31 for Halifax County, to the most advantaged, at plus 21 for Chapel
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Tryon Estates Continues Without First Union Help

Along with so many other enterprises facing the national recession, Tryon Estates has fallen on hard times.

After just two "draws," First Union Bank pulled the construction financing for the "lifecare" retirement community being built in Columbus and the parent company, ACTs, has been continuing the work with money from its own reserves.

Although construction has slowed, progress is being made on the steel framing, roofing and concrete work, said Tryon Estates executive director Sam Collier.

"We are going forward," said Collier. "This project will be built." In fact, he said the completion date for Phase I move-ins is still late September 1991.

Tryon Estates is touted as the single largest construction project ever undertaken in Polk County.

A meeting of those residents already committed to Tryon Estates has been called for Jan. 25th at the Tryon Fine Arts Center starting at 10 a.m. Collier said he hopes at that time to have "in-depth and detailed announcements."

Collier said that his company is optimistically pursuing other construction financing at this time, but that even if it cannot be found, ACTs intends to build
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\$8,000 Of Bad Checks Passed in Charlotte

A man who gives his name as Dr. Mark Regan, and claims to be the new anesthesiologist at St. Luke's Hospital, has passed three bad checks worth \$8,000 in Charlotte since Jan. 4th, according to Tryon Police Chief Nathan Shields.

The checks are drawn on an account at Tryon Federal Savings & Loan. Regan placed a Lynn address and St. Luke's Hospital's telephone number on his checks for identification.

Both the Tryon police and St. Luke's Hospital administrator Thomas Bradshaw have been receiving calls from Charlotte merchants regarding the bad checks. Bradshaw said Regan has apparently been buying expensive, Oriental rugs.

The real anesthesiologist at St. Luke's is Dr. Thon...s B. Whalen.

Rosman Defeats Polk

The Polk County varsity boys basketball team lost to Rosman Friday night, 68-77.

Dwight Canady had an outstanding effort in the first half, scoring 13 of his 17 points. Other leading scorers were: Kevin Wood, 12, Kerry Miller, 10, and Larry Fagan, 10.

The Polk County varsity girls beat Rosman easily, 78-28. Leading scorers for Polk were J.J. Bumgardner, 15, Jennifer Arledge, 15, Donna Dawson, 13, and Jenny McGrane, 11.

Both teams host match-ups with Edneyville tonight.