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## Senior Citizens To Speak At Region D Public Forum

BY MRS. JOHN RAMSAY

This is our last opportunity, in the Yancey Journal, to invite Senior Citizens--and urge you--to come to the Public Forum meeting to be held in Boone next Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, April 27. The meeting will be held at the beautiful Continu-

ing Education Center, Appalachian State University.

All of our elected officials in the seven county area have been invited to participate; our mayor, our town officials and our county commissioners of Yancey County.

Senior Citizens of the seven county area are gathering to tell of their concerns about taxes, unemployment, mandatory retirement; transportation, etc. Ashe County is preparing a presentation on Transportation; Alleghany on Home Repairs; Watauga on In Home Services; and Yancey will present the Burden of Taxes for Senior Citizens.

South Toe Senior Citizens are planning to be together in the morning. They will have lunch together at the Continuing Education Cafeteria. However reservations must be made in advance for lunch so if you are a South Toe Resident and wish to join us please call Philip Nordstrom or John Ramsay for lunch reservations.

Some of the Senior Cit-

izens who have not lunches together at the Community Center in Burnsville under the direction of Mrs. Hazel Thomas will be leaving with the WAMY bus and have a picnic lunch on the way to Boone.

Philip Nordstrom and Mrs. John Ramsay are the representatives from the Yancey County Council Committee on Aging which meets in Boone each month. The Reverend H.C. Clinard from Mitchell County is Chairman of the Council. Cheryl B. Earnhardt is Planner for the Aging of Region D-C.O.G.

This Forum on April 27, Wednesday, has been planned by the Council to give Senior Citizens of Region D the opportunity to get together, share together and present their concerns to the officials of our seven county area. Region D area is mainly rural and mountain as in contrast to the more eastern counties of North Carolina.

There will be a keynote speaker, Dr. Arthur Flem-

ming is sending Mr. Willis Atwell who is Director of Field Liaison of the Administration on Aging. Mr. Atwell will fly in from Washington for the meeting on Wednesday.



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## Gudger Addresses Members:

# Chamber Dinner Held

BY CAROLYN YUZIUK

One hundred forty Yancey County businessmen and women attended the annual Yancey County Chamber of Commerce Dinner last Saturday night, April 16, at the Mountain Heritage luncheon and heard Congressman Lamar Gudger speak on the National Park issue.

According to Gudger, the feasibility/suitability study on whether to create a Mt. Mitchell National Park is not even begun yet, will take a lot longer to complete than is now contemplated, and even

if the decision is to go ahead with a Park--which is unlikely, says Gudger, because of many problems--it could be twenty years or so before the Park became a reality.

Gudger repeated these remarks later at the Town Meeting held in the Tomberlin Auditorium at Mountain Heritage High School.

The dinner was well attended by members of the Chamber, and new Directors were chosen from ballots cast during the preceding week. New Chamber of Commerce Directors, who were recognized at the dinner, are Rick

Miller, Carolyn Yuziuk, Dudley Robertson, Claude Vess, and Dr. David Cort. Their term is for three years and they join present members of the Board of Directors.

In an informal aside following his talk on the Park, Congressman Gudger mentioned the new brochures on Yancey County, designed by Brian Westveer, which were seen for the first time by many chamber members on Saturday night. The colorful brochures, with an aerial color photo of the Burnsville Square and surrounding mountains on the front, describes Yancey

County as "The Unusual County," and Burnsville as "A Natural High." A map on the back of the folder names and locates communities throughout Yancey County.

Jerry Newton, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, says that one of the biggest membership drives in the Chamber's history will soon be underway, and will be aimed not only at businesses but also at all community-minded citizens who want their voice to be heard in the shaping of Yancey County interests for the future.

## Organic Co-op

The meeting to organize the Burnsville Organic Food Co-op will be at the Yancey Learning Center Friday, April 22 at 7:30. All interested people are invited. For further information call 682-3722 or 682-2670.

## Notice

The Mt. Mitchell Golf Club will meet April 28th at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in participating in the Men's Golf League Call 675-5454 Pro Shop.

## Auditorium Stage Is Setting For First School Musical

Music and drama students are beginning to reap the benefits of the Bruce Tomberlin Auditorium at Mountain Heritage. The stage will be a beautiful setting for the upcoming production of "Brigadoon," the first musical to be presented by a school in Yancey County. Three perfor-

mances will be given: May 12, 13, and 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Brigadoon is a magic village in Scotland which comes to life every hundred years and disappears after a single day. The village schoolmaster, played by Donny Laws, tells the story of Brigadoon to Tommy and

Jeff, played by Jerry Collins and Kevin Shirley. In 1777 a miracle happened to the village. The miracle would cease, however, if any native of the village left.

Performing lead roles in the large cast are Hope Rhymer, Jerry Collins, Pat Atwater, Kevin Shirley, Jim Edwards, Scott Westall, and Kim Aldridge--to name a few. In reality, the production will be the result of the labor of dozens of individuals. Mr. Jerry Collins and Mrs. Lisa Mauney are directing the chorus and orchestra; Mrs. Kim Robertson is coaching the dancers; Mrs. Westall is being assisted by dozens of students working on costumes, set, properties, and publicity.

Yancey County's high school students have done an excellent job of adjusting to a new school and to each other. The highest compliment you, the adults of the community, can give them is to come see this production. Give them criticism if it is needed, praise if it is deserved, but at least come out to see and hear their work.



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## Resolution

The Yancey County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, 4 April 1977, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Room in the Courthouse at Burnsville, North Carolina; with Carl Carter, Chairman, Alton Robinson and Clay Miller, Members, present.

WHEREAS, there is a current proposal that a portion of Yancey County, North Carolina, be incorporated into a proposed National Park which would also include portions of adjoining counties, and

WHEREAS, we, the Yancey County Board of Commissioners, have thoroughly studied and investigated the matter, have reviewed study maps which have been prepared for said proposed National Park and have heard the views of citizens throughout Yancey County, and

WHEREAS, on the basis of our investigation and study of the proposed park, we have concluded that the location of such a park in Yancey County is not in the best interests of its citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Yancey County Board of Commissioners, are opposed to the establishment of a National Park, within the boundaries, of Yancey County, North Carolina.

Be it further resolved that copies of this Resolution be sent to the following: The Governor of North Carolina, Members of the General Assembly who represent Yancey County, the United States Representative, Lamar Gudger, and United States Senators Robert Morgan and Jesse Helms.

Carl Carter, Chairman  
Alton Robinson, Member



## Yancey Citizens Raise Hands In Opposition

Congressman Lamar Gudger, speaking at a Town Meeting at the Bruce Tomberlin Auditorium at Mountain Heritage last Saturday night, asked for the Yancey viewpoint on the National Park issue to take to his fellow legislators in Washington. He was left in no doubt whatever as to that viewpoint as he asked for a show of hands in opposition to the Park. Chairman and spokesman for Yancey Citizens Concerned, Charles E. Willis of Besick, pictured top right, later passed out petitions to be signed as visual

evidence of the unpopularity of the National Park question for Gudger to take to Washington.

The crowd packed the 1000-seat auditorium and many were left standing, to hear the Congressman speak and to let their views be known. No other subject save the Park was mentioned, and although the meeting was an orderly one Gudger found that the citizens of Yancey County viewed a National Park within its boundaries as a threat to their homes, their livelihood, and their way of life.

Photos by Brian Westveer