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The weather Monday, high 57, low 42, hum. 55 percent.

A Reopened Letter to Senator Robert Carpenter.

Dear Sen. Bob:

You have by now I am sure read your letter from Polk County's own, beloved Association of County Taxpayers. At first glance, Chairman Walt Hamill appears to make a strong argument. Look again, please.

It comes down to what you see as important - what you care about, and what you don't care about. Most of us in Polk County care deeply about educating America's youth. We want our local, state and national leaders to be driven, obsessed with this same desire. We abhor this crusade on the part of some to be constantly on the lookout for nit-picky, legal loopholes in a never-ending effort to undermine confidence in and support for our public schools.

It is nice to know that we were mistaken about ACT, however. It does care about "the human factor". The association graciously suggests that our S.C. neighbors' children be given a couple years before we kick them out of the schools
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Foundation Boosts Traveling Exhibit

Dr. Willard Parsons, retired head of Wayne State University Geology Department, has donated his lifelong collection of geological specimens to Foothills Equestrian and Nature Center.

This remarkable and educational assortment, valued at \$50,000, has a new permanent display case at FENCE.

Polk County Community Foundation voted a grant of \$1,400 to help FENCE widen the audience for Dr. Parson's gift.

The money is to go toward a traveling component of the exhibit, to circulate to schools, libraries and other educational institutions in the area.

Suitcase-sized portions of the collection will be accompanied by an audio tape of explanation.
-Community Reporter

Foundation Helps Stearns Playground

Stearns Park in Columbus will soon have a playground for children aged three to twelve, furnished by a \$7,000 grant from Polk County Community Foundation.

Equipment for handicapped youngsters is included.

The Stearns Park Committee is matching this grant with donations from a fund drive.
-Community Reporter



Stott's Ford Receives Award From TYC

The Tryon Youth Center Board of Directors presented a plaque to Stott's Ford in appreciation of their continued support of the youth of our area. The presentation was made by Franklin McKaig at a recent gathering. Shown above from left to right is Harold Stott, Franklin McKaig and James Stott. -Community Reporter

Communication

To the editor:

Last Sunday on our way to church our car began to cough and buck, forcing us to pull to the side of the road. Repeated attempts to start the engine failed so we got out, prepared to walk back home.

We were near the Lynn Body Shop on 108, where Sgt. Carter of the Polk County Sheriff's Dept. was talking to the owner. Sgt. Carter helped us by pushing our car well off the road into the parking area and by calling the towing service to

come take our car to the garage in Tryon. Then he arranged for the shop owner to give the car keys to the towing service when they arrived, after which he drove us back home.

We were so impressed and grateful for the kind and efficient service Sgt. Carter gave us that we want acknowledge his good work publicly. He is a credit to the Polk County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hahn

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