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## Congressman Gudger Files For Reelection

Congressman Lamar Gudger has announced he will be a candidate for reelection to North Carolina's 11th District.

Gudger made the announcement in Washington as he joined other members preparing for the reconvening of the 95th Congress this afternoon.

"Much has been accomplished in the first year of this 95th Congress," he said. "As we reconvene today, we face challenges of dealing responsibly with legislation addressing the nation's

energy crisis, continuing problems including unemployment, tax reform and threats to peace and building a more secure future for all Americans."

Midway through his first term, Gudger, a Democrat, expressed satisfaction with his committee assignments — Interior and Judiciary — which were his first choices.

"On the Interior Committee, I can directly influence legislation and administration of our national parks, parkways and national forests, an area of crucial concern to Western North Carolina where so much of our land is held in trust for the people," he said. "In the Judiciary Committee, we are rewriting — and simplifying — our whole body of federal criminal law, to the obvious benefit of our courts and all law-abiding citizens. I am proud of my role in this effort."

Gudger, who served three terms as a state senator in the General Assembly of North Carolina, also cited his preparation for congressional service.

"Just as my years of legal training and my legislation experience in the General Assembly helped support my first-year performance in Congress, that first year's experience in the House has

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LAMAR GUDGER

## Thomas Challenges Congressman Gudger

Henderson County produce retailer Bo Thomas launched his second congressional campaign Thursday by blasting incumbent Lamar Gudger's campaign finances and office efficiency.

Thomas, the only candidate so far who has filed to oppose Gudger in the May democratic primary, included a stop in Waynesville on his six-county tour of the 11th District Thursday.

He accused Gudger, who defeated Thomas in the 1976 Democratic primary, of "taking money from any special interest group, regardless of motive," and of being a lobbyist for several.

Gudger, speaking by telephone this morning from his Washington office, emphatically denied those charges, calling them "offensive."

Specifically, Thomas accused Gudger of accepting contributions from and lobbying for realtors, the American Medical Association, the lumber interest and a Texas organization referred to as Thorough APE.

"Will the incumbent please explain who 'Thorough APE' is," a Thomas statement reads, "and why is it so interested in having him represent Texas in Congress? Is it one of the special oil in-

terest groups?" "No," Gudger said. "Had I determined any such connection, I would of course have sent the check back."

APE, Gudger said, stands for Agriculture Production Education, an agriculture pact made up of farmers and dairy farmers that con-

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## Money Sought For Center

Tom Wallin, chairman of the board of directors of the Hot Springs health program, announced today that a community fund-raising drive is being planned to purchase the Madison Grill Building located between Marshall and Walnut and renovate it into a medical center to serve central Madison County.

The Medical Center when completed will be staffed by a medical doctor, a family nurse practitioner, an aide and a receptionist.

This center will be a part of the Hot Springs health program which has provided high quality health services to Western Madison County for six years. Wallin stated that "Although the program currently receives some operational money from the rural health initiative program funds to buy and renovate this building must be raised locally." Once this facility is purchased it will provide the community with a much needed medical center open five days a week with night and weekend emergency services.

Wallin stressed that a successful community fund drive is essential for the completion of this facility.

A meeting to discuss and plan the fund drive will be held Jan. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Madison High School. All interested persons are urged to attend.

## Poor Students Get Help

After months of interagency cooperation in joint planning and consultation, the Madison County Council for Children announced this week the implementation of the "Team Project" in Madison County.

The project involves a cooperative effort of the Madison County Department of Social Services, the Madison County Health Department, Blue Ridge Community Mental Health and Madison County schools. It has been approved by the respective governing boards of these agencies and endorsed by the county commissioners, the local 456 board and the Land of Sky Council.

Funded under a LEAA grant (Law Enforcement Administration Act), the project seeks to place within the schools, support personnel who will work with the teachers to help students who are experiencing difficulties in their school work.

The Team Project is a comprehensive program in that it seeks to offer coordinated assistance in all areas of the child's development — physical, academic, social and emotional — by a team of professionals. Since the teams are in the schools every week, it provides for continuity of care — a care that is provided in the community in which the

child lives (de-centralization of services) in marked contrast to the concept of providing all services at a central location such as Marshall. De-centralization facilitates accessibility. Parents no longer need to travel to Marshall to obtain services.

The team is actually composed of a nurse, a social worker, a psychologist, the teacher and the child's parent(s). This group meets at the school and seeks to identify the problems that the child is having and then assists in developing programs designed to help the child overcome those

problems and learn at his-highest capacity.

Additionally, team members attempt to bring in resources that will contribute to the development of those areas in which the child is experiencing his-highest difficulties. The goal of the project is that no child shall fail to attain his-highest potential for lack of opportunity.

Children may be referred to the project by their parents, by the agencies involved in the project or by the juvenile court. Additionally, any citizen (such as a minister, a relative, etc.) may refer a child for help, but in all cases

(except juvenile court referrals) consent of the parent or guardian must be obtained. Parents wishing to contact team members regarding their child may do so through the principal of the school their child is attending.

Teams are scheduled at all Madison County elementary schools as outlined below:

Mars Hill, Monday and Tuesday, nurse, Naomi Garrison; social worker, Kymra Fowler; psychologist, Barbra Hiller.

Marshall, Thursday, nurse, Margie Kravetz; social worker, Linda Payne;

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WINTER WONDERLAND — a trip up the Walnut Creek Road in Marshall last Friday offered beautiful scenes everywhere with yards, shrubbery and trees covered with sparkling ice and

soft snow. The John Corbett residence, above, was nestled in snow-covered trees. The Ed Niles residence, below, with ice and snow-covered shrubbery and trees.



## \$4,000 Grant Aids Elderly Services

Mars Hill College has been awarded a \$4,000 grant by the Land of Sky Regional Council to produce in-service workshops and other classes which will assist those working with older citizens improve their communications with, and the delivery of services to, the aging.

Ray Rapp, coordinator of programs for the aging in Mars Hill's Continuing Education Program, announced that there will be 10 workshops formulated by the college in conjunction with

Land of Sky Regional Council which will deal with such topics as Improving Communication Skills, Special Transportation and Escort Services for the Elderly, Nutrition Education, and Assisting Older Americans in Developing Assertiveness among others.

Funds for the new program were awarded under Title IV-A, Older Americans Act. The workshops will be free of charge to anyone who is working with the aging on a professional or voluntary basis or those interested in

working with older citizens in the four county area of Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, and Transylvania covered by the Land of Sky's Region B.

The workshops will be held at the Land of Sky offices located at 25 Heritage Road in Asheville. "Improving Communication Skills Used in providing Services to Older Americans" will be offered Feb. 10th. The workshops are scheduled to follow at a one-month rate through September.

The workshops are the first

step in a coordinated series of opportunities for those working with the aging. Four courses are scheduled for later in the spring through Mars Hill's Continuing Education Program. These courses, which are open to the public, will carry four semester hours college credit and are open to those who wish to audit the class as well.

There will be 19 \$100 tuition free grants available to anyone working with the aging in the four county area serviced by Region B. Applications are available

from Ray Rapp, Coordinator of Programs for the Aging, c/o The Continuing Education Program, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, 28754.

All of the application will be reviewed by the recently formed Education Advisory Council of Mars Hill College and Land of Sky Region B.

For further information concerning the workshops or the courses contact Ray Rapp at Mars Hill College or any Educational Advisory Council member. Those members are: in Asheville and Bun-

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## Burley Crop In Jeopardy?

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Much attention has been focused in recent weeks upon the smoking and health issue. The attacks against tobacco by certain members of Congress and by Joseph Califano, secretary of HEW, has caused farmers and industry people to become alarmed. This alarm is justified. Destruction of the

tobacco program would bring ruin to hundreds of thousands of persons in this country.

In Madison County, tobacco represents approximately 60 percent of the farm income — approaching \$6,000,000 per year. There are more than 3,000 allotments involved. In addition there are the allied sales of fertilizer, chemicals and plant bed supplies.

Cost of the tobacco program to the federal government amounts to approximately 12

million dollars per year. Taxes on cigarettes for fiscal year ending June 30, 1976 amounted to six billion dollars or \$28.46 per man, woman and child in the United States.

There are more than 200 factories producing tobacco products in 26 states. Tobacco manufacturers employ about 76,400 production workers representing hundreds of millions in payroll dollars. Approximately 1.4 million retail outlets distribute tobacco products. Related employment numbers in the millions.

More than 1,860 primary tobacco wholesalers and another 1,100 miscellaneous wholesalers distribute tobacco products. The 1976 trade estimate of the wholesale value of tobacco and related products is more than 10 and one-half billion dollars.

Opponents of tobacco have suggested that farmers switch to other crops to replace their tobacco income. One can look around and see the plight of farmers who are already growing other crops. The national farmers strike is evidence of this situation. The price of most crops is based on supply and demand. If 400,000 tobacco farmers suddenly switched to other crops, the result could be total disaster.

The question of smoking is an individual and personal one. It should be up to each adult in this country to decide this question individually.

## Wallin Seeks Reelection Tax Collector

Harold Wallin is a candidate for reelection for the office of tax collector of Madison County, subject to the will of the voters in the Democratic primary May 2.

Wallin graduated from Mars Hill High School and attended G.I. Agricultural School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and is a member of the California Creek Baptist Church and the American Legion. He has also served Madison County as an ASCS Committeeman.

He is a resident of the California Creek area where he resides with his wife, Ruby, and son, Greg.

## More Run For Local Office

Candidates filing for county offices during the past week with the Madison County Board of Elections are:

Edwatt T. (Ed) Gentry, of Marshall, board of education, Democrat; Ernest O. Burnette of Marshall, board of education, Democrat; Gilmer Maynard Jr. of Hot Springs, board of education, Democrat; J.G. Gardner of Beech Glen, county commissioner, Democrat; C.N. Willis of Mars Hill, clerk of court, Republican.