

Hearing To Probe Needs Of Elderly

A dozen witnesses identified with a variety of concerns for the elderly have been invited to testify at a joint Congressional Hearing set for July 5, at Mars Hill College.

The tentative list of witnesses was announced today by U.S. Rep. Lamar Gudger, one of three Congressmen who will conduct the hearing, sponsored by the

House Select Committee on Aging and the House Committee on Education and Labor.

Joining Gudger at the hearing will be Rep. Ike Andrews of North Carolina's Fourth District and Rep. Larry Hopkins of Kentucky's Sixth District. The formal hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the Wren Student Center's Belk Auditorium at the college.

In addition to the testimony of witnesses, an informal question-and-answer panel is scheduled from 2 to 3:30 p.m. with audience participation.

Ms. Sharlene Hirsch, of Knoxville, Tenn., director of community development for the Tennessee Valley Authority; George Olson supervisor of North Carolina National Forests; Jerry Eubanks,

assistant superintendent of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; State Rep. Ernest Messer, chairman of the Committee on Aging of the General Assembly; Mrs. Alice Wutschel, associate director of continuing education at the University of North Carolina at Asheville, who will discuss Elderhostels, and Raymond Rapp of Mars Hill College's

Continuing Education, who will speak on the Learning Institute for Elders (LIFE) program.

Also Richard Queen of Waynesville, who will testify on nursing homes and care facilities; John Jervis of Asheville, president of the Smoky Mountain Senior Citizens Association; Mrs. Mabel Bolden of Asheville,

director of the Senior Citizens' Opportunity Center; James H. McCombs of Morganton, with the American Association for Retired Persons (AARP); Mrs. Christine DeSaix of Asheville, with the Division of Social Services, N.C. Department of Human Resources, and Fred Brummett of Bakersville, president of the Mitchell County Retired

Teachers Association. "I am eagerly anticipating the testimony of those witnesses," Gudger said. "We expect a good turnout for the hearing and hope others who feel they can make positive contributions will be on hand to join in our forum. This hearing is open to all Western North Carolina citizens with concern for the elderly."

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Judge Appoints Commission To Settle Ivy Forks Dispute

A Superior Court judge has appointed a three-member boundary commission to settle a dispute as to exactly where the Buncombe-Madison County line is located in the Forks of Ivy community.

The dispute is centered around a controversial beer and wine package store whose owners maintain the store is in Buncombe County, where the sale of alcoholic beverages is within the law.

Community residents maintain the store is in Madison County, where the sale of alcohol is forbidden by law.

In an order signed this week, Superior Court Judge William T. Grist of Charlotte appointed the commission and

a surveyor to assist the commission.

Appointed to the commission were Gary S. Cash, 29, an Asheville attorney, Robert L. "Bobby" Edwards, 59, superintendent of Madison County schools, and Charles D. Owens, 54, a Forest City real estate broker and former mayor of that city.

Walter G. Hutchison, president of Hutchison-Biggs Inc., was named surveyor to assist the commission in establishing the boundary line.

Edwards may, at his discretion, choose "an additional surveyor to assist the commission if he so desires," the order states, adding that a

third surveyor may be chosen only if the commission feels it necessary.

Grist appointed the three-member commission to "locate, survey and map the disputed portion of the boundary" and make its report back to him within 45 days.

The judge's order states the commissioners shall be sworn in as soon as possible and no later than July 20.

The boundary line controversy began in October, when Robert T. Sofield Jr. and Edward Kirkpatrick were issued a permit to sell beer and wine by the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. The permit was for their Forks of Ivy store, known as Peabody's Discount

Center. In the months that followed, conflicting restraining orders

were issued by different judges that added to the controversy.

Gun Discharges, Kills Child

A two-year-old girl died Sunday from an accidental gunshot wound, the Mars Hill Police Department reported.

April Dawn Radford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Radford of the California Creek Community, died of abdominal injuries shortly after arrival at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Officer E.J. Willis said the girl was carrying a .22-caliber pistol at the home of a neighbor when she dropped the gun on the floor and it

discharged. The accident occurred at approximately 11:30 a.m., Willis said.

Surviving in addition to the parents are the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Edwards of Mars Hill; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Radford of Mars Hill.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of Capps Funeral Home. The Rev. Harold Ray officiated. Burial was in the Radford family cemetery.



MARS HILL COLLEGE has received a \$500 scholarship from Clyde L. English of Mars Hill, owner of English Insurance Co., English Auto Sales, and president of Bantam Chef. The gift was

made through the school's Golden M Club. Shown above presenting check, left to right: Jim Cox, director of development at Mars Hill; Clyde English; and athletic director, Claude Gibson.

Dairy Tour

WNC Group Includes More Than 100

Three busloads of Western North Carolina dairy farmers, wives, extension agents and other farm leaders will depart early next Sunday for a four-day tour of dairy farms and research units in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The annual tour, sponsored by the dairy commission of the WNC Development Association and the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, will in-

clude over 100 participants from nearly a dozen counties. The main group will depart from the WNC Farmers Market in Asheville with other pickups in Waynesville, Marion and Morganton.

The group will spend the first night in Washington, D.C., where they will be joined by representatives of some of the state's congressional group.

One of the highlights of the tour will be a half-day visit to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center at Beltsville, Md. This center, covering more than 7,500 acres, is the hub of the nationwide research program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Over 2,000 U.S.D.A. scientists and other employees work in 1,000 research laboratories, barns and greenhouses at the facility.

The WNC group will visit dairy farms in the Lancaster, Pa., area, tour the Amish country, visit the Sperry-New Holland Inc. farm equipment plant, the bull stud of Atlantic Breeders Service and the Lancaster Farmers Market.

Other stops will include a milk transfer plant at Hagerstown, Md., a father-son dairy farm at Smithburg, Md., and a tour of the dairy farm and research units at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Joining the tour on his first visit to the United States will be H. Horimoto, a dairy farmer from Hagi, Japan, and the father of Mrs. Larry Groves of Hayesville, wife of a Clay County dairyman.

Included among the tour participants are the following from Madison County: Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Young, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Grigg and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Phillips.

Tour leaders will be Grover Westmoreland, Henderson extension chairman; J.D. Brooks, extension agent, Buncombe and Haywood counties; and Morris L. McGough, executive vice president, WNC Development Association.

\$6,642 Grant Approved For Housing

A grant of \$6,642 has been approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Marshall Housing Authority, Congressman Lamar Gudger announced Monday.

The grant will finance a performance funding system to improve management efficiency and maintain the level of services presently provided to residents.

Industrial Park Schedules Groundbreak

A ground-breaking ceremony at the Madison County Industrial Park will be held next Tuesday at 1:15 p.m., it has been announced by James T. Ledford, county commissioner. The park is located on Long Branch Road off the Marshall bypass.

The program includes the greeting by Ledford; a statement on the importance of the Industrial Park will be given by Mayor Lawrence Ponder; Dr. Donald Anderson, chairperson of the Madison County Planning Board, will introduce special guests; comments will be made by Dale Jones, EDA, David Freeman, TVA, and Representative Liston B. Ramsey.

Others participating in the observance will include Ervin Adams and Virginia Anderson, commissioners.

"The Madison County Commission has long worked for this goal knowing that it would significantly enhance the economic development of the county. With the hard work of Madison County citizens and the gracious assistance of State, Regional and National Agencies, we have now achieved this important goal. We hope you can share in this occasion with us," James T. Ledford stated.



37 LADY PATRIOTS with their coaches are shown at the ASU Basketball Camp in Boone June 17-23.

Greater Ivy Starts Community Watch

With the assistance of the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department, Greater Ivy Community Citizens Association Inc., is in the process of establishing Community Watch Program. Eddie Hendrix, deputy sheriff from the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department, was guest speaker at the community meeting, June 25 in the community house. He showed a second film on crime prevention and discussed "proper locks."

The purpose of Community Watch is to make us aware of the steps we can take to make our homes more secure against burglary, to show us how neighbors can help each other protect our entire neighborhood, and to make the law enforcement agency more effective in its fight against crime through our involvement and participation.

Leaders were named to contact residents from each community concerning the purpose of Community Watch: Clyde English, California Creek and all side roads leading off it; Dean Ledford,

Walker's Branch; Stanley Peek, Crooked Creek; Max Gibbs, Beech Glen; Grover Gillis, Lower Paint Fork; Dore Hansdl, Upper Paint Fork; Patsy Maynard, roads off Middle Fork Road; Bachus McPeters, Middle Fork; Mr. Whitt, Lush Allen Road.

Patsy Maynard, beautification chairman, states that the flowers from the bed behind the community house are ready now. These flowers are free to community residents and are to be used only for mailbox plantings. She further adds that three new community signs have been ordered: Holland Creek, Buckner Branch, and Crooked Creek.

"It has been suggested that Greater Ivy show movies in the community house this fall on Friday and Saturday nights. The price would be very reasonable. There would not be limited to Greater Ivy residents, but would be available to anyone who wished to attend. Help spread the word and make this a worthwhile project." Lucille Pack said.

Play Rings A Bell/

SART Comedy Introduces Mark Twain To Telephone

If a stranger named Bell came to you and asked you to invest in his new invention called the telephone, would you oblige? That is the dilemma faced by a suspicious Mark Twain in the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre's (SART) fifth world premiere play "A Happy New Year to the Whole World Except Alexander Graham Bell" opening July 4, for a two-week

run in Mars Hill. Based on the factual encounter in 1877 between Samuel Clemens and Alexander Graham Bell, Chicago playwright Bernard Sabath has created a comedy that captures the wonderful wit and worldly wisdom of America's favorite humorist, Mark Twain.

The encounter with young Alexander Graham Bell was

crucial to the rest of Clemens' life. As a dedicated speculator, he longed for a major investment that would relieve him of the need to write hastily and unselectively, and of the ordeal of going on lecture tours.

John Oertling will play the role of Samuel Clemens and Theresa Phillips plays his wife, Olivia.

Oertling was the technical

director for SART's production of SHENANDOAH and is currently working on a Master of Fine Arts degree in directing from Tulane University. He holds a Master of Arts degree in design from the University of Michigan.

Mrs. Phillips, owner of the Square Trunk in Mars Hill, is a native of the area. Her theatrical background includes productions with Mars

Hill College and SART.

Steve Powers has been cast in the title role of Alexander Graham Bell. Powers, a native of Brevard, recently played the lead in the Mars Hill College production of DRACULA.

The play will be directed by Virgil B. Gray Jr. Performances of A Happy New Year to the Whole World Except Alexander Graham

Bell are nightly Tuesday through Saturday at 8:15 excepting Mondays and 2:30 Sunday matinee in Owen Theatre on the Mars Hill College campus. The play runs July 4 through July 13.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. Reservations are required and may be made by phoning the Owen Theatre Box Office at (704) 286-1222.