

WINSOME little Eskimo girl welcomes rare visitors to the remote town of Noatak, Alaska. A settled community since 1908, when the government founded a school for the nomadic Eskimos, Noatak remains the only town on the Noatak River. The pristine 435-mile-long river is only one of the many waterways explored by canoe in the National Geographic Society's new book, "Still Waters, White Waters."

Animals At Alaskan **Point Self-Confident**

By DONALD J. FREDERICK

The porcupines, grizzlies, and other animals that prowl the banks of Alaska's remote Noatak River display a cocky self-confidence when they encounter humans.

That's because they don't know any better. Up until now they've been virtually untouched by human preda-

Many people would like to see that it stays that way. Currently before Congress is a proposal recommending the addition of 83.5 million acres of Alaska to the national system of parks, forests, wildlife refuges, and scenic rivers. The bill would create a 7.6-million-acre Noatak National Arctic Range.

Heads Toward Siberia

One of the most awes me features of the range is the Noatak River. Rising at the base of 8,510-foot Mount Igikpak, it meanders through the Brooks Range and flows 435 miles toward Siberia before emptying into Kotzebue Sound.

The river's name, corrupted from the Eskimo, roughly esponds to "Deeper Within," points out author Ron Fisher in "Still Waters, White Waters," the new National Geographic Society book that explores wilderness America from the perspective of a canoe.

After leaving the peaks at its source, the Noatak winds across a vast plain with only a few rapids where the river crosses ancient glacial deposits.

Ten lesser rivers flow into it. as well as 40 named

creeks-all of them virtually untouched by man. The Noatak basin actually straddles the boundary

between the tundra of the Arctic and the taiga-or coniferous forest—of the subarctic, so their wildlife and vegetation overlap, contributing to the ecological richness.

Wildlife surrounds visitors who canoe the river. Grizzlies amble along mountainsides, munching blueberries. Flocks of Dall sheep browse distant slopes. Caribou trot along gravel bars in the river.

Squirrels Are Punctual

Sand-colored ground squirrels sporting five-inch tails skitter along the skylines of small hills. During the endless days of summer, the punctual little animals retire about 9 p. m. and rise at 4 a. m. In autumn they line their nests with fur lost by migrating caribou, and hibernate the winter away.

Tiny, delicate wild flowers and toadstools bloom among the discarded caribou antlers that litter the tundra. Everything seems in miniature, including the birch and willow that poke through the soil.

But it's not just the natural beauty that overwhelms visitors. "I've never been in a place where the sense of vastness and solitude was so overwhelming, so humbling," writes Mr. Fisher in "Still Waters, White

"Often the only sound was the beating of our own hearts. After weeks of exposure to the enormous and empty country our senses seemed almost to rebel; we needed the periods of darkness and of snugness-the security of a manageable habitat-that our tents offered.



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News From The Littleton Area

Edward Walker and children of Raleigh and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore and daughter of Henderson spent Saturday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Macon Moore and William Walker in Vaughan.

Mrs. G. C. Jones of Clarksville, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul King of Hopewell, Va., spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. R. A. King and sister. Mrs. Milton Umphiett.

Miss Mary Frances Little spent several days last week with Mrs. Carolyn Beattie in

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Salmon and Mrs. J. A. Myrick were in Raleigh on Monday

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Honaday and son of Burlington spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. G. E. Harvey.

Freddie Scott of Rocky Mount spent the weekend with Mrs. Dorothy Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkins were Sunday visitors of Miss Mina Reid in Halifax Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Cary Ellington is a

patient in North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman

Myrick entertained the Baptist men with a fish fry at Lake Gaston on Wednes-

Mrs. William Sharpe of Newport News, Va., spent Friday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Delbridge. Greg accompanied her home Saturday after spending a week with his grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Baine of Portsmouth, Va., spent the weekend with Mrs. L. E. Morris. Mr. and Mrs. William Netherland and son of Roanoke Rapids were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Morris.

Mrs. L. E. Morris arrived home Friday after spending some time with Mrs. Mamie Barnes in Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moore were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moore and grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Poindexter in Sanford. They also visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Johnson in Youngsville. Mrs. Hunt M. Johnson of Pine Haven Rest Home in Henderson was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Johnson in Youngsville. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Johnson and son, Jimmy Mills, Miss Bonnie Sue Wilson of Youngsville and Mr. and Mrs. Augusta Johnson of Franklinton.

Miss Cathy Porter and Larry Teal of Charlotte dividend was declared on were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Porter.

Henry F. Hilliard, Jr., and children of Mayodan were weekend visitors of their mother, Mrs. Annie Lee Hilliard.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Delbridge and Mrs. William Sharpe and son were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Carter Lee Kahn in Sandston, Va., one day last week.

Mrs. Mary Stanley and daughter of Lawrenceville, Va., were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Delbridge.

Edward T. Shearin and Ruth Ann Shearin of Whitakers, Misses Mamie and Josephine Stansbury were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Pattie Mae Neville in Oak Manor Nursing Home in Snow Hill. Misses Stansburys were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Shearin on

Mrs. A. P. Farmer spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spain in Virginia Beach, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggan visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riggan in Henderson on Monday and Mrs. Jack M. Riggan and sister, Mrs. Norman Lovell of Bronx, N. Y., accompanied them home to spend some time with relatives before returning to their home.

Mrs. Grady Moseley and Mrs. Lillian Wemyss of Warrenton were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. James Moseley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol B. Bobbitt and Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Pope attended the funeral of Thomas J. Hudson in Crew Funeral Home in South Hill, Va., on

Mrs. A. P. Farmer and Mrs. Thomas I. Pepper

Cochrane Company

Has Steady Growth

Cochrane Furniture Company, which operates a plant in Warrenton, has reported a continuing pattern of growth with record sales and earnings for the audited fiscal year which ended May 28.

Consolidated net sales reached an all-time company record of \$14,483,414 from \$10,948,741 for the past fiscal year.

Earnings per share were up to \$1.30 compared to 81 cents for the previous year, based on 651,431 shares outstanding.

As announced by President T. E. Cochrane at an August 8 directors' meeting, a five cents per share common stock payable September 15 to sharehold-Mrs. Dorothy Rohrer and ers of record September 1.

saving energy and money.

visited their brother, Willie Gray Bobbitt, in Durham County Hospital in Durham

on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pendergrass of Warrenton were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Scott Young and family.

Hodges Riggan of Meridian, Miss., Robert Riggan and Charlie Sowell of Murfreesboro were Friday visitors of Mrs. Gladys Stans-

Mrs. Raymond G. Harris was a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Browning in Warrenton.

Johnny Riggan and chil-dren of Warrenton, Mrs. Spruce Riggan and children, of Macon, Hodges Riggan and Robert Riggan were Thursday visitors of Mrs.

Macon Moore, Sr. They also visited Mrs. B. F. Morris and Mrs. Nannie Inscoe. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Salmon were Wednesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Paynter in Noriina. Mrs. Fredie Paynter and children of Wise, Mr. and Mrs. John King and son

of Norlina were Sunday

visitors of Mr. and Mrs.

Clarence West.

In Hospital

Patients in Warren General Hospital on Tuesday at 5 p. m. were listed as

Elizabeth P. Davis, Romie Lyles, Ola Clark, Alice Bruce, Henrietta Davis, Isaac O. Palmer, Mary D. Fleming, John H. Short, Mary P. Wilson, Judy Debnam, Gracie V. Perry, Elizabeth Richardson, Clifford Bank, Luther E. Boone, Lena L. Rivers, Sarah C. Mayle, Helen P. Alston, Hester Thornton, Nick Moseley, Haywood Meadows, Jeremiah Vick, Lillian G. Ellis, Dorothy K. Johnson, Samuel D. Clark.

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