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The weather Monday, high  
50, low 27, hum. 35 percent.

There were 210 people seated  
in the courtroom Monday night  
for the public hearing on the  
proposed sign ordinance.  
Another 37 were standing along  
the walls, 10 sat in extra chairs  
in the aisle, 10 in the jury box,  
and 16 on the lawyers benches.  
Up front were four members  
from the sign committee, the  
county manager, the county  
attorney - and five county  
commissioners.

They were all in one room  
and, saints be praised, no one  
was rude to anyone else. They  
stated their diverse opinions  
openly and with respect.

"The most important thing  
that happened tonight was that  
we found out Polk County can  
get along with Polk County,"  
said commissioner Tim  
McConnack.

The old arguments were still  
there. Beating strongly in some  
chests was the feeling that those  
"damn Yankees" are trying to  
tell "us" what to do. But these  
opinions were expressed  
directly, frankly, and with  
humor on both sides. That's a  
start.

The Hall of Fame statements  
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## Most Speakers Say 'Yes' To Sign Law

"Say 'No' To Sign Ordinance"  
signs were posted in the hall-  
way and inside the Polk County  
courtroom before the public  
hearing Monday night.

When the hearing began,  
however, most speakers said  
"yes."

Polk County Board of Com-  
missioners chairman Jeannie  
Martin called nine opponents of  
the proposed sign ordinance to  
the podium, alternating them  
with nine who favored the mea-  
sure.

After that the opponents were  
done, while another 12 speakers  
stood up in favor of the ordi-  
nance.

Nonetheless, commissioners  
Sue Cochran and Carson Deck  
said they believe the county is  
about evenly divided on the  
question.

For that reason, both Deck  
and Cochran said they might  
favor Vivian Searcy's sugges-  
tion that the sign ordinance be  
put to a referendum.

However, after the meeting  
County Attorney R. Jay Foster  
said state law only allows the  
commissioners to hold referen-  
dums on certain types of ques-  
tions, and sign ordinances are  
not included.

"The intent is that you don't  
have every issue decided by  
voters. Otherwise, why have a  
board of commissioners?" Fos-  
ter said.

He said he doubted Polk's  
state delegates would consider  
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## Community Chorus Prepares For Concert

Well into rehearsals, the  
Community Chorus is rapidly  
shaping up its Christmas Con-  
cert to be presented at the Fine  
Arts Center on Friday and Sat-  
urday, Dec. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m.  
and Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.

Joe Erwin, director of the  
Chorus, has designed a concert  
that includes a major choral  
work with instrumental accom-  
paniment, as well as many  
familiar and traditional carols,  
including selected numbers for  
which he has composed new  
arrangements specifically for  
the Chorus.

The enthusiastic response of  
local area singers to this annual  
Christmas event and to the spe-  
cific program was measured by  
the fact that the 100 prepared  
music books failed to accom-  
modate the unexpectedly large  
turnout. Says Joe, "I wish there  
were more of these unpredict-  
able, but happy and easily

solved, problems. You can per-  
form a broader selection of  
music with a large number of  
singers and perform it better.  
It's true that small groups of real  
professionals can and do 'bring  
it off' with distinction, but with

amateur choruses you need  
numbers to bet the best blend.  
With this group we have the  
opportunity to being the com-  
munity great music sung in a  
manner that should reach the  
hearts and true nature of our  
audience."

Reserved seat tickets are  
available at \$7 each by mail  
order to the Tryon Community  
Chorus, PO Box 54, Tryon,  
N.C. 28782. (Please state your  
seat area preference and enclose  
a self addressed stamped envel-  
ope.) Beginning Dec. 4, tickets  
will be sold at the Fine Arts  
Center box office from 10-12  
a.m. and 2-4 p.m. on weekdays.  
-Community Reporter