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## IT'S "SMOOTH SAILING" ON THE DIESEL-POWERED NORTH COAST LIMITED



A fleet of six sleek, new 4500-horse power Diesel locomotives has been put in service on Northern Pacific's transcontinental North Coast Limited trains between St. Paul and Seattle. Pictured above is the famed train pulling out of St. Paul Union Station yards for the

West. Each of these powerful smooth-rolling locomotives consists of three units. Each unit is equipped with one 16-cylinder V-type, 2-cycle General Motors Diesel engine. These engines, capable of independent operation, are rated at 1500-horse power each. Top speed of the loco-

motives is 85 miles. Over-all length is 151 feet, 4 inches. Total weight, fully loaded is 690,000 pounds. Fuel oil capacity is 3,600 gallons.

When the new streamlined North Coast Limiteds go in service late this summer, they will be powered by 4500-horse power Diesels.

## Yellowstone, First National Park in U. S. and World, This Year Celebrates 75th Anniversary of Founding

Yellowstone, the first national park ever established in the United States—or in the world—is celebrating its 75th birthday this year. It was on March 1, 1872, that President U. S. Grant signed his name to the act which created Yellowstone National Park, to be "dedicated and set apart as a public park or pleasuring ground for the benefit and enjoyment of the people."

Comprising a rectangle 62 miles from north to south and 52 miles from east to west, it contained 2,142,720 acres, lying chiefly in the territory of Wyoming, but extending in a narrow strip into the territories of Montana and Idaho. Changes in the boundary of Yellowstone in 1928 and 1929 modified its original rectangular shape, so that today it contains 2,213,206.55 acres, of which 2,047,667.01 are in Wyoming; 142,499.54 in Montana; and 23,000 in Idaho.

Last year, nearly 815,000 visitors entered the five gateways to this oldest of the national parks, exceeding by more than 233,000 the highest previous attendance recorded there. Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee, lying within a short distance of the most heavily populated portion of the country, was the only national park which had a greater number of visitors.

The high mountain country at the

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### N. P. Has Served Yellowstone National Park Since 1883

In 1883, only eleven years after Yellowstone was created a national park, the Northern Pacific constructed a branch line to the Park boundary from Livingston, Mont., on the main transcontinental line, and thus became the first railroad to serve that vast new wonderland.

In addition to the northern Gardiner Gateway, the original entrance, Northern Pacific now serves the Red Lodge Gateway and, in conjunction with the Burlington, the Cody gateway.

During the Park season, June 20 to Sept. 9, through sleeping cars operate on the Burlington-Northern Pacific between Chicago and Gardiner and Chicago and Cody and on the N. P. between Seattle and Gardiner. Red Lodge passengers go by train to Billings, Mont., thence to the Park by N. P. Transport bus.

After thirty-six and thirty-two years of absence, two towels marked 1910 and 1914 were recently returned to the Pullman Company—one from a woman in Massachusetts and the other from a woman in Iowa.

### The "Great Big" Baked Potato is Back on N. P. Dining Cars

Here's good news for travelers: Northern Pacific's "Great Big" Baked Potato is back on North Coast Limited dining car menus!



A favorite of N. P. patrons for many years, the Big Potato was discontinued during the war because of restrictions and shortages.

This "Aristocrat of the N. P. Dining Table" is of

the Netted Gem variety and is grown in the irrigated Yakima Valley of Washington. A thick skin gives these spuds unusual keeping qualities and modern storage facilities make it possible to serve them in prime condition the year 'round.

### Gene Beatty Now N. P. District Passenger Agent at Los Angeles

J. E. (Gene) Beatty, formerly city freight and passenger agent in Northern Pacific's Los Angeles office, was appointed district passenger agent effective March 15.



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## Olympic Peninsula 2-Day, All-Expense Tours Start July 7

Travelers by train to Puget Sound this summer are offered a fine opportunity to tour the spectacular Olympic Peninsula country—"America's Last Frontier."

Washington Motor Coach System, through J. H. Rosenberg, traffic manager, announces a 2-day, all-expense Olympic National Park Loop trip through July and August, each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, starting July 7. The tour will leave Seattle Central Bus Terminal, Eighth and Stewart Streets, at 8:15 a.m. At Edmonds a ferry is boarded for Port Ludlow and travels along the shore of the North Peninsula to Port Angeles, then to lovely Lake Crescent for luncheon. After luncheon the tour leads through primitive forests and past the Pacific ocean to another mountain gem, Lake Quinault, where dinner, overnight accommodations and breakfast will be enjoyed at Quinault Hotel.

On the second day, the tour goes to the adjoining peninsula cities of Aberdeen and Hoquiam for sightseeing and luncheon, then to Bremerton, home of Puget Sound Navy Yard, via Hood Canal. From Bremerton, the tour will return to Seattle by streamlined ferry in time for dinner.

Highlights of the tour will be a ride in an Indian dugout canoe; talk by government naturalist on Olympic flora and fauna at Lake Crescent; conducted tour through the second largest plywood plant in the world and digging for clams along the ocean.

Cost of the all-inclusive tour will be \$24.70, which includes transportation tax. A \$3 commission is allowed selling agents.

## N. P. Agent Stages Movie Show for Waiting Passengers

Bill English, Northern Pacific agent at St. Cloud, Minn., not only is a resourceful fellow, but he is more than ordinarily interested in "customer relations" and is doing something about them.

Early in February, when severe storms delayed trains for several days in the Northwest, Bill came into the passenger station one evening and found a sizeable crowd of passengers waiting impatiently for a late train. There wasn't a thing he could do to hurry up the train, but he could and did help the customers while away the time. He set up some motion picture equipment he had borrowed from the general office for a showing in town the day before and proceeded to entertain the patrons with a movie show.

## Puyallup Valley of Washington to Take on Golden Hue for Annual Daffodil Festival, March 29-30



A valley Miss pours a bucket of golden blooms from her daffodil well.

600 Acres of Blooms in Area Near Tacoma—Pageant, Show and Sports Events Highlight Program

Northern Pacific recommends to travelers contemplating a trip to the Puget Sound area this spring that they plan to take in the colorful Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival, which will be held March 29-30 in the cities of Sumner, Puyallup and Tacoma, Wash., with all the gayety and pageantry of pre-war years.

The mammoth parade of floats, bands and marching units will be held on Saturday, March 29, following a round of activities presided over by the lovely Daffodil Queen and her royal court.

More than 600 acres of blooming daffodils on the numerous "bulb farms" under the shadow of Mount Rainier, the famous snow covered peak of Rainier National Park, draws thousands of visitors.

One of the most spectacular events of the festival is the annual Daffodil Show where more than 500 different varieties of daffodils will be on display in the beautifully decorated Sumner High School gymnasium.

Visitors to the Pacific Northwest at Festival time are always amazed to see spring flowers in full ripe bloom in the fields at the same time when ski enthusiasts are holding some of their most important ski matches not 40 miles "crow fly" away. Skiing, and sail boating on the beautiful Puget Sound are included in the events of the festival which heralds the arrival of spring to all of the northern hemisphere.

## Rails' Travel Credit Plan in Effect April 1; Cards to be Issued

Forty-five railroads, including Northern Pacific, have concurred in a travel-and-charge-it plan which has been developed from suggestions obtained last summer in a poll of 20,000 business concerns. The plan will be put into effect April 1.

A distinctive feature of the plan is that the traveler will only have to carry one credit card to buy railroad, Pullman and parlor car tickets from any of the participating railroads.

In event the traveler's trip includes railroads not participating in the plan, tickets over such lines will be furnished on the credit plan provided the trip originates on a participating railroad.

Credit cards will be issued to individuals and to companies for their employees upon application to the Rail Travel Credit Agency, a joint organization set up by the railroads, of which H. W. Siddall, chairman, Railroad Passenger Interterritorial committee, will be chairman. Offices are being established in room 436 of the Chicago Union Station. Satisfactory credit references will be required.

"For more than a year the railroads have been considering various methods of making the purchase of railroad transportation more convenient," Mr. Siddall said. "The plan that was finally adopted requires no deposit, no service charge, no red tape. It is as simple as a department store charge account.

"All the traveler has to do is to present his card at a ticket office of a participating railroad, sign a receipt, and get his tickets. Subscribers to the plan will be billed monthly for the transportation purchased."

## Six-Day Alaska Cruises are Offered by Union SS Co.

A new ship operator in "Inside Passage" service to Alaska this summer is the Union Steamship Ltd., of Vancouver, B. C. Northern Pacific representatives are booking passengers on Union's SS Chilcotin for \$159.85, plus \$15.67 tax, round trip from Seattle. This includes steamer stateroom and meals for six days, also two days' hotel and sightseeing in Seattle and transfers at Seattle and Vancouver. "Inside Passage" trip is to Prince Rupert and Ketchikan. Tours are each Thursday from Seattle, starting May 29.

## Luxury Cruises to Alaska

Luxury cruises to Alaska on the S. S. Corsair, private ocean liner of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, are offered this summer by Pacific Cruise Lines, Seattle.

The cruises, which will require eight days, will operate to and from Vancouver, B. C., via the Inside Passage. Sailing dates from Vancouver are July 7, 16 and 25, August 3, 12, 21 and 30, and Sept. 8 and 17.

Diesel-electric locomotives for the twelve months of 1946 accounted for 33.1 per cent of the total switching-hours, 12.3 per cent of the freight service gross ton-miles (ex loco and tenders) and 22.7 per cent of the passenger car-miles, produced by coal-burning and Diesel locomotives combined.

## S. F. General Agents Elect N. P.'s Tinney Association Chief

### Ollie Anderson Heads St. Paul Club—Philadelphia and New Orleans Agents Name Officers

Daniel Tinney, general agent of the Northern Pacific in San Francisco, recently was elected president of the Railroad General Agents Association of San Francisco.

Other officers elected were: G. F. Allen, Union Pacific, first vice president; George Erickson, Southern Pacific, second vice president; Lee Marion, Erie, third vice president; H. R. McCorkle, B. & O., treasurer, and George Phelps, Louisville & Nashville, secretary.

Directors are Mert Baker, Burlington; Ed Piatt, Santa Fe; Joe Carroll, New Haven; Reed Rowen, T. & P., and Al Bolton, D. & R. G.

### Anderson Heads St. Paul Club

O. R. (Ollie) Anderson, general agent, Passenger department of the Milwaukee Road, was elected president of the St. Paul Passenger Association at the annual meeting in January. Other officers are:

E. J. Trettel, city passenger agent, Northern Pacific, vice-president; Walter Borland, traveling passenger agent, Burlington, treasurer, and Edgar C. Melander, clerk, Omaha Road, secretary. Ed Trettel also is chairman of the membership committee.

### Philadelphia Club Names Seery

At the annual election of officers of the Philadelphia Passenger Association, T. A. Seery of the Reading Company was chosen president. Other new officers are: L. J. McKernan, Union Pacific, first vice president; E. B. Saltmer, B. & O., second vice president; A. E. Rohmer, Great Northern, treasurer; L. H. Dahms, Rock Island, secretary, and H. R. Scott, Pennsylvania, historian. The following were elected directors: H. V. Chamberlain, Burlington; C. J. Christman, B. & O.; R. E. Dunn, Pennsylvania; A. W. Kushmore, Reading; P. J. Logan, Pennsylvania; F. B. Powell, B. & O.; P. C. Servine, Atlantic Coast Line; W. P. Walker, C. & O., and J. C. White, Chicago & Northwestern. F. X. Ivers, Santa Fe, retiring president, was named to the board of governors.

### New Orleans Club Installs

The Passenger Club of New Orleans, at their annual banquet, installed the following officers for 1947: Carlos J. Indest, Jr., Texas & Pacific Lines, president; Russell T. Martin, New York Central, vice president; Roderick H. Teal, Burlington, secretary-treasurer.

Members of the advisory board are: Noel J. Spicuzza, Southern Railway, chairman; Merlyn G. Bel, Nickel Plate; J. D. Benda, Union Pacific; Thomas J. Dugan, Pennsylvania; Byrd D. Fowler, Jr., Southern Pacific, and William J. Rainey, Louisville & Nashville.

## Passengers Acclaim Northern Pacific's New Coaches



ABOVE—For real relaxation, the new Day-Nite coaches are the last word in travel comfort.  
BELOW—Coach passengers are enjoying the new Buffet-Lounge, provided expressly for them.



Northern Pacific's new streamlined coaches, recently put in service on the transcontinental North Coast Limited, are proving exceedingly popular with travelers.

"North Coast" patrons are especially pleased with the reclining chaise longue seats with full length leg rests in the "Day-Nites" and with the pleasant atmosphere in the commodious buffet-lounge cars, expressly for coach passengers.

The individually beamed reading light over each coach seat also is receiving enthusiastic comment, as are the well-appointed dressing rooms and modern air-conditioning.

The new coaches are part of Northern Pacific's post-war passenger equipment

program which includes a fleet of completely new streamlined North Coast Limiteds, slated to go in service late this summer between Chicago and the North Pacific coast.

### Travel Bureau for Sportsmen

Lou Herron Associates, Seattle Travel counselors, announce establishment of a hunting and fishing department under the direction of Col. W. D. Frazer, big game hunter and author.

The bureau offers service to sportsmen seeking information on locations, guides, outfitters and accommodations for fishing and hunting in the Pacific Northwest, British Columbia and Alaska.

## Yellowstone, World's First National Park, 75 Years Old in 1947

Western Wonderland First Seen by White Man in 1807, Was Established in 1872

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headwaters of the Yellowstone and Snake Rivers was first viewed by a white man probably in the year 1807. Its first white visitor was John Colter, who had been with Lewis and Clark on their expedition across the continent to Astoria, Oregon, but who turned back to the Rockies after the expedition had reached present day North Dakota on the return trip. For many years thereafter, the only persons to enter the remote region were trappers, though there were probably scores of these, most of whom, like the famous Jim Bridger, brought out tales of the marvels they had seen.

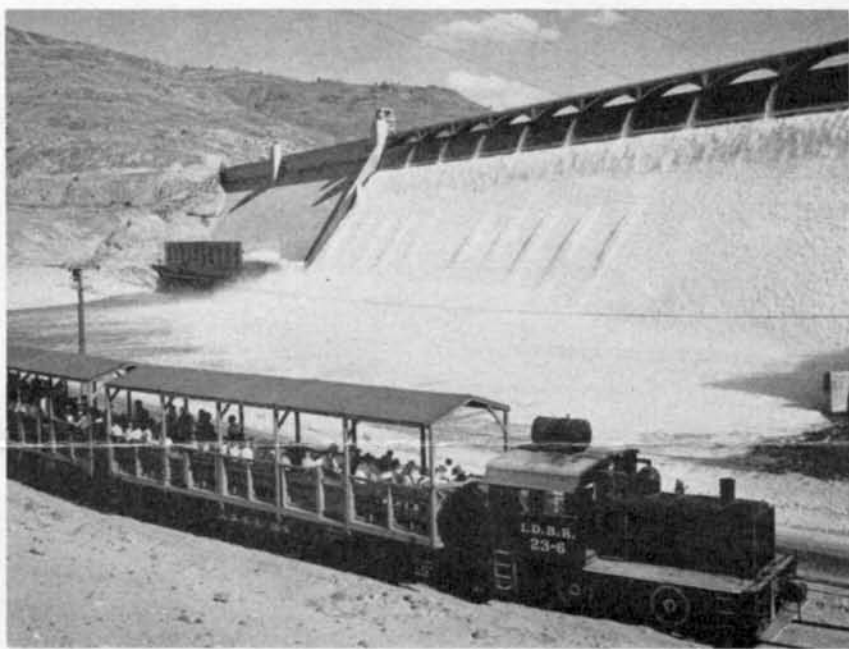
The first account of the Yellowstone to appear in print was written by Daniel T. Potts, a trapper, and it appeared in a Philadelphia publication in 1827. Later two trappers, Warren Angus Ferris and Osborne Russell, even wrote books on their experiences which included thorough accounts of their Yellowstone observations. But apparently they attracted no great attention.

David Folsom, of the Folsom-Cook expedition of 1869, appears to have been the first to conceive the idea of making a national park of the wonderland, his idea was taken up by the members of the Washburn-Doane expedition the following year. It was principally due to the determination of this latter group to do something about it, backed by the photographs taken in 1871 by William H. Jackson as a member of the Hayden expedition, and by Hayden himself and other members of his party, that Congress passed and the President approved the park act early in 1872. Credit for introducing the legislation belongs jointly to William H. Clagett, delegate from Montana, and Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas. N. P. Langford, a member of the Washburn-Doane expedition, was the park's first superintendent, without salary.

The act provided for protection of the forests and the natural wonders and curiosities from spoliation, and for the protection of the fish and wildlife, though hunting was not forbidden until 1894, after the park's big game population had been severely reduced by hunters and poachers. Since Congress was not disposed to provide adequately for the protection of the park, the Army in 1886 took over the job and continued to perform it until 1918, a year after the National Park Service was organized.

Yellowstone is notable for a large number of reasons. Probably the most important is the fact that it contains more hot springs and geysers than any other place in the world; Old Faithful geyser, erupting approximately every sixty minutes, is one of the world's best known natural phenomena. Of its scenic fea-

## Bureau of Reclamation Gives Grand Coulee Dam Summer Visitors Free Sightseeing Tour by Train



A free sightseeing tour of Grand Coulee Dam by train is a new service being given visitors to the world's greatest man-made structure by the Bureau of Reclamation.

"The Rubberneck" Special, shown in the photograph with the spectacular waterfall created by the dam spillway in the background, is made up of two flat cars, drawn by a Diesel locomotive.

On arrival at the Dam, visitors are shown a construction model of the dam. This demonstration is supplemented by a 20-minute lecture, a portion of which is given while the group is seated in a sheltered grandstand, facing the waterfall. The visitors are next loaded on the train and taken to the west powerhouse building for a tour of inspection, under the direction of a competent guide. During the tour, visitors have a close-range view of the world's largest hydroelectric generators and other interesting features. The train travels about 2,400 feet each way, descending nearly 200 feet en route to the powerhouse. The heavy grade is negotiated by means of two switchbacks.

tures, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, with its two magnificent falls, and Yellowstone Lake, surrounded by mountain peaks, are the most famous.

Scarcely less noteworthy are the variety and abundance of wildlife—grizzly and black bear, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, elk, antelope, moose, bison, beaver, white pelicans and the rare trumpeter swan and numerous other species. Protection of the Yellowstone bison played an important part in saving this animal from extinction. In the Yellowstone, as in the other national parks, predators and their prey are both given protection, and the National Park Service endeavors to present wildlife under conditions as nearly natural as possible.

The sightseeing train is expected to operate from early June until late in September. Approximately 100,000 tourists rode the train during the summer of 1946, the first year it operated.

Grand Coulee Dam is approximately 90 miles northwest of Spokane, Wash., which is on the main line of the Northern Pacific. There is frequent bus service between Spokane and the Dam. The round trip fare is \$4.70.

## World Cruises are Resumed by American President Lines

Resumption of Round-the-World Cruises is announced by American President Lines through Leo P. Breyman, general passenger agent.

The de luxe liners, President Monroe and President Polk, have been assigned to this service, with the first sailing from New York March 21 and from San Francisco April 15. Approximate time required for the complete cruise is 112 days, New York to New York, and 79 days, San Francisco to New York.

No passport difficulties are anticipated so long as a passenger makes the complete round-the-world trip on one ship, Mr. Breyman says.

## Enlarged Eagles Salmon Derby Set for Sept. 6-7 at Everett

The annual Eagles Salmon Derby at Everett, Wash., next Sept. 6-7, will be open to any member of the F. O. E. or to any auxiliary of the organization, according to Robert W. Hunt, Jr., chairman. Heretofore, entries have been limited to members living in Washington state.

The Derby is held each year in Port Gardner Bay, which is Everett harbor on Puget Sound. The program will include coronation of a Derby queen and salmon barbecues.