

## Quarter Million Dollars Spent On National Forest Land In Yancey

If you haven't visited the facilities on your National Forests lately, then you aren't keeping up with what your tax dollar is buying you. According to Helton Carmichael, District Ranger of the Toecane Ranger District, National Forests in North Carolina, there have been numerous improvements to the Forests in Yancey County in the past two years. Carmichael stated that over a quarter of a million dollars has been spent over the last two years in management and improvement of the Toecane District of the Pisgah National Forest here in Yancey County.

Some of the many improvements added to your National Forest here include, hot showers for campers visiting Carolina Hemlocks Recreation area, completion of a water system and sewage system at Black Mountain Campground, renovation of the Forest Service work Center at Busick, upgrading of 20 miles of hiking trails in the Forest, rehabilitation of miles of trout streams, completion of Black Mountain Campground on South Toe River, new water system at Carolina Hemlocks, erosion control on 75 acres of eroded land, planted 500 acres of non-productive land to White Pine, provided scheduled programs in summer for campers and visitors to the Forest, installed 65 informational signs for the forest visitors, completed a self-guided nature trail for hikers at Carolina Hem-

locks, built 4 footlog bridges across the South Toe River for deer hunters access, and in addition to this found time to manage and protect 6500 acres of Forest Service land.

And Carmichael also added that there is a definite advantage to having National Forest Land in the county. The Forest Service returned to Yancey County \$4,173.00 in 1965 and \$4,498.00 in 1966 under the timber sale return law. This money is available for schools and roads in Yancey County.

## Robinson Promoted To Pfc.

QUI NHON, VIETNAM (AHT-NC) — Dean Robinson, 20, son of Mrs. Lillie Robinson, Route 4, Burnsville, N. C., was promoted to Army private first class March 26 in Vietnam, where he is a member of the 19th Engineer Battalion.

Pvt. Robinson is a construction specialist in the battalion's Company C stationed near Qui Nhon. He entered the Army in September 1966 and was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., before arriving overseas in March of this year.

The private is a 1966 graduate of Cone River (N. C.) High School.

## Extension Dept. Distributes Strawberry Plants

The Yancey County Agriculture Extension Service completed the distribution of 3,200 Tennessee Beauty strawberry plants to Yancey County farmers, April 8th.

E. L. Dillingham, County Extension Chairman, said that this was a part of the effort of the Extension Service co-operating with local people to raise the income of Yancey County people in the new Target 2 Program.

Most of the plants went to a large number of small growers. A few growers set out as many as 2,000 plants. The strawberry project has been in operation

several years and is beginning to show its effect on the income of the county.

Yancey County 4-H Club has a Strawberry Chain and another phase of the 4-H Chain is being planned to raise money to expand the present chain.

Dillingham said that strawberries come in at a time of the year when money is needed on the farm and few other sources are available.

Plans are being made to help the sellers and buyers get together through the Extension Office when marketing time arrives.

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