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The weather Thursday, high 65, low 39, hum. 50 percent.

A reader called the other day to discuss the latest in educational jargon. We reported a new term - "relooping" - in our series of stories by Claire Wharton on Polk's Outcome Based Education curriculum which ended Friday.

A student in tomorrow's classrooms who does not master a topic on the first pass will be given a second or third chance. He'll "reloop."

Well, this eagle-eyed reader correctly noted that "to reloop" is redundant. That is to say that "loop" means to turn back and circle around. Why say "reloop"? Why not simply say students will "loop."

Well, it's good that you came to Dr. Grammar to re-ask this question. The re-answer is: Hey, it's educational jargon! What did you expect? It to be smart or something?

One other point about looping and "relooping". In writing headlines we have to communicate the essence of a story in a few words - often not enough words to capture nuances.

On the "relooping" story, the
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Board Ok's Budget Advance For Polk Central Renovation

Polk Central High School will be renovated in time for school to open next fall.

The Polk County Commissioners decided in a special meeting last Wednesday to allow the county school board to shift \$30,581 in 1991-92 capital outlay funds. And the commissioners agreed to advance \$175,000 from the schools' 1992-93 capital outlay budget.

Supt. James Causby told the commissioners that the money was needed if the planned renovation of Polk Central was to take place this summer. He explained that while costs of the Saluda School project and the new Polk High School construction are running very close to budget, the bids for the Polk Central renovation ran higher than expected.

"When we put the plan together in 1989 we didn't know all the problems that the building had," he explained. "When you renovate, you must bring the building up to code."

Dr. Causby added that when the Polk Central renovation was originally conceived there was no money allocated for site work.

"The central parking area with cars driving in and out between the buildings is alright for high school students, but unsafe for elementary school children," he

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Julie Cantrell

Red Cross Contributions

Julie Cantrell of Tryon, Red Cross volunteer, is shown in the Red Cross office as she records contributions collected by red Cross volunteer canvassers.

The annual Red Cross fund drive is drawing to a close as over 100 volunteer Red Cross canvassers call on homes and businesses throughout Polk County. This is the 75th anniversary of the Polk County Red Cross, Polk County's oldest non-profit organization. If your Red Cross canvasser missed you, you can mail your contribution to the American Red Cross, 1 Depot St., Tryon, N.C. 28782.

Community Reporter

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Democrat Women Hear Candidates

Incumbent commissioner Sue Cochran used the opportunity presented by a Democrat Women's Club forum Thursday to answer some questions raised by a challenger.

Cochran was one of four women candidates, all Democrats, invited to speak to about 25 Democrat women at Democrat headquarters in Columbus. Also speaking were Register of Deeds candidates Myrna Edwards, Norma Gaut and Kathy West.

Cochran began her remarks by answering questions Charlie Feagan raised during the Polk County Democratic Executive Committee meeting March 16th.

At the executive committee meeting, Feagan said the cost of the Polk County Transportation Authority needed very careful scrutiny. And Feagan questioned why the number of Polk County employees has grown from 75 to 125 when the county's population has not grown as rapidly.

Cochran told the Democrat women that Polk County gained 16 employees when it took over the ambulance service from St. Luke's Hospital. She said the hospital was refusing to underwrite losses on the ambulance service any longer.

"That board at that time decided to take over the ambulance service and provide top grade ambulance care," she

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