



CONGRESSMAN
Lamar Gudger
REPORTS

**REPORT AND QUESTIONNAIRE CONCERNING
MT. MITCHELL NATIONAL PARK**

MT. MITCHELL QUESTIONNAIRE

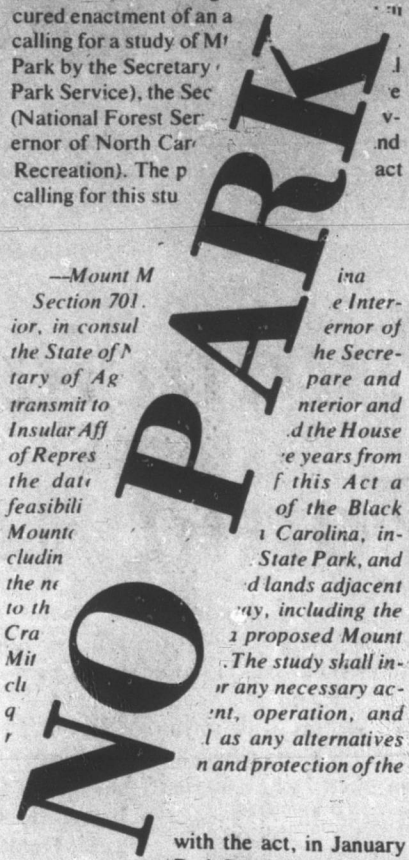
	Person 1		Person 2	
	YES	NO	YES	NO
1. Do you oppose the formation of a Mt. Mitchell National Park regardless of size of area included?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Would you support such a park if limited to the 1500 square acres now comprising Mt. Mitchell (N.C.) State Park?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Would you support such a park if National Park Service permitted timber cutting under the same rules and restrictions applied by National Forest Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Would you support such a National Park if hunting were permitted and camping facilities provided at reasonable cost as now permitted by National Forest Service in Pisgah National Forest?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do you oppose a Mt. Mitchell National Park because you believe such a park would (check appropriate block):				
Destroy timber and logging valuable to the area:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Reduce hunting and camping opportunities:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Lead to over-commercialization of Burnsville and other areas:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Reduce county tax revenues:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Result in private land condemnation and reduce total acreage available for multiple-use and thereby restricting future county development:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
State Park Service is satisfactory:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
National Park Service is too restrictive:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
The U.S. Government should take no more WNC land.	<input type="checkbox"/>			
6. I support the Mt. Mitchell National Park because: (check appropriate block):				
Mt. Mitchell and surrounding area needs environmental protection:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Privately-owned lands will soon be broken up into small holdings and fully developed and impossible to re-assemble for preservation:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
There are timber stands and areas like Craggy Rhododendron Gardens requiring protection not provided by National Forest Service Management:	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Having a national park will attract thousands of visitors and create a new tourist-supporting industry.	<input type="checkbox"/>			

In the closing days of the 94th Congress (October, 1976) Congress secured enactment of an Act calling for a study of Mt. Mitchell National Park by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the National Forest Service, and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior. The Act calling for this study is known as the "Mt. Mitchell National Park Study Act."

Section 701 of the Act requires the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the National Forest Service, to submit to the House of Representatives a report within 180 days of the date of the Act. The report shall include any necessary recommendations, operation, and protection of the park.

The Secretary of the Interior prepared an in-house task directive providing a broad outline for this study. Until now apparently nothing has been done by the three governmental units collectively, although the National Park Service report suggested that a joint study committee be appointed as early as May which might be able to render a report within eight or nine months.

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Are There Nineteen Ways To Say No?

Representative Gudger attended the Citizen's Rally at Burnsville on April 16, 1977. He KNOWS that the multitude of Yancey County Citizens there unanimously voted against having the proposed Mt. Mitchell National Park.

Somehow Mr. Gudger has failed to understand that NO means NO. Now he has circulated a questionnaire with nineteen questions, no doubt prepared by the National Park Service, wanting to know if the people still oppose the park and to state reasons for their opposition.

That's like asking a man if he wants to have a fatal cancer, and to state nineteen reasons why he doesn't.

For those whose churches, homes and property are in jeopardy by the proposed park there is only ONE relevant question and only ONE answer. Do you want the Mt. Mitchell National Park? The answer is NO.

We are returning Mr. Gudger's questionnaire without answering his nineteen questions, but are writing at the top just two simple words: NO PARK.

As your constituents, Mr. Gudger, we ask you for a straightforward answer to ONE simple question.

Are you FOR or AGAINST the proposed Mt. Mitchell National Park?

CITIZENS AGAINST NATIONAL PARK

Editorial

No, No, No!

BY CAROLYN YUZIUK

The Mt. Mitchell questionnaire, sent recently from the office of Congressman Lamar Gudger, brought bitter comments from many people in Yancey County who strongly oppose the establishment of a National Park in our mountains.

A spokesman for Citizens Concerned stated that rarely had they seen such an involved set of questions asked about a simple matter—whether or not people are in favor of a National Park here. People who wanted to give a clear and emphatic answer found that the multiple-choice type questions diluted their replies to "Well no, ...but." In this way, not only was the effect of our virtually unanimous "No!" to the Park lost, but our answers in the questionnaire can now be tabulated in numerous ways to suit a dozen points of view.

A few people who thought faster than the rest of us wrote across the questionnaire "No Park, Please!" rather than answer each question individually. An idea most of us wish we had thought of in time.

In the meantime, the people of Yancey County are getting evasive answers from Government officials who wish we'd drop the whole subject. We hear that the study is not even begun; it will take several years to complete; and even if it advocates the creation of a National Park in this area, it could take 20 years for implementation. In effect, we almost hear "What Park?" from all sides.

The Department of Interior, however, is not waiting for the legislators to catch up on their information. The study is underway and according to the Dept. of Interior news release, it should be completed in eight months. Citizen input will be welcomed after the study is completed, according to officials, but this is a point of controversy for Yancey citizens who want their views to have some bearing on the study.

When bumper stickers, planned by Citizens Concerned and bearing the slogan "No Park, Please!" are printed and distributed throughout the area, no one driving through Yancey County will even need to ask what our feelings are. And we'll mail some to Washington just in case the questionnaire left our legislators in doubt.

Nobles Say Thanks

The Nobles of the Mountaineer Shrine Club want to thank each person who bought a paper during their second annual Shrine Paper Sale on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30.

According to Max Gouge, chairman of the paper sale, the club sold \$5,000 worth of papers in Bakersville, Bula-dean, Burnsville, Red Hill and Spruce Pine.

Most people today associate the Red Fez of the Shriner with hope for severely burned and crippled children. The Nobles of the Mountaineer Shrine Club want each

person who bought a paper to know that every dollar of his or her money will go to support a Shriners Hospital or Burns Institute...a chain of Temples of Mercy stretching over North America. None of the proceeds collected by Shriners is ever used for administration.

No government funds support any of the Shrine projects nor is any charge made to the families of the children who use the services of the hospitals. The Shrine has been called "the world's greatest philanthropy."

Bureau Appoints Wilson



Dan Wilson

The Yancey County Farm Bureau is proud to announce the appointment of E. Dan Wilson of Burnsville as an Agent for North Carolina Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and the Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in Yancey County. He will also represent North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Inc. to the Farm Bureau members.

Dan is a native of Yancey County and is married to the former Lucy Young of Burnsville.

He graduated from Mars Hill College with a degree in Business Administration. He was employed by the Yancey County Board of Education for the past seven years, having taught Driver's Education for the last four years. He is active in several organizations in Yancey County and is a member of the Jacks-Creek Presbyterian Church.

According to an agency spokesman, Dan is well trained and well qualified to advise you as to your insurance needs as he has completed many study programs in the insurance field. He will present a complete line of insurance: Life, Auto, Fire, Farmowners, Homeowners, Inland Marine, Crop Hail, Liability, Workmen's Compensation, and others.

Letter To The Editor



Dear Editor:

Several weeks ago a blood pressure cuff belonging to me was stolen—replacement value \$86.50. During the past two weeks a PDR Book, replacement value \$25.00, was stolen from my office. Three days later a surgical instrument which I use almost daily was taken, replacement value \$40.00.

I have always left my office open outside regular office hours to accommodate the public, so they could reach me at any time by my office phone. Because of the thief in my midst, hereafter my office cannot be opened unless myself or my nurse is present.

I am sorry to have to take this measure, but am forced to do so rather than sustain such losses of valuable equipment.

Sincerely,
Dr. W.A.Y. Sargent
Burnsville, N.C.

Mount Mitchell Golf

June 14 at 9:00 a.m. Beginners; at 10:00 a.m. Intermediates; at 6:00 p.m. Groups.
June 16 at 9:00 a.m. Beginners; at 10:00 a.m. Intermediates; at 6:00 p.m. Groups.

Attention Men's League—sign up now for evening Golf League which will start on June 2 at 5:30 p.m. To get on a team and have fun, you must get your name in by May 20th.

All players will be equalized by handicaps—you do not have to be an expert, just enjoying the game and making new friends is all it takes to make a league.

Come out and see the golf course and talk to the pro-William Deck. He will be happy to answer any questions and to help in any way he can! Dues are \$7.50 per man to join the league for the season; \$3.50 per night for green fees. Teams are being made already, so don't miss out.

Ladies Golf Association Clinic Dates and Times are as follows:

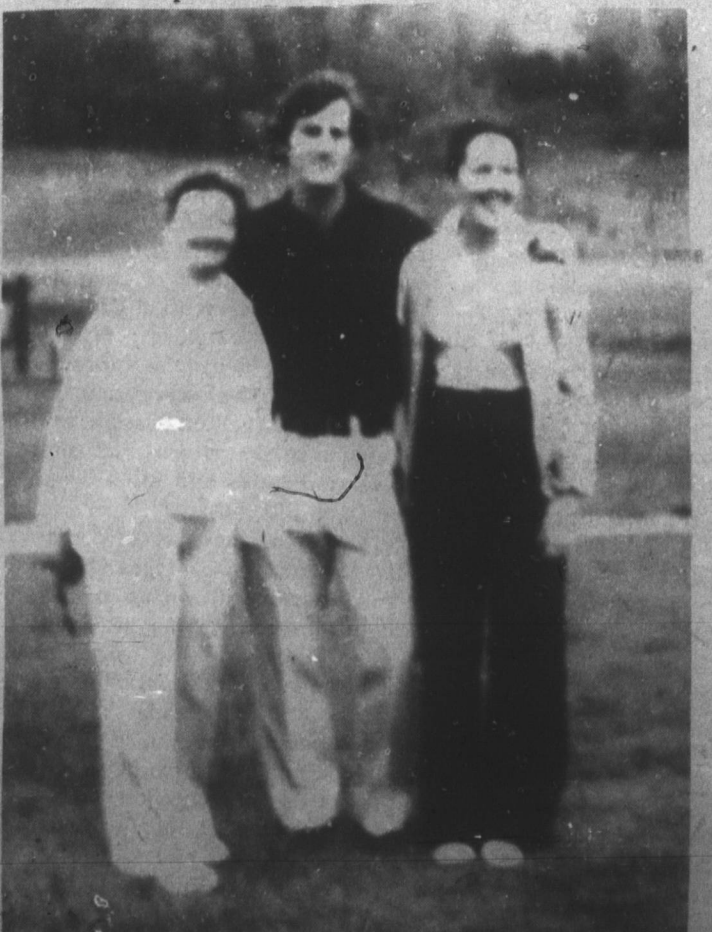
June 7 at 9:00 a.m., and 10:00 a.m., Beginners and Intermediates.
June 8 at 6:00 p.m., Beginners.

All dates and times for the rest of the clinics will be one hour classes, three different times each day:

June 9 at 9:00 a.m. Beginners; at 10:00 Intermediate; at 6:00 p.m. both.

Ladies Day Event last Thursday was won by: First place, Karen Dawson (last week Karen's name was incorrect—it is not Warren. Sorry Karen); Second Place, Charlene Ray. We had a real good turnout last week. Hope to meet even more ladies each week. There is still time to join the ladies league—meets every Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Pictured are the winners of the first two events: Bertie Van Dell (left), Pro-William Deck, Karen Dawson.



Van Dell, Deck And Dawson

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