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Court Opens Monday

The February term of superior court for the trial of criminal cases will begin here Monday morning with Judge Clifton E. Johnson presiding. District Attorney Clyde M. Roberts, assisted by James T. Rusher will be the prosecutors. Monday's session will convene at 10 a.m.

Cases scheduled for trial include:

Omac Lee Smith, BE&L; Charles Blevins, non-compliance; David Eugene Davis, non-compliance; Robert Goforth, communicating threats; James Pegg, BE&L; Thomas Ramsey, BE&L; Jeter Chandler, DUI; Richard G. Field, armed robbery; Joe W.

Griffey, reckless driving; Walter Ray Crowe, DUI; Bruce Gentry, carrying concealed weapon; Dorothy M. Boone, forgery and uttering; Bobby Eugene Ball, DUI; Virgile Dean Ramsey, speeding; Randy Kim Tweed, manslaughter; Larry Allen Taylor, BE&L; Kenneth Buckner, murder; Douglas Pressley, larceny; Shirley Shook, larceny; Glen Dale Ponder, DUI and illegal transportation; Cooper Winfield Thorn Jr., speeding and poss. cont. subst.; Tommie Hugh Rector, illegal transportation; DUI and DWLR; Charles Deaver, failure to heed warning device; Jerry Naulty,

shoplifting; Kenneth A. Miller, forgery and uttering; Billy Riddle, murder; Jennings Shook, BE&L.

JURORS DRAWN

Jurors drawn for the term follow: Judith Caroleen Buckner, Barbara Joyce Cutshall, Theda Marie Hudgins, Ruby E. Roberts, Jennifer Lowe Bullman, Clavin Ball, Smauel Tony Holt, Ellen Mary Rich, Walter Paul Gunter, Mrs. J.T. Mays, Tommy Gerald King, Lou Ann Church, Richard Lee Jenkins, Robert T. Rector, Ruth Duckett Gregory, Blanche Evelyn Houston, Anson Ramsey, Gary Lee McMahan, Andrew Caldwell, Dovie V.

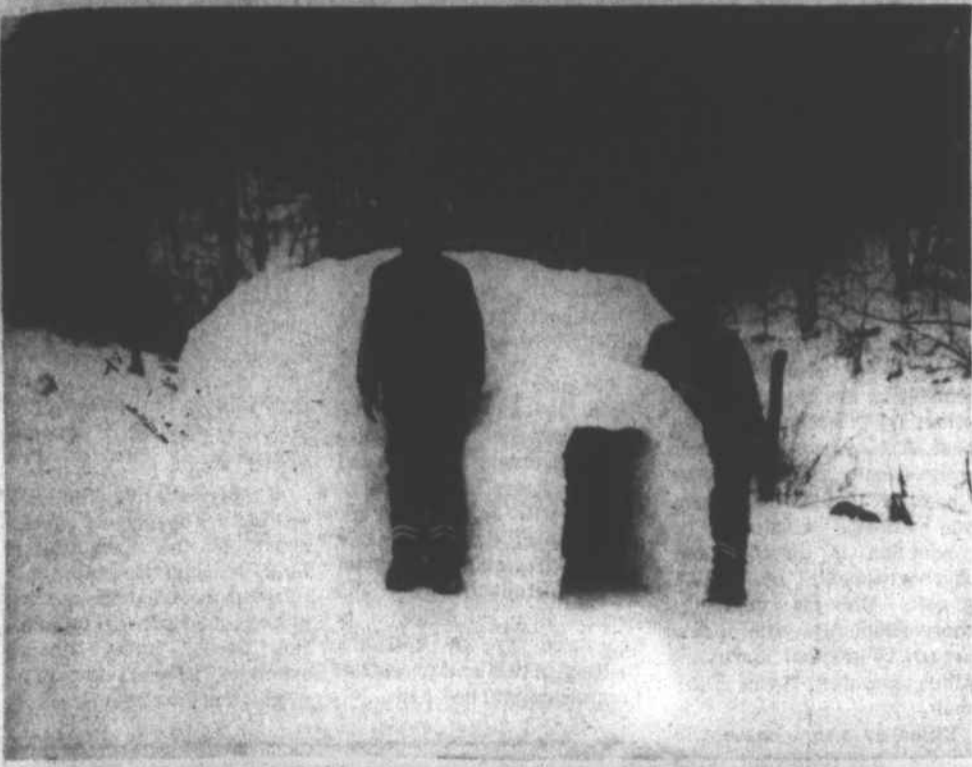
Blazer.

Earl O. Bryan Charles Arrowood, William P. Boings, Craig Gardner, Eula Buckner, James William Treadway, Judith Lee Whitson, Clavin Edward Brown, Glendora Wallin Cutshall, Dovens Johnson, Evelyn Mae Worley, Theresa Sigmon Hadley, Arthur Tweed, Ted (Grady Hampton) Allen, Pearl L. Metcalf, Cornelia Akers Wood, Jean Irene Wood, Linda Stone, Paige Brigman, Hubert Sharpe.

Frank E. Shelton, Sue Ann Colvin, Elinoy Ganley Wilde, Kenneth Wyatt, Grady Dockery, Annie Tays Gonsnell Norton, Billy Cantrell, Norma Jean Blankenship, James

Miles Holcombe Jr., James Harvey Chandler, Hazel Bumgardner Gowan, John Owen Tilson, Wendell Riley Clark, Harold H. Metcalf, Burns Buford Baird, Winifred Eugene Ramsey, Emily Delores Bechtol, Phillis Everett Shelton, Carlie Everett Faulkner.

Brenda Louise Edmonds, Rodney P. Wallin, Jake H. Brown, Kermit Bernard Cody, Bruce James, John R. Sharpe, Chalmers Shelton, Dianne Good Maney, Cleophas Ramsey, Tilda Norton Payne, Minnie E. Morrow, Roy A. Ogle, Delane Ponder, Ernest Costanzo Tedina and Jimmy E. Johnson.



IGLOOS were the thing of the day Monday when these youngsters built two igloos near their homes on Big Laurel. The igloos were large enough for 12 people. At top are Marlon and Scott Franklin,

sons of Celola Franklin. Bottom picture, Bradley, Stuart, Cindy and Harvey Edgar Franklin, children of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Franklin.

Heavy Snows Stall Traffic, Trade Here

Heavy snows and icy roads slowed traffic to a snail's pace here last week.

Motorists discovered that even with snow tires and chains their cars would do the dippy-doodle on some of the roads and highways throughout Madison County.

Sunshine and warmer temperatures partially melted the snow in Marshall on Thursday and people began to venture out Thursday afternoon. Everyone was relieved when the weather bureau predicted a few snow flurries Friday with little

accumulations. However, on Friday morning the flurries turned out to be heavy snow and what was partially clear Thursday was again covered with snow early Friday morning. By noon Friday several inches of the white stuff had again blanketed the area.

Highway crews have been "treating" the main roads daily and nightly but even with their fine and hard work, the roads remain hazardous.

Just when the snows will stop and roads again passable so schools can be resumed, is

not known.

Several wrecks have occurred in the county and several injuries have been reported but no fatalities have been reported due to wrecks.

Unusual about the snow storms was that most of the snow fell northwest of Marshall with accumulations from six to eight inches with snow drifts reaching two or more feet in the Laurel area. Snows, 12 inches deep, were reported in the Walnut area although the average depth in the Marshall area was four to six inches.

McDevitt Says He Doesn't Want 'Political Hot Seat'

Wayne McDevitt, who has been rumored as a contender for manager of Gov. Jim Hunt's western office in Asheville, said Monday he is happy with his present job and is not interested in the "political hot seat" now occupied by Hugh B. Stevens.

McDevitt, western manager of the regional office in Asheville of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, said Saturday and again Monday that he is not seeking the post now held by Stevens, a retired deputy United States marshal.

McDevitt said that as regional manager of natural resources, he works well with Stevens and was upset by reports that he had his eye on that job.

"I'm part of the Jim Hunt team, and Hugh Stevens is the leader of the team up here. I am very much team-oriented, and I think he (Stevens) is doing a fine job," McDevitt said.

He said he views the governor's western office as "almost totally political," and that in his job with natural

resources he handles "a lot of substantive things."

"I really enjoy the substantive matters much more than I do the political — although I do enjoy the political.

But I like to keep them separate," McDevitt said.

McDevitt said he and Stevens work effectively together, and even if Stevens did vacate the post, he doesn't think he would be interested in it.

"The duties over there are so much more political that I just simply would not enjoy it. And I'm glad I have a friend in Hugh Stevens there that I can call on," McDevitt said.

Stevens, who was western coordinator for 20 counties in Hunt's campaign, said he has no plans to leave his job in which he works with people in 17 western counties on behalf of the governor.

"I'm a compassionate man, and I want to help everybody I can," he said.

Hunt, asked at his news conference Friday if he is considering replacing Stevens as western manager, said, "Absolutely not."

Hunt: 'No Change

Gov. Jim Hunt said Friday he has no plans to replace former United States Deputy Marshal Hugh B. Stevens as manager of his western office in Asheville.

Hunt was asked at his news conference to comment on reports that an ouster of Stevens is in the making, and he said there are no such plans. "Absolutely not," Hunt said. There are reports cir-

culating in Asheville that Stevens, who was Hunt's western area campaign coordinator in 1976, will be replaced shortly by Wayne McDevitt, now manager of the western regional office of Natural Resources and Community Development.

McDevitt, a young Madison County native, replaced William Christy in the regional NR&CD office



MARSHALL Elementary school teachers and aides volunteered to make learning packets for their students despite an "off day" due to snow on Thursday of last week. The major emphasis was on the concern of the students' academic progress during winter snow days. Packets contained materials on all levels, kindergarten through eighth. Packets were available to parents

to be taken to their homes. Volunteer teachers and aides, shown above, are, front row, left to right: Phyllis Moore, Billie Jean Redmon, Barbara Ray, Othello Ogle; second row: Theresa Banks, Nancy Allen, Jenny Cody, Winfred West; standing: Fred Haynie, Helen Brigman, Juanita Boone, Cathy Price, Betty Bradley and Donnie Banks. (Photo by Jim Story)

Legislators Named To Crawford Posts

Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green has appointed Sen. James B. Garrison of Albemarle to the chairmanship of the Committee on Public Utilities and Energy, succeeding the late Sen. I.C. Crawford.

An aide to Green said the appointment was made Feb. 6. Sen. Melvin R. Daniels Jr. of Elizabeth City was appointed by Green to the important vice chairmanship of the appropriations committee held by Crawford until his death last month.

The vacancy on the Governor's Advisory Budget Commission caused by Crawford's death has not yet been filled, and Green will make that appointment also, since the veteran Buncombe County lawmaker's ABC post was an appointment of the lieutenant governor.

Larry B. Leake of Asheville, state president of the North Carolina Young Democratic Clubs, was nominated by a district committee and appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt to serve out Crawford's two-year term in the state Senate.

Leake, 38, is an Asheville attorney with the law firm of Uzzell and Duffant. He was assigned by Green to the Senate committees on Criminal Justice, Alcoholic Beverage Control, Judiciary III, Human Resources, Wildlife and Finance.

Freshmen members of the General Assembly who are appointed to fill a vacancy or elected by popular vote are traditionally not assigned as chairmen of committees.

In other developments, the other senator from the 38th District and one of the two from the 10-county 27th District were appointed by Green to the board of trustees of the Vagabond School of the Drama Inc. of the State Theatre of North Carolina located at Flat Rock Playhouse in Flat Rock in Henderson County.

They are Sens. Robert S.

Swain of Asheville and Joe Palmer of Clyde. House Speaker Carl J. Stewart Jr. appointed Reps. Marie Colton of Asheville and Van Phillips of Spruce Pine to the board.

Under the revised bylaws of the school, the governor appoints five trustees, the lieutenant governor two and the speaker two in addition to the 25 elected members.

An aide to Hunt said Wednesday the governor has not yet made his appointments to the Vagabond School of the Drama Inc. board of trustees. All the appointments are for two-year terms.

Quotas Announced For Burley Tobacco

Ray Fitzgerald, administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, announced Feb. 2 a national marketing quota for 1979 crop burley tobacco of 815 million pounds. This national quota is the same as the 1978 quota and therefore, individual 1979 basic quotas will remain the same as in 1978.

Burley tobacco is grown primarily in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina,

Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. In North Carolina, Madison County has the largest burley tobacco quota.

Madison County ABCS county executive director W.B. Zink stated that notices will be prepared by the management field office in Kansas City, Miss., and will be mailed to producers near the end of March. He pointed out that he and transfer of quotas for 1979 would not begin until the notices were received by farmers.

Some Incredible Facts About Snow

By JOHN PARRIS

With the mountain world blanketed in white, I've been re-reading Corydon Bell's fascinating book, "The Wonder of Snow."

Bell, a nationally known illustrator and author who lives in the hills above Cashiers, is a recognized authority on the magic and mystery of snow.

A study of his definitive work on the subject reveals all sorts of things — really incredible things — about nature's most spectacular element.

For instance, using his method of calculation, the snowstorm that swirled into the region Tuesday blanketed the mountains from Watauga to Cherokee with some 150

million tons of white stuff. It put two to four tons of snow on your roof and another ton on your driveway to test your prowess with a shovel.

In going through Bell's book, we jotted down these things about snow:

Snowflakes are gray.

Newly fallen snow is the whitest stuff you are likely to find.

Snowflakes act like billions of tiny mirrors and reflect the brilliant white light of the sun into your eyes.

A five-inch snowfall over an acre of land weighs 55 tons or 112,000 pounds.

A cubic yard of wet snow can weigh as much as 1,500 pounds.

In Greenland, you can find snow that fell during the time of George Washington.

The snow that falls around your house during winter is only a handful compared to the billions and billions of tons that fall over the entire country.

If all the snow and ice in the world were to melt, the oceans would rise by something like 300 feet.

The combined rainfall and snowfall over the whole earth amounts to approximately 33 inches a year. This means that about 15 million tons of snow or rain fall to earth every second.

The amount of energy released following condensation of water vapor to create a 16-inch blanket of snow represents about twice the energy released by the type of atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

It is possible that no two snowflakes have ever been exactly alike among all the countless millions that have fallen since the first snowflake fluttered to earth over 1,000 million years ago.

Most authorities agree that the first drawing ever made of a snow crystal was by Olaus Magnus, a Swedish archbishop and university professor, in 1555.

Skis probably antedate the plow, and a ski, unearthed in Finland is estimated to be over 7,000 years old.

Contrary to old belief, it is never too cold to snow, but at extremely low temperatures snowfall is scanty.

It is possible to make snow in your own home despitress us!

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