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The weather Tuesday: high 39, low 21, and hum. 65 percent. Needless to say, it was COLID. But there was a hope of snow in the offing.

Rowena Sweezy of Columbus noted something interesting in the Tryon Daily Bulletin's Curb Reporter column from the issue of Jan. 15, 1989. Seth Vining Jr. had noted on that day an item in the national news about President George Bush working for peace in the Middle East.

Rowena said it was striking that two years later, on the same day, the President was launching America into a war in that very region.

We ran a press release from the Western Carolina University's Center for Improving Mountain Living recently regarding a Polk County Profile. It included a public relations office phone number to call for a copy of the report updating all sorts of statistics about Polk.

However, due to the large response, the university staff now callers to instead call the Center office directly, at 704-227-7492. Or you could write to: Western Carolina University, Center for Improving Mountain Living, Cullowhee, N.C. 28723.

The Polk County Democratic Men's Club will meet Saturday,

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EMS Budget Off By \$100,000

Polk County's new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department may require an additional \$100,000 over what was budgeted from county taxpayers this year, Polk County Board of Commissioners chairman Jeannie Martin said Monday.

Martin's assessment came after EMS director Lisa Wilson told the board that she was concerned about the collection rate for EMS billings. (The average ambulance call charge is \$200.) Wilson asked for permission to initiate several new collection measures.

However, some area professionals said they believe Polk EMS collections experience is not out of line with industry standards and the former Polk County Manager said the timing of collections is not a problem under the county's accounting system.

EMS is budgeted to cost the county about \$492,000 for fiscal year 1990-91. Of that amount, the service is budgeted to collect for its services about \$276,000, leaving the county to pay the \$216,000 difference.

EMS billings are on line with projections, at \$153,000 in the first six and a half months of operation, and it has collected \$87,765. That is a pretty good collections experience, according to Western Regional EMS director Max Weston.

Nonetheless, EMS collections were behind Polk's budget by \$85,000 as of Dec. 31, 1990, according to county finance direc-

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At Dinner Theater



Carol Cloud is appearing as Nancy Relansky in "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" at the Alhambra Dinner Theater in Jacksonville, FL. In February she will portray the role of Morgan LeFey in "Camelot", which runs for 2 months.

Carol received a BFA in Acting from Western Carolina Univ. where she won Best Character Actress award and was twice nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship. In 1989 she toured with the American Repertory Theater.

Carol is the daughter of Russell and Inky Cloud of Tryon. — Reporter

Republicans Meet Tonight

The Polk County Republicans will have their monthly meeting tonight at Headquarters in Columbus at 7:30.

This meeting was postponed from last Thursday, the regular monthly meeting date, to avoid a conflict with the public presentation by Dr. Willard Daggett at Tryon Elementary School.

Jean Pettigrew At Lanier Library

Jean Pettigrew will be back again center stage in the Le Duc Room of the Lanier Library. Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 30, 3 p.m. she will introduce a seminar on the major poets. The programs will continue on Wednesday, Feb. 6, and Wednesday, Feb. 20, same time and place.

Jean has retired from teaching gifted children at Polk Central but she has not retired from life or from sharing her own teaching abilities with the community. She is preparing to lead a more in depth discussion of several poets, choosing from a list which includes, Robert Frost, William Wordsworth, T. S. Eliot, Dylan Thomas, Walt Whitman, Carl Sandburg and Edgar Lee Masters.

These are some of the names selected following her request for ideas given out last fall. If you have a favorite poet contact Jean or the Lanier Library as she would like the seminar to include them.

Lanier Library members and their guests are invited to attend. — Reporter

Correction

Annie Bell Bradley was the daughter of the late William Alberry and Mollie McFarland Cannon. The names were given incorrectly in the obituary printed Friday.