

## Pack Trip Into Smokies Is Rugged, But Lots Of Fun

These pictures give some idea of the fun the Wilderness Riders had on a recent pack trip into the Smokies, with Tom Alexander, its leader. These pictures are published through the courtesy of The Charlotte Observer.



**RENDEZVOUS.**—Tired but happy riders, at predetermined camping place, watch some of the dozen pack animals come in with their supplies. Each animal hauled around 200 pounds (including his own feed) and it took one hostler for each three beasts.



**HOUSEKEEPING.**—Riders slept on ground out in open though small tent shelters were brought along. Inexperienced riders and campers like these get a kick out of routine of housekeeping in the forests, and trail rides are growing in popularity.



**PICTURE-PROOF.**—Picture-making is one of prime objectives of trail trips. Miss Helen L. McQuillan, New York interior decorator, acts as model for some of her fellow-riders at Catalochee ranch stable on eve of departure.



**GET ACQUAINTED.**—Day before leaving on a 10-day ride through the wilderness, the "tenderfeet" are "bitted" to their mounts and saddles. Here, Miss Claire Soton, private investigator for a New York department store, has stirrups adjusted as she critically gets "tast" of a strange horse.



**STUDY TRAIL ON MAP.**—Fifteen-year-old Judy Alexander, youngest licensed guide in the National Park system, points out itinerary of ride in Great Smoky Mountains National park to eager "tenderfeet." Judy, a veteran rider, knows 600 miles of the trails intimately.



**OFF THEY GO.**—Over hills and along ancient lumber trails, the 18 Wilderness riders and their chaperones head into the vast Smokies for a 10-day divorce from civilization. They did about 150 miles, first day only 8 miles to "loosen up" a bit. None of them were expert horsemen.

**THREE SPOILS FUN** news that the merry-go-round South Bend, Ind. (U. P.) had broken down Park Official Youngsters were alerted through-out this Hoover city to the sad used to run it had been stolen.

**LAFF-A-DAY**

"Not yet, Mom! Pop's just showing me how!"

## Center Pigeon Residents Making Great Strides

By ED MEHAFFEY  
Mountaineer Correspondent

Since the Community Development Program was organized for Center Pigeon many improvements have become noticeable.

Work is progressing on the new Spring Hill Baptist Church.

Residents of the community combined forces to clean the playground of the Spring Hill School during the past weeks and bushes had been allowed to cover the field.

Many of the homes show the results of the Program. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Mase have built a new rock wall around their yard and made many improvements to both interior and exterior of their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace J. Jones have removed their home by putting on a new roof and doing other work.

And it will not be many days now Mr. and Mrs. Raynes-Henson should be able to move into their new home.

Improvements also show in the lawns of many homes and on the surrounding banks and bridges. Home owners according to the strong evidence have put in much work and time in removing surplus growth, for instance.

The residents of the community are showing a greatly increased interest in their churches, schools, and homes generally.

In addition to these, they are looking forward to the grading and surfacing of the Henson Cove road and the construction of a new school at Spring Hill.

The members of the Long's Methodist Church keep working to improve the grandeur and beauty of their already beautiful church.

Center Pigeon being a farming as well as industrial community, boasts of many fine cows, and the residents take great pride in their gardens and small crops.

The Community Club is under the leadership of the Rev. Gay Chambers with Jeter J. Martin as chairman.

## Iron Duff Session To Be Held Monday

By Mrs. Roy B. Medford  
Mountaineer Correspondent  
Members of the Iron Duff Community will meet at 7:30 P. M. Monday at the Antioch Baptist Church to make plans for the coming Field Day August 26 when Clyde citizens will be their guests.

## SMALL CHANGE

VINCENNES, Ind. (U. P.)—An automobile thief who took Max Gellis' car gave him a rebate, police said. The thief took Gellis' late model passenger vehicle and left a miniature Crosley in its place. The small car was found to have been a stolen one.

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## Cemetery Cleanup Planned For August 11

A cemetery cleanup at the Lower Fines Creek Methodist Church is scheduled for August 11.

B. J. Rathbone, a member of the Fines Creek Community Development church and grounds committee, said today lunch will be served at the church after the morning work ends.

He urged the community citizens to be at the church as early as possible to start work.

Mr. Rathbone also said the church and the cemetery will be decorated the following Saturday.

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