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Sign Ordinance Debated During Candidate Forum

During a forum Saturday morning, three of the four Democrat candidates for the Polk County Board of Commissioners said they oppose the county's sign ordinance.

County Democrats will choose three candidates in the May 5 primary to compete against three Republicans in the general election in November.

The candidates were each given a chance to talk during the Democrat Men's Club breakfast in Columbus. Afterwards, questions were asked - almost all about the sign ordinance.

"Exactly what will you do about the sign ordinance if elected?" asked Bill Holcomb of Tryon.

Candidate Benny Smith of Tryon said, "If people are willing to invest in signs, I think we should support our businesses. We should try to help those who are willing to invest in Polk County, not hurt them."

Candidate Henry Huntsinger of Mill Spring said he is "for signs." He said he knows where to stop when traveling thanks to signs. However, he said he wouldn't want to see Polk County cluttered with signs.

Peter Hahn of Lynn questioned just how many signs would be allowed.

Candidate Charlie Feagan said, "You have to advertise. If

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Red Cross Memories Span 75 Years

As the annual Red Cross fund drive draws to a close, Jim Jackson, chairman of the Polk County Chapter, recalls the long history of the chapter.

"We were founded 75 years ago this March, in 1917," he says. "The Polk County Chapter of the American Red Cross is Polk County's oldest non-profit organization. The original office was above the present-day Owens Pharmacy on N. Trade St. in Tryon, as was the old hospital. The move of the Red Cross headquarters to the Depot building was made in July of 1978."

Jackson reports that the first officers of our local chapter back in 1917 were Rev. Norwood Brown, chairman; Dr. W. W. Gray, vice chairman; Henry Bray, treasurer; and Mrs. W.T. Lindsey, secretary. Mrs. Sally Streadwick Cathey was the last volunteer secretary. She served the chapter for 25 years. Mae Irene Flentye was the first paid executive secretary. She was succeeded by Gladys Culberson, then by Shirley Arledge, then by Jean Stratford, the present executive director.

Over 100 volunteer canvassers have been calling on homes and businesses throughout Polk County during the fund drive. If your canvasser missed you, you may mail your contribution to American Red Cross, 1 Depot St., Tryon, N.C. 28782

Communication

Dear Jeff:

Doesn't Stearns Park look nice these Spring days? John Vining, assisted by Ervin Pack, has spent many Saturday mornings replacing the trees which did not live. Also a Bald Cypress

was added recently. Look for it when you walk in the park. Also take a little time to view the beautiful pansies and ornamental cabbages lining the walks.

We appreciate the fine work of John and Ervin on these projects.

Ann Carswell

The weekend weather report was unavailable Monday.

A note from the small world category: The treasurer for H. Ross Perot's North Carolina campaign office in Charlotte is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dedmond of Tryon. Her name is Madelyn Jordan.

Perot made an interesting observation recently, which he repeated on *60 Minutes* Sunday night. He noted how the national deficit was \$1 trillion when Reagan took office, and is now \$4 trillion. Perot said he wasn't sure if this was a product of "voodoo economics."

"I'll tell you one thing, though, we're in deep voodoo now," he said.

What's happening:

The Pacolet Area Conservancy will hear Sue Green discuss land use planning in Polk County tonight at 7 p.m. at Tryon High School.

New members and newcomers to the area are invited to the Lanier Library Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. for a tour, refreshments and surprise gifts for two lucky guests.

The Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce will

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