

Heard And Seen

By POP

While the snow was falling outside the office Friday and few people were in town and little happening, I thought of how things used to be in Marshall. I'm sure many of the people around my age can remember:

The movie theatre on Main Street.
Four drygood stores in Marshall.
Two drug stores on Main Street.
Six or seven lawyers practicing here.
A miniature golf course (located where City Hall is now).

A lighted tennis court (located where City Hall is now).

Four or five doctors making house calls at all hours.

Boxing bouts at the theatre and on second floor of News-Record.

Three cafes located along Main Street.
The cotton mill across the river in full swing.
The basketball court outside in front of main school building.

Camp Sky-High on island and also on Fortner property.

When Highway 25-70 was around Roberts Hill and the Walnut Creek Road was a narrow, dusty road.

When swimming holes were on Walnut Creek and Hayes Run but most of the boys went down to "Rocky" via the railroad to enjoy a swim in the French Broad River.

Tennis courts were popular on the Fortner property, up at Ron Sprinkle's on Hayes Run, and also at Joe Eads' home toward Rector Corner.

When the telephone switchboard was located on the second floor where the Marshall Thrift Store is now located.

When the post office was where the ASC office is now.

When there was a hospital on the second floor of the Masonic Temple.

And who could forget the Rector Hotel with its revolving dining table (located where now is Houston Brothers?).

The Montezuma Hotel across the street from the French Broad Hotel (located where the French Broad EMC building is now).

When Marshall had only one fire truck.

When a Marshall policeman put a board with nails sticking up across Main Street to keep drivers from speeding?

Oh well, I could go on and on about how things used to be, but I'd better stop for this time and get out and see what's going on NOW.

Let's hope the snows will soon be a thing of the past and Spring will soon arrive.



"FROSTY," a 7-foot tall snowman, was made Wednesday morning of last week at the Walnut Creek Housing units by the youngsters shown. The snowman looks more like a snowlady with blue, yellow and red trimmings and wearing a

yellow hat. Shown with their creation in front are Shawn Ducker, Nathan Clark and Michael Ducker. At left are Annette Ducker, Freda Shelton and at right, Trina Bishop and Beverly Bishop. (Photo by Jim Story)

Madison Girls Defeat Mitchell In Tournament

The Madison Patriot Girls won their 13th game of the season by beating Mitchell in overtime in the first round of the Little MAC tournament 68-67. The game was played at Madison on Feb. 12.

The Madison girls started fast with six quick points by Beverly Bruce in the first quarter. They led 16-14 at the end of the quarter. Senior Bruce continued her hot shooting with five more points in the second quarter and helped keep Madison ahead at the half 30-28.

During the overtime, a field goal by Janice Piemmons gave Madison the lead. This was followed by two free throws by Felicia Bishop. After Mitchell took a two point lead, Janet Reed hit a field goal and two free throws to give Madison another two point lead. With eight seconds left in the game, Janice Piemmons converted a free throw that proved to be the winning point. Maxine Runion then shot a lay-up for Mit-

chell; but the Madison girls won by one point, 68-67. Free throws were important as Madison hit 26 of 37 for an excellent percentage of 70.

The winners were led by Beverly Bruce with 18 points and seven rebounds and Holly Hough with 16 points and six rebounds. Sandy Franklin led the rebounding for Madison with 12. With the win, Madison advanced to the semi-finals of the Little MAC Tournament at T.C. Roberson High School against West Henderson in a Wednesday night game.

MITCHELL (67) — Stamey 9, Runion 26, Hefner, Nanney 7, Warren 6, Tipton 6, Davis 2, Duncan 9.

MADISON (68) — Bruce 18, Reed 9, Hough 16, Franklin 7, Ramsey 2, Shelton 4, Davis, Gibson, Frisby, Piemmons 3, Justice, Bishop 9.

SYLVA-WEBSTER — The Madison girls lost an important conference game to Sylva-Webster on Feb. 8 at Madison High School. The Patriot girls were down most of the first quarter, but seven straight points by Holly Hough, after coming off the bench, gave the team an 11-9 lead. They lost the lead in the second quarter and never regained it.

Hough led the team with 14 points while Sandy Franklin and Cindy Shelton each had nine points in addition to eight points by Janet Reed. Cindy McMahan led Sylva-Webster with 25 points.

SYLVA-WEBSTER (54) —

Feed Grain Sign-Up Dates Are Revised

The sign-up period for the 1979 feed grain and wheat set-aside programs will be Feb. 15-April 30, according to Ray Fitzgerald, administrator of USDA-ASCS.

The sign-ups will be held in the county ASCS office. The period which had been tentatively set to end in mid-April is being lengthened two weeks to give all county ASCS employees sufficient time to handle the added workload of simultaneous certifications, he said.

Fitzgerald also said farmers should consider taking advantage of pre-measurement service before planting to guarantee the size of their fields.

This service of pre-measurement is available through the Madison County ASCS office at a minimum charge of \$12.50 per farm, added W.B. Zink.

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County Burley Growers Receive Awards Friday

The heavy snowfall last Friday morning did not prevent nine Madison County people from attending "Burley Day." This annual

research on wheels review was attended by 100 persons at the Hilton Inn in Asheville. Several Madison farmers received awards for

cooperating with the Agricultural Extension Service by growing test tobacco. Those present for awards were Roy Ammons, Gay Merrill and Dedrick Cody. Others, not present, but receiving awards were Kenneth Rathbone, Walter Gosnell, Harold Buckner, Varden Cody, Joel Cole, Gordon Metcalf, Charles McMahan, Leroy Allen, Vance Edwards, Carl Norton and J.D. Gosnell.

Other farmers in attendance from the county were Claude Cody, Gilmer Teague, Charlie Zink, Shelby Buckner, Zeno Ponder, Mark Cody, tobacco technician and Wiley DuVall. Agricultural Extension agent, DuVall presented a review of burley varieties. Agents from other counties discussed such things as sucker control, fumigation and weed control. Prof. Furney Todd, N.C. State University discussed the latest disease control measures.

A representative from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. gave a report on the marketing of baled tobacco. He stated that this was their favorite method of handling loose leaf tobacco. Bob Davis, burley tobacco specialist, gave a round up on production practices.

'Tom Sawyer' Monday At Mars Hill College

Tom, Huck, Becky, Injun Joe, Aunt Polly and all of the characters of Mark Twain's American Classic, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," will be on the stage of Mars Hill College's Moore Auditorium Feb. 19 in a musical adaptation presented by the National Theatre Co.

The production features a versatile set designed by Leo B. Meyer allowing Tom and Huck to paint the famous fence one minute and to be afloat on the Mississippi the next. A full range of costumes complement the score by composer Sheldon Markham and Annette Leisten. The production is directed and choreographed by Rick Atwell, who is currently choreographing the new Broadway musical "Sarava," which features Tovah Feldshuh.

Billed as a new concept in family entertainment, the production features David Donovan as Tom. Donovan, a native of Atlanta, has appeared in Pizze Inn and Coca-Cola TV commercials as well as the movie "Smokey and the Bandit." Huck Finn will be played by Peter Hagan, a

graduate of the University of Virginia who has toured as Sam Clemens in "Young Mark Twain." Becky Thatcher will be played by Andy Henig. Miss Henig is a graduate of Yale University and has appeared in a wide variety of roles including "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," "House of Blue Leaves," "Twelfth Night" and "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Advance tickets to the performance will be \$1 and are available at Bridges Cafeteria during the lunch and supper hours. All student tickets will be \$1 and are available at the door, while adults will be charged \$2 at the door. Curtain time for the performance, which is sponsored by the college's Visiting Artists and Lecturers Committee, will be 8 p.m.

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the age of 65 are barely able to get by. Young people today are spending at an unprecedented rate—and saving very little. Social Security is not enough by itself. And it's not keeping

pace with inflation. Company retirement plans can help, but many are being curtailed or eliminated. If you want to be financially independent after you've quit working—it's really up to you.

It's time to get serious about saving.

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STEVEN POWERS will appear in the title role of "Dracula the Impaler" as the Mars Hill College production opens this Thursday in Owen Theatre. Seat reservations for the show, which features a new script and elaborate staging and special effects, may be made by calling 689-1329 from 1 to 5 p.m. daily.

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