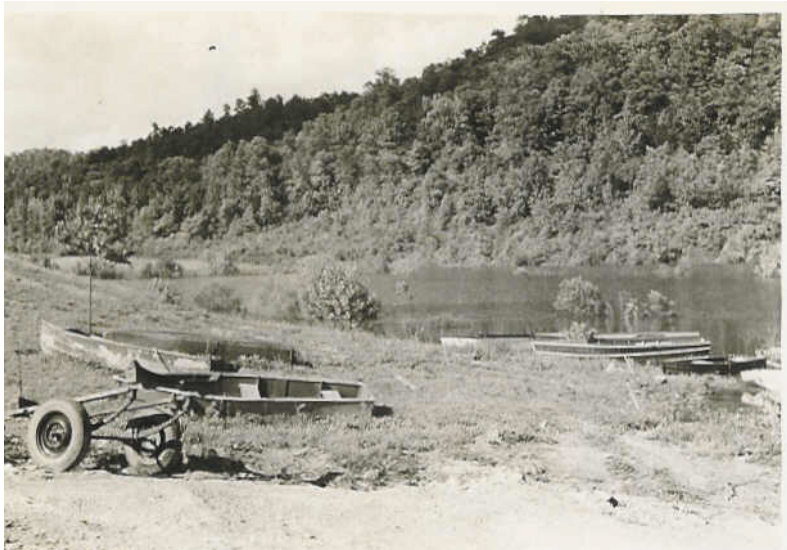


Hendricks Creek Resort



Pace's Place, 1946

Near the end of WWII, a group of investors purchased some acres of ground adjoining Corps property near the back of Hendricks Creek. Politically influential businessman Mr. J. Fred Pace headed up the group. Gordon Brown, Sewell Harland, and a silent partner joined Mr. Pace in his venture. This business was more of a private camp with a few small cabins built from cull lumber. Lumber was a scarce commodity after the War, but Mr. Harland's contacts in the lumber business allowed the group enough crude hardwood to erect these small cabins. These cabins were to be used by this elite group and their followers, but soon a number of outsiders began wanting to boat from this point on Dale Hollow. The group soon hired Curtis and Effie Anderson to oversee the project and be make-shift security guards.

A few people began asking to leave their boats at this guarded spot on Dale Hollow and the Andersons agreed on the grounds that when the owners of the boats were not around, that their boats could be rented to customers. Believe it or not, many took them up on this opportunity. One must keep in mind that these were simple wooden

row boats and not elaborate cruisers. Today's slip customers would probably frown on this concept of rent, wouldn't you say? So anyway, this private club became public.

Before long, the Corps of Engineers recognized the situation going on and approached the owners. Contracts were filled out and it became official. The marina was known as Spearstown Dock at that time. In 1949, this group of men sold the marina operation, but kept the property adjacent to the marina. After a number of sales (probably three), George Hardin purchased the dock in 1951, and began calling it Hendricks Creek Fishing Camp. He kept it two years and sold it to Frank Brindle, Sr., sometime in 1953. The marina has been in the Brindle family since that time. It was they that changed the name to Hendricks Creek Marina. Frank Brindle, Jr. (better known as Bim), heads up the operation with his son, Frank III. The Brindles had two partners in the late 1950's. Robert and Mike Boyce remained with them until 1961. One of the Brindle's early dock managers was none other than future Horse Creek Dock owner Jack Huddleston. Jack worked at the marina during 1967 and 1968, before moving on to his own business. From 1973 to 1993, Charlie and Dot Shake managed the marina. Chuck Spivey helped run the facility from 1987 to 2004. For over 50 years, the Brindle family has been a part of Dale Hollow, making them second only to the Roberts family of Cedar Hill in long-term family ownership. Their red, white, and blue colors still fly over what was once a private camp, and hopefully will fly for a very long time to come.