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The weather Monday, high 48, low 29, hum. 52 percent.

In the study of international relations, political scientists distinguish between nations and states. A "nation" is a group of people with cultural ties. A "state" is a set of artificial boundaries.

All over the globe, small conflicts are erupting where nations feel they are not recognized correctly by the political system of the state. Look at the Croations, the Kurds, the Catholic Irish, the blacks in South Africa. The list is long.

The same analysis is useful in looking at Lake Lanier and Polk County. For generations this has been a clear example of one community, call it a small "nation", which is divided by artificial boundaries. And problems are just now arising, not due to the people, but due to those boundaries.

Exploiting those artificial boundaries in the supposed name of some altruistic drive for frugality, the Association of County Taxpayers has begun to jerk the tail of a political system which responds quite well to monied interests. But will the system also respond to the

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## Tryon Approves Noise, Sight Nuisance Ordinances

Abandoned junk cars and noise pollution soon will not be tolerated in Tryon following town council action Monday.

The Tryon Town Council voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance "providing for the removal and disposition of abandoned, nuisance and junked motor vehicles" effective Jan. 1.

The ordinance provides a practical solution to dealing with junked vehicles on private property, explained Mayor Robert Neely. Judicial precedence now allows a monetary value to be placed on urban attractiveness and aesthetic appearance, he said.

"I like this ordinance. It gives us some teeth to address a problem we've danced around far too long," said councilman Warren Carson who is credited with the ordinance's conception.

Town manager Matthew Dolge will notify owners of all identified junk cars to inform them of the ordinance and its effective enforcement date. Once notice is given, owners are given no less than seven days and no more than 14 days to remove the identified vehicle.

If after 14 days the vehicle has not been removed, the town will guarantee the costs of removal and storage by a private company and that cost will be a lien against the owner's property,

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## Question Of "Slob Hunters" Dominates Firearms Hearing

No one disagreed at Monday's public hearing on Polk County's proposed firearms safety ordinance that some hunters are acting irresponsibly.

But most of the audience packed into the Polk County courthouse Monday did question whether additional laws are needed to address the problem.

After the hearing, the board of commissioners held a first reading on a firearms safety ordinance to replace the one it passed in August.

The hearing was to consider that replacement ordinance, which could be passed at the commissioners next meeting Jan. 6.

The new ordinance was proposed by State Wildlife Officer

Johnny Blanton. It removes all wording about firing a gun when the shooter reasonably believes his shot will fall within certain distances of residences and cars, and simply says it is illegal "to discharge a firearm .. in such a manner as to allow the shot... to fall on" cars and houses.

While less restrictive, Blanton's proposal was still too restrictive for most of those present, but Kevin Thompson said he felt Blanton's proposal was the "lesser of two evils."

"I carried an unloaded gun for two years until I could prove to

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## Stearns Park Contributions

The gazebo at Stearns Park in Columbus was decorated for Christmas recently.

Contributions to cover expenses were received from Dusenbury Insurance Agency, La Parisienne Beauty Salon, Lynn Motor Sales, Bonnie Brae Equine, Mills Mosseller Studio, McFarland Funeral Home, The Garden Patch, Scott's Landscaping, and the Stearns Class of 1941.

## Edwards To Undergo Surgery Today

Polk County commissioner John Edwards was to undergo prostate surgery today at the VA Medical Center in Asheville.

Edwards missed Monday's board meeting and was reportedly in the hospital undergoing tests. His wife, Edith, said he has had prostate gland problems in the past.

A VA hospital spokesperson said there are no phones in the patients' rooms. The hospital address, however, is 1100 Tunnel Road, Asheville, N.C. 28805.

## Bird Count

The Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by FENCE, will meet Saturday at 8 a.m. in the Tryon Plaza parking lot.