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The weather Tuesday: high 63, low 32, hum. 50 percent.

The Pine Crest Inn in Tryon has put Polk County on the map again. This time it is *The Discerning Traveler's* map of "Romantic Hideaways 1992."

The Pine Crest is featured in the January/February 1992 edition along with eleven other inns in the east. There's Prospect Hill in Trevilians, Va.; Two Meeting Street, Charleston, S.C.; the Cliffside Inn, Newport, R.I.; and the Inn at Harbor Head, Cape Porpoise, Maine, to mention a few.

This is fine company for a fine inn, one of many fine inns in the Thermal Belt area.

What's happening:

The Columbus Merchants Association will meet this evening at 7 at McDonalds.

The commissioners of the Foothills Fire Service Area will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Tryon Town Hall. The agenda will include the election of officers and setting of objectives for the coming year.

Phil and Gaye Johnson will host a "Harmony for Habitat" benefit concert Saturday at the Tryon Fine Arts Center. Call the Habitat for Humanity office,

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Landrum Council Kills Special Election Ordinance

If the majority of the Landrum Town Council members has its way, no election will be held for the two additional council members approved by the voters in November until single member districts are approved.

Landrum Town Council Tuesday voted down 3-2 an ordinance prepared by attorneys Roger Couch and Tony Lister which added the two additional councilmen and provided for a special election to be held during the primaries.

Mayor Robert Cogdell, Hollis Constance and Ray Mayfield voted against a motion by Doug Brannon and seconded by Fred Williams to give first reading approval to the ordinance presented by the attorneys.

Mayor Cogdell directed the attorneys to come back with an ordinance which not only changes the council membership from four to two, but which also changes the voting patterns to single member districts.

However, Lister warned, "If you try to do both, you may tie up the election another year."

The Justice Department has already approved the addition of two councilmen, but it has not approved single member districts. This department is going to want maps, numbers and other facts before approving the move to single member

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Elizabeth Daniels Squire

Author To Speak At County Library

The Polk County Public Library and Friends of the Library will present the talented mystery writer, Elizabeth Daniels Squire, at the next meeting of the Friends organization on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m. at the library in Columbus.

Squire's first mystery novel, *Kill the Messenger*, revolves around a newspaper, natural for her since she grew up in the newspaper world. Her father, Jonathan Daniels, and grandfather, Josephus Daniels, were outspoken editors of the *Raleigh News and Observer*.

A reporter herself, she has covered everything from murder trials to school board meetings. She has listened to accused murderers defend

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State Requirements To Graduate Change

New North Carolina graduation requirements will not change the number of units required by the state to graduate, but will raise Polk County's graduation requirements to 23 units, the Polk County Board of Education learned Monday.

Three major changes will go into effect for next year's 9th graders, the class of 1996, explained Supt. James Causby.

Beginning with the 1992-93 freshmen, three units of mathematics will be required, up from the previous two. Polk County already required three units of mathematics, Dr. Causby pointed out.

One of the three units must be Algebra I, the state now mandates.

Required Social Studies units have been raised from two to three, one of which must be government and economics, one in United States History and one in World Studies.

Required Science units have been raised from two to three, one of which must be biology and one a physical science.

To keep the number of units required for graduation at 20, the state has lowered the number of electives from 9 to 6. However, local school boards are given the option to add requirements beyond the 20 units approved by the State Board of Education.

"This could have some major
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