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# Lawyers argue for sale of Mt. Hope Farm

WILLIAMSTOWN — Arguments urging approval of the sale of the 1,100-acre Mt. Hope Farm by attorneys for Williams College and August E. Mansker were submitted in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Springfield Tuesday, and Judge Paul W. Glennon took the case under advisement.

Philip J. Hendel, the attorney representing August E. Mansker, the farm's current owner, in bankruptcy proceedings filed last

spring, said Tuesday that Glennon also heard arguments from attorneys representing the Boston real estate firm of Sotheby-Parke-Bernet objecting to the sale of the estate.

Hendel said the real estate firm objected to the sale of the estate to John R. Campbell, a businessman from California and Kansas who has offered \$2.2 million for the land and 14 buildings on the farm built in 1928 by Col. Parmalee Prentice and

his wife, Alta Rockefeller Prentice.

Hendel said that an Oct. 31 hearing originally scheduled to hear arguments about the sale to Campbell has been cancelled because of the proceedings Tuesday and Glennon is expected to make a final decision by early next week.

Glennon ruled in July that any sale of the property must be approved by the bankruptcy court.

The Carley Capital Development Group of Madison, Wis., withdrew its offer to buy the property after the court's ruling.

Williams College last week offered \$1.64 million for the estate and has indicated that alumni would be involved if Glennon approves the sale of the property to the college.

A group of Williams College alumni, known as the Purple Moun-

tain Partnership, originally tried to purchase the estate for \$1.2 million in December 1983, but was outbid by Carley Capital and most recently by Campbell. They now hold one of the mortgages on the property through the Mt. Hope Realty Trust.

# Morrison Berkshire hearing delayed

NORTH ADAMS — The National Labor Relations Board has delayed a hearing scheduled for today on an unfair labor practice charge filed against Morrison Berkshire Inc., until a decision is issued on the company's appeal of a decertification petition filed last July by employees.

Anthony Dadalt said Tuesday that the outcome of the appeal could have some impact on the unfair labor charge case and therefore the NLRB decided to delay the hearing. Another will be scheduled in Northern Berkshire in the near future, he said.

Employees filed for certification of Local 1280 of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union

(ACTW) Aug. 8. The NLRB's Regional Director, however, dismissed the case in September. Morrison Berkshire Officials then appealed the dismissal to the NLRB's office in Washington. The petition sought to have an election on whether to maintain an association with the ACTW.

The unfair labor practice charges stem from a complaint filed against

the company by the union July 2 which alleged that Morrison Berkshire refused to recognize and bargain with the local union. The charges were filed by employees, not by the union president, Joseph J. Valotta.

Valotta said the 30 production workers covered by the union contract appear to be pleased with the new management of the firm and

there have been no bargaining sessions with the new owners, although the contract expired in late 1983.

The machine company was purchased by John M. White in December 1983 from James Hunter of Williamstown, who filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The sale of the firm was part of the reorganization plan.

# Williams students to mark invasion

WILLIAMSTOWN — The Williams College Young Democrats are sponsoring a rally to commemorate the first anniversary of the invasion of Grenada and to discuss the invasion and its implications for U.S. policy in Central America.

The rally will start at 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 25 at Haystack Monument on the Williams Campus and will be addressed by Carlos Egan, assistant professor of political science at Williams.

The rally is one of many such events scheduled throughout the country as part of National Student

Peace Day, a national day of action called by a broad coalition of national student and peace organizations, according to Karl Pribram, president of the Young Democrats and a junior at Williams.

Pribram said the events were initiated as a reaction to the national group, College Republicans, who have designated Oct. 25 "National Student Liberation Day" to celebrate the invasion of Grenada and praise U.S. foreign policy.

Groups involved in organizing the Peace Day include Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, Youth for Democratic Action, the Progressive Student Network and the Third World Students Coalition of the U.S. Student Association.

# Jury weighs doctor's case

PITTSFIELD — A Berkshire Superior Court jury deliberating the fate of gynecologist Dr. Jack T. Fleury-Ehrhart, charged with indecent assault and battery on a patient, failed to reach a verdict Tuesday and will move into its third day of deliberation this morning.

The jury had been handed the case Monday afternoon following three days of testimony during which a 24-year-old social worker charged that the doctor had manually attempted to stimulate her by manipulation of the clitoris during a pelvic examination in his Pittsfield office last November.

Two other patients also took the stand contending the doctor had done the same to them during an examination.

Defense attorney Jeffrey Meehan of Springfield, in his final argument, pointed out that none of the three had said anything to either the doctor or his staff during or after the examinations in question. It was seven months after the incident that the alleged victim came to the police, he noted.

Meehan also dwelled on the fact that a nurse was on hand at the time of the alleged assault, and the nurse testified she had not seen the doctor stroking the clitoral area as charged.

The attorney contended it was probably a "misconception" on the part of the patient, since contact with the clitoral area is likely during a pelvic examination.

Berkshire District Attorney Anthony J. Ruberto Jr., however, contended Dr. Fleury-Ehrhart had planned the assaults, even to the point of picking out women he felt

would not aggressively object — thus explaining their lack of questioning the doctor's actions at the time.

Four more trials, involving 10 more counts of indecent assault and battery, await the doctor following this trial.

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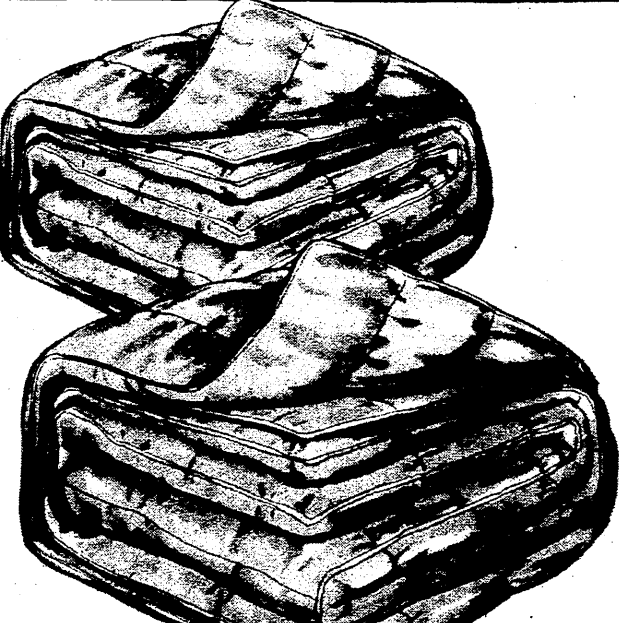
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