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The weather Wednesday: high 80, low 57, hum. 36 percent.

I wrote Wednesday about differing views as to the effect of retiree migration on the quality of life in Polk County. I shared some ideas I heard in a conversation with a locally born gentleman, and suggested that often people resort to griping rather than muster the "personal courage" to look an opponent in the eye and try to work things out amicably.

Well, the gentlemen I had talked to felt mustered enough to look me in the eye Wednesday afternoon. I believe, after meeting him in person, he'd have no problem confronting anyone. And, even better, he seems the sort, intelligent and reasonable, that could work amicably with opponents, despite differences.

What prompted me to write was his statement that his frustration was festering. He sincerely wants to see Polk County move in a different direction, but is resigned to inaction because he feels other people have taken over. No use trying.

When we met, he explained his point further. The gentleman said retirees coming to Polk
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Discovery House Offers Dance Classes

Area youngsters learn the basics of ballet and modern dance in classes sponsored by Discovery House of the Arts. Practicing an exercise in balance, above, is Meredith Laughridge, age 9, with teacher Cynthia Andresen. The beginning ballet class meets each Wednesday at Tryon Congregational Church. For information on instruction in music, drama, art and dance, call Discovery House, 859-7691.

Planning To Advertise?

If you are planning to advertise in the Bulletin's Block House Steeplechase issue Friday, April 19 please bring in your advertising copy to the Bulletin office as early as possible.

Meeting Place Bridge Results

The results of the Wednesday afternoon Meeting Place Bridge Club are: 1st-Thelma Andersen, 2nd-Nancy Sendelbach, 3rd-Dorothy Cleveland, 4th-Elizabeth Davis.

J.P.'s Club Broken Into

J.P.'s Eatery and Saloon, a private club located below The Fox Horn, on Maple Street in Tryon, was broken into Tuesday night.

The proprietor, Patty Horne, said Tryon Police have a suspect.

Horne found a small, portal-shaped window broken out when she arrived a work Wednesday. A day's cash receipts stored inside the saloon was missing, she said.

The investigation was continuing Thursday.

Landrum Looks At Natural Gas

The Landrum Town Council met in regular session on Tuesday night in the Landrum Town Hall. The primary topic of discussion was the upcoming feasibility studies for a proposed conversion to natural gas, city-wide. Alex Lowe of A & L Undergrounds addressed the council, and Mayor Bob Cogdell noted that there is a lot of interest in the town of Carapobello in joining onto a natural gas system.

"As I understand it, there are people as far away as Inman who are interested in this natural gas," said Councilman Hollis S. Constance. "They are wondering just how far down we are going to extend our system."

Mayor Cogdell said that the policy requires the town to conduct these feasibility studies as a prelude to action.

The Council also announced that the polls will open in Landrum this Friday, April 12 at Noon in order to allow candidates to file their petitions for the upcoming special election on June 18. The election will be to fill the vacancy created when Councilman Jim Helms moved out of the district. One candidate for the council seat, Harold Hill, briefly addressed the Council. In other business:

The Town Council approved a request by the Woodmen of the World to receive their water

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