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The weather Tuesday: high 51, low 37, hum. 85 percent, and by 7 a.m. Wednesday Robert Dedmond had recorded another .18 inches of rain in his gages.

Polk residents will have their last chance to discuss the names given their roads at a public hearing Monday at 7 p.m. in the courtroom of the Polk County Courthouse.

The roads have been named to reduce the confusion faced by emergency crews trying to respond to calls using the new Emergency-911 phone system. The computer running that system will present dispatchers with a screen full of information about you as soon as your 911 call is received.

However, most of that information is being gathered from information forms which were mailed out earlier this month. Polk County commissioner John Edwards said Wednesday that about 900 families still have not returned their information form. If you are in one of those families, you are urged to return your form right away.

Emergency-911 service is set to begin Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, in Alltel Carolina Inc.

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"Stems" Grand Opening Feb. 4

Stems, a flower shop owned and operated by Joy Jackson of Mill Spring, will officially open for business on Mon., Feb. 4 at 9 a.m.

Joy, a graduate of Polk Central High School, received her training from Ron Poole, owner of Twigs Flower Shop in Saluda. She will feature fresh cut flowers, all occasion balloons and will be available to serve the community for weddings, funerals and other occasions.

Stems is located in Arledge Building, No. 9 at the High 9 and 108 intersection in Mill Spring. Open Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 9-5, Wed. and Sat. 9 12, 894-8818.

Polk Central J.H. Girls #1

Polk Central's Junior High Girls Basketball team finished their regular season Monday, Jan. 28 with a 34-32 win over Landrum. High for P.C. were Tanekia Gray 14, and Tasha Simpson and Amanda McCallister 8. High for Landrum were A. Tucker 6, L. Whiteside 6. P. C. finished 14-0 for the season and were number one in their conference, 10-0.

The Foothills Invitational Tournament began Wednesday at Campobello-Gramling. Starting Thursday at 4 p.m. games resume.

16 Run Down Houses Counted In 3.8 Miles



On a short trip through the black neighborhoods of Tryon one can find at least 16 dilapidated structures.

It is those - a former church, a former social club, and 14 houses - that have concerned Councilman Warren J. Carson for some time.

At Carson's request, the Tryon Town Council earlier this month instructed Town Manager Matthew Dolge to draft an ordinance the town could use to remedy the problem.

"These are a clear eyesore," Carson said recently while giving a tour of the neighborhoods blighted by deteriorating houses. "Not only

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Red Cross Bloodmobile Feb. 4

The next Red Cross Bloodmobile will be Monday Feb. 4 at the Parish House of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Melrose Ave. in Tryon. Hours are 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Jim Jackson, chairman of the Polk County Chapter of the American Red Cross, said that it is vital that as many people as possible turn out for the Bloodmobile.

"In addition to our usual need for blood, we now have the demand brought on by the war in the Gulf," he said. "The Asheville Regional Blood Center is relying on Bloodmobiles to meet the quota for Operation Desert Storm."

Jackson said that blood donors must be at least 17 years old. There is no top age limit.

TCC Meeting

The Tryon Country Club held its 75th annual dinner meeting at the Vineyard on Tuesday evening Jan. 22nd. Over 100 members of the Club attended the business meeting and the fellowship and dinner which followed.

After dinner, John Vining, County Extension Director of Agricultural Services gave a short talk and slide presentation on the "Difficulties of Growing and Maintaining Grass in this Area."

A really enjoyable evening was held by all the club members attending. - reporter