

## Belleville man, 82, to see Halley again

For one long-time Belleville resident, Dr. Jack Marshall, Halley's Comet is more than just a heavenly spectacle.

Marshall, now 82, is looking forward within the next few days to seeing the comet for the second time. He has vivid memories of the first time.

That was in the warmer season of the year in 1910.

"I was only seven at the time. I remember my father got us children up about 3:30 in the morning and we had to walk all the way from our house at the corner of George and East Bridge streets out to the old golf course between MacDonald Avenue and Herchimer. There were more than 100

people out there early in the morning and we had a beautiful view of the comet.

"The next day," he continues, one of our chickens which was the only one in the flock which laid double-yoked eggs occasionally, laid a double-yoker with an unusual tail protruding at the end of the egg - so we named that chicken Halley's Comet."

Marshall, who practiced dentistry in Belleville for many years before retiring, recalls his father preserved the shell of the unusually-shaped egg by "blowing it out" and kept it in a curio cabinet for years. He doesn't know what eventually happened to it.

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