



Sportsmen Call Trip 'A Success'

'Sportsmen-12-Unlimited' Return From Canadian Trip

Nine Yancey County men who are members of a club called "Sportsmen-12-unlimited" arrived back home recently after a trip to Ontario, Canada.

The Yancey men, plus three men from Erwin, Tenn., also in the club, drove a bus camper which was equipped with bunks, a stove, refrigerator, reclining chairs, carpeting for the floor, and a bathroom.

From White River, the men flew to Brunswick Lake, approximately 90 miles north-east, to fish for walleye, rainbow trout, speckled trout, and northern pike. Each man also hoped to kill a bear since bear season was in. They stayed in two different cabins at the lake.

On their return, the sportsmen reported a very successful trip. They caught between 700 and 800 fish, mostly Pike, the largest of which was 8 lbs. All the fish were returned except the ones which the men ate. One of the men took pictures of a moose and her calves, getting some very good close-ups. The weather was beautiful and the 32-hour trip not unpleasant in their special bus.

On the darker side, the men reported that the gnats and mosquitoes kept them awake to say nothing of the wolves... and Quentin Mack was left at Customs by mistake. Fortunately, his absence was noted and they went back for him or he would have had a long walk home.

The nine Yancey men included Robert Tipton, Horace Cox, Clayton Whitson, Ross

Miller, Frank Lewis, Quentin Mack, Johnny McClain, Ralph Tomberlin, Lee Slagle. The three men from Erwin were; Oden Barnett, Dexter Randolph and John Peterson.

Peacock Is New Director Of Social Service Department In Yancey County

Yancey County's new Director of Social Services, Randall Peacock, moved to Burnsville in mid-May, together with his family, which consists of his wife, Jane, and two small children.

The new director comes with impressive credentials for taking over the administration of the local agency. He moved here from Winston Salem where he served six years in the Welfare Department, principally in an administrative capacity, supervising adult programs, including homemaker services.

A native of Georgia, he received his education largely in North Carolina. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree at East Carolina University... followed some years later by two years study at U.N.C. for a Masters degree in social work.

Peacock's interest in social work began in high school when his brother founded Boys Home, Inc., Lake Waccamaw, N.C., an institution which has since received support from the Lions throughout the State.

While attending college, Peacock worked during the summer on a social service project aiding retarded children. During his Army service, while

A Christian Growth Conference will be held July 6-12 at High Pastures, a religious retreat near Burnsville. According to Miss Elizabeth Motsinger, founder and director of High Pastures, the Conference will be open to all on a "Whoever Will May Come" basis. Many out-of-town people are expected and Miss Motsinger expressed the hope that quite a few local people will attend also.

Sessions of Witnessing, Worship, Teaching, Prayer, Fellowship and Singing will be held in the Big Red Barn at 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each day of the week-long conference. The Leadership for the conference will be among all those present, including Stanley Gibson and Joe Petree.

Sleeping arrangements may be made at High Pastures for quite a group of people needing them. There are beds, cots

and some cooking arrangements possible. There is room for a small number of tent-trailers. These are available on a first-come basis; however, everyone desiring these accommodations is asked to write or call for confirmations in advance of the meeting.

Plans are being made for a noon, picnic-type meal. For those staying "on campus" a co-operative plan may be worked out for other meals and / or they may be taken at a local restaurant.

High Pastures, located at the head of George's Fork Creek in Yancey County, has been in operation for several years, but was incorporated fairly recently in October, 1968. The 700-acre tract of land is owned by Miss Motsinger who stated very simply what High Pastures is all about. "When I met the Lord, He gave me this land and I gave it back to Him," she

said. "I told Him, 'Lord whatever You want to do with it'".

At first, she stated, I had friends come to stay here for a few days or weeks. They asked if they could bring or send their friends here, and larger and larger groups came. The retreat was prepared for the spiritual enrichment of Christians of all religious faiths. It is a place of great natural beauty and peace in which a person may seek the Lord and draw closer to Him spiritually.

Ministers come to High Pastures with groups from their churches. Individuals come who have heard about High Pastures from friends or acquaintances. A YWCA group from Winston Salem visited High Pastures recently, and Miss Motsinger is expecting a couple very shortly who have asked to spend their honeymoon in this atmosphere.

In a booklet given to visitors the purposes of this retreat are stated:

1. To sponsor and encourage the preaching of the Christian Gospel at home and abroad, including assistance to other ministers and ministries.
2. To develop, train and sponsor Christian witnesses at home and abroad.
3. The exploration and utilization of all communicative media that lend themselves to our stated purposes.
4. To be identified in thought, word and deed with all social action which is commensurate with God's love toward man.
5. To sponsor, encourage and develop spiritual retreats for spiritual renewal.
6. The production and distribution of Christian literature.
7. The development of a spiritual therapy ministry for individuals and groups.

Most overnight guests at High Pastures sleep in the large house which has spacious guest rooms, a prayer room for the use of all visitors, and balconies facing a beautiful view of the mountains in the distance. If there are too many present for the main house, guest cottages are used to accommodate the overflow.

For information about the Christian Growth Conference to be held July 6-12, or for accommodations, write to Miss Elizabeth Motsinger, Route 2, Burnsville, N.C. or call her at (704) 682-3138.



Randall Peacock

lin, he was given a special assignment working with refugee children who had escaped from eastern Europe.

Asked why he had desired to leave Winston Salem to come to Yancey County, he stated that he and his wife liked the mountains and small community environment. He believed, too, that he would prefer working in a small agency where he could participate in the total agency program. Burnsville also had a special appeal to him because of its unique agency-operated child development center.

Mrs. Peacock, who holds a masters degree in religious

stationed for two years in Berea education, has taught for two years in this field, in addition to several years teaching in the Winston Salem public schools. The Peacocks have two daughters--Julie, age five, and Tanya, age two.

Mrs. Ruby Smith, who since 1965 has been acting director of the Yancey County Department of Social Services, is continuing her service with the Department as Administrative Secretary.

School Starts On August 21

The Yancey County Board of Education announced the 1970-71 school calendar. The teachers will report August 19 and students will report on August 21.

School will be closed on September 15, for a District NCEA meeting and on November 3, for election day.

Christmas holidays contain one week. Easter holidays contain two days.

The snow schedule will be in operation again this year where buses will run one hour later than usual.