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The weather Thursday, high 57, low 39, hum. 50 percent. Cold!

Polk County is lucky to have an outstanding school superintendent - one who just last year passed up other opportunities, choosing instead to stay here. We surely hope the Polk County School Board understands its good fortune.

School Board member Wayne Bradley does. "Jim Causby is without a doubt better than all the other superintendents that we've ever had put together," Bradley said recently.

Polk County Schools Supt. Causby has brought Polk County from obscurity to a system on the verge of becoming a national model, Bradley pointed out. Polk's outcome-based education curriculum is at least a year ahead of the national America 2000 Project, according to Dr. Bill Daggett, the national expert Causby found to help develop the curriculum. A year ahead of the nation!

At a recent public presentation on the new curriculum, Daggett called Causby "courageous," and said, "You are extraordinarily fortunate to have Jim Causby and (Asst. Supt.)

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## Landrum Employees May Face Drug Tests

Landrum Town Council is looking toward drug testing for all present and future town employees.

"I think we really need it," said Landrum Police Chief Gary Laughter. "The way society is now, there's a lot of people who get on depressants and things like this," he said.

New employees cannot be tested without a drug testing policy in effect, he pointed out.

Administrator Doug Landers said he doesn't believe that Landrum has a drug problem with town employees, but he doesn't mind having a drug testing policy.

If the town's employees are required to undergo drug testing, the town council members should be subject to testing as well, said Doug Brannon.

However, drug testing for employees involves an expense and must be done periodically, not just once, Laughter said.

Mayor Robert Cogdell, who introduced the drug testing idea, said that from what he hears the cost is \$36 for each test.

"All municipalities and industries are going to this," the mayor said.

The administrator and council members will talk with employees and other cities with drug testing policies before discussing the matter in a work session next Monday.  
C. Wharton



## Big Bands A-Comin'

Get ready to hear Benny Goodman, Glen Miller, Count Basie, Herbie Hancock, Buddy Rich on stage at the Tryon Fine Arts Center on Sat., Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. They won't be there in person but in spirited arrangements we all came to know and love. That's because the N.C. Jazz Ensemble will assemble for our pleasure to bring us an evening of what we really long for in Tryon... good jazz.

The 17-member band was started twelve years ago by bassist Oliver Hodge and saxophonist Stanley Baird. It consists of professional musicians, most of whom are teachers at university and high school levels.

Highlighted will be Melva Houston, vocalist, who was born in Memphis and grew up near the legendary Beale Street. From childhood she knew that she had to be a singer. Indeed, by age 13 she was a backup singer for Stax Records. After high school she sang locally before striking out for Europe where she was acclaimed one of the top jazz vocalists there. But the south called to her and she recently settled in Mt. Airy, N.C. where she joined the N.C. Jazz Ensemble.

The program is sponsored by the Special Events Committee of TFAC. Tickets at \$10 each and are on sale now from 10-1 days until showtime. -Community Reporter

## Revival At Big Level

Big Level Baptist Church will have a revival Jan. 20-24 at 7:30 p.m. each night. Rev. Handley Milby of Buffalo, Ky. will be the guest speaker.

## Meeting Place Bridge

Tuesday Meeting Place Bridge results were as follows: 1st Eddie Fitzgibbon, 2nd Donna Weber, 3rd Ethel Pfeiffer, 4th Hortense Stone.