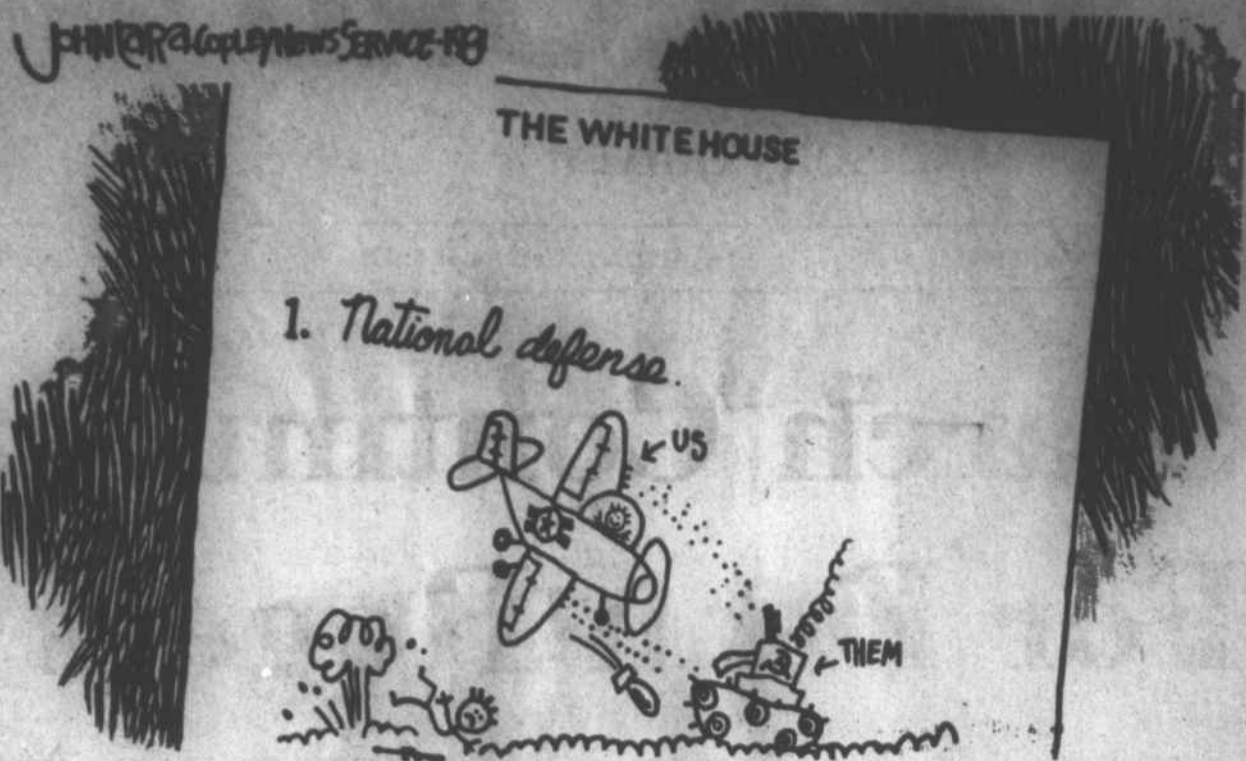


# Cartoon Comments



# Heard and Seen

By POP STORY

Through the efforts of Wayne and Ricky McDevitt, of Marshall, the sanctuary at the First Baptist Church here was filled to capacity last Sunday morning to listen to the Kingsmen Quartet which thrilled the congregation with sacred music and singing. Joining the regular members of the church were members of the Madison High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes, headed by Ricky McDevitt, leader, and Miss Laura Melvin, F.C.A. president. Due to the overflow of those attending, chairs were added down both aisles and two of the Sunday School rooms were crowded with several having to stand during the service.

The presence of the Kingmen Quartet was made possible by Wayne McDevitt, who requested the famed quartet be here for the morning service and also for an afternoon concert which also attracted a large crowd.

Ladies of the church prepared and served lunch to the musicians and F.C.A. members.

Following the welcome by the Rev. Buddy Freeman, pastor, Miss Melvin expressed appreciation to the church and those responsible for the special service, "A Message In Music."

Featured with the Kingsmen Quartet were Anthony Byrd, 20-year-old pianist, and Otis Dillon on bass guitar. There were also other musicians who displayed their talents.

Although every selection brought loud applause from the congregation, the loudest

and longest applause was given following the quartet's rendition of "How Great Thou Art." Seldom, if ever, has Marshall listened to more thrilling and expert piano playing than that of Anthony Byrd.

It was a great service and this writer thanks Eldridge Fox, manager of the Kingsmen Quartet, members of the quartet, and all those who participated in making last Sunday's programs so inspiring and thrilling.

The passing of Mrs. Frances Crafton Ramsey, 81, at her home in Mars Hill Sunday, has taken another beloved lady from our county. Mrs. Ramsey, who resided between Marshall and Walnut until recently, was active in civic and community affairs and was the first woman ever elected to the N.C. House of Representatives from this county. A staunch Republican, she was also respected and loved by hundreds of Democrats. She had for years been a leader in the Republican Women's Club of Madison County.

In addition to her political career, she was active in the Walnut United Methodist Church, the Madison County Farm Bureau, the county dairy association, and held a life membership in the National Organization of Women Legislators. She was the widow of the late Robert R. Ramsey, former sheriff of the county.

This writer, who has been a friend of "Crafton" for many years, will miss her.

## The People Ask

The People Ask is a weekly feature of The News Record. The public is invited to submit questions on any local subject. The News Record will endeavor to provide answers. Persons may submit their questions by calling 649-2741 or by mailing them to The People Ask, The News Record, P.O. Box 369, Marshall, N.C. 28753. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Letters To The Editor

### Reader Says Pinball Story Not Accurate

Editor:

This letter is concerning the article "Pinball-Video Craze Hits Hot Springs" in the Nov. 26 edition of The News Record.

It is my opinion the article was not an accurate report but was definitely slanted in favor of Mr. Holmes' position on the town ordinance. The kids under the age of 16 are still playing games. Some of the students interviewed have trouble even getting to school, so it would be impossible to know if the gameroom was hurting their grades or not.

The officer interviewed, Mr. Barrett, has been working a little over a year this time. He is

Mr. Holmes' uncle. Officer Lester is just a part-time policeman. I don't know, but it may be because Mr. Holmes gives these two policemen free coffee is the reason they like his pool hall so much.

I can't understand how Mr. Holmes can go to the board of aldermen and ask them to change the ordinance when he is not obeying the ordinance now.

In all, the story did not reflect the entire story but the part which agreed with Mr. Holmes', and it seems Mr. Hancock's position.

Richard Johnson  
Hot Springs, N.C.

### Tobacco Support Article Brings Response

Editor,

In regard to the article in the News Record Nov. 19, 1981 about the proposed tobacco support legislation, I thought this information might be helpful to those who expressed their views as reported in the article, and also to any other readers who share their views:

—Your chances of dying from cancer of any kind are 110 percent greater if you are a smoker.

—This year cigarette smoking will have contributed to the deaths of 300,000 of your fellow Americans — that's six times as many as were killed in Viet Nam over a period of 10 years.

—The death rate for smokers is 68 percent faster.

—Your chances of dying from lung cancer if you smoke are 700 percent greater.

—If you are a smoker your chances of dying from emphysema are 1000 percent greater (that's a ratio of 10 to 1).

—If you smoke your chances of dying from heart disease are over twice as high.

—Every cigarette you smoke destroys brain cells. Brain cells are never replaced so smoking

results in irreparable destruction of brain cells. Interestingly, every drink of an alcoholic beverage also results in permanent destruction and damage to brain cells.

—Tests conducted by the U.S. Air Force and other groups show conclusively that non-smokers consistently out-perform and out-produce smokers of their same class.

These are all proven facts, not bold claims or theories. If you are interested in the evidence and proof, or if you are interested in quitting the tobacco habit, you can obtain the magazine "How To Stop Smoking Without Gaining Weight" for \$1 from Home Health Education Service, 3903 Memorial Drive, P.O. Box 1147, Decatur, Ga. 30031 or Smoking, Department T, P.O. Box 22266, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

If you can't spare a dollar write to me and I'll get the magazine for you. Send your name and address to Bob Jorgensen, Rt. 5, Box 177, Marshall, N.C. 28753.

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