



# The North Coaster



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## Yellowstone Entries Set New High; Rail Travelers Off 7%

### More Coach Passengers, but Fewer Pullman—Escorted Tours Via N. P. Show Increase

Railroad ticket agents of United States and Canada sold about 7% fewer Yellowstone Park tickets for the season of 1949 than in the preceding year, but the railroad travel to and from America's No. 1 national park remained at high level. Passengers in streamlined coaches increased but there was a drop in Pullman.

Gardiner, Cody and Red Lodge gateways to the Yellowstone had 14,423 tickets in and out of the park, using the train service of the Northern Pacific and Burlington. The automobile travel through Yellowstone again broke all records, totalling 1,133,516, an increase of 11.8% over the previous year.

Travel Agents had a banner season in Yellowstone, their sales for escorted tours via Northern Pacific showing an increase of 402 passengers, as compared with 1948 season. Thos. Cook and Son, Berry Tours, Cartan Tours, Happiness Tours, Holmes Tours, Brownell Tours, Vanderbilt Tours, Colpitts and Ford Tours had regularly scheduled escorted parties in Yellowstone which favored Northern Pacific-Burlington gateways.

Northern Pacific buses provided sight-seeing service through the Yellowstone River Canyon between Livingston and Gardiner, Montana, for the first time in 1949. This augments similar service, which has been so successful between Billings, Red Lodge, Silver Gate and Cody.

## Famed N. P. Fruit Cakes to be Available for Holiday Season

Northern Pacific's famous Holiday fruit cakes will be available for sale to the public again this fall and winter, W. F. Paar, Superintendent of Dining Cars, announces.

The cakes are packed in attractive metal boxes and contain the finest ingredients to be obtained. They will be shipped via Railway Express, or U. S. Parcel Post anywhere in the United States, carrying charges prepaid, for \$3.00 for a 3-pound cake and \$4.50 for a 5-pound cake. For shipment to Canada, Canal Zone, Philippines or Hawaii, add 75 cents.

Orders may be sent to W. F. Paar, Dining Car Department, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

Freight train performance in the first half of 1949 reached the highest efficiency on record, net ton-miles per freight train-hour having amounted to 19,127 compared with 18,779 in the year 1948 and 17,623 in 1944, the peak war year.

## N. P. Directors Find Railroad in A-1 Condition; 10-Year Improvement Program is Nearly Completed

### President Denney Completes 10 Years With Northern Pacific



This is a candid shot of President C. E. Denney which was made recently on a Directors' inspection trip. (See story in Column 3). Mr. Denney became President of the company ten years ago last Oct. 1.

### Ellsworth Heads Montana Committee

Howard H. Ellsworth, Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent of the Northern Pacific in Montana, headquarters Helena, has been appointed state chairman of the industrial advisory committee of the U. S. Savings Bond division.

### Board Makes 4,000-Mile Inspection Trip Over Entire Main Line—Purchase of 18 Diesel Locomotives Authorized

Thirteen of the 15 directors of the Northern Pacific railway, headed by President C. E. Denney, made a 4,000-mile inspection trip over the entire main transcontinental line in August and September and expressed enthusiastic satisfaction with the vast properties they administer.

As their special train rolled smoothly over the heavy, rock-ballasted rails, the directors appreciated more fully the magnificent roadbed developed as part of the company's 10-year improvement program which is now nearing completion. These right-of-way improvements made since 1940 indicate the extent of the job:

1,802 miles of track have been relaid with new and heavier rail.

1,548 track miles have been ballasted with crushed rock and 1,345 miles with processed gravel.

105 curves have been completely eliminated from main line track and 158 substantially reduced.

During daylight hours when the train was running, the directors assembled in the observation lounge, where President Denney, assisted by Executive Vice President R. S. Macfarlane and other top officers, pointed out and gave detailed explanation of improvements and additions to plant for which the board has authorized investment of many millions of dollars in the past decade.

At Livingston, Mont., the directors were taken through the new locomotive shops. At Missoula, Mont., they inspected the new freight house and the seven different kinds of new freight cars being put in service this year—a total of 2,438 are on order for delivery in 1949.

At Tacoma, the party toured the South Tacoma shops and at numerous points along the way they saw evidence of new industrial and agricultural development. From Pasco, Wash., to Portland, the special train ran over the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, a subsidiary, to enable the directors to view the new McNarry Dam project on the Columbia river, which will require extensive relocation of the S. P. & S. tracks.

At Missoula, Spokane, Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, the directors joined with local civic and business leaders at luncheon or dinner. At a meeting in Portland the directors authorized purchase of additional motive power at an estimated cost of approximately \$5,000,000. Six diesel freight road locomotives and 12 diesel switchers will be acquired.

On completion of the inspection trip, the directors unanimously seconded President Denney's statement that the North-

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### L & N CPA Lanier Issues "Transportation Notice" to Announce Birth of First Son

D. C. Lanier, City Passenger Agent of the L. & N. Railroad, Louisville, recently became the proud father of a boy, his first child. The clever announcement, issued in the form of a transportation notice, headed "Louisville & Nashville Railroad, Office of City Passenger agent", is reproduced below:

T. N. No. 1                      Louisville, Ky.  
August 10, 1949

#### NOTICE

This transportation notice issued to cover movement that already has taken place.

Name of Party: Douglas C. Lanier, Jr.  
Number of Persons: One.  
Passenger Rep. Accompanying: Dr. Robert F. Monroe.  
Route: Via Kentucky Baptist Hospital.  
Enroute: Heaven to 104 Southland Ave., Louisville, Ky.  
Schedule: "Special"—arrived 4:02 am July 30, 1949.  
Equipment: Regular Equipment.  
Meals: No Dining Car service required. Special menu administered every four hours by Mother in day time and father at night.  
Special Attention: It is extremely important that periodic inspections of equipment be made at regular intervals. Full supply of essentials to be kept on hand at all times and changed as often as needed to prevent serious complaints from this party.  
Remarks: This is the first movement of this type that we have participated in and it is important that all concerned be well pleased in order that we may control any future business.

Yours truly,

D. C. Lanier, CPA

Forty-one per cent of the diesel-electric locomotives now owned by the Class I railroads are used in freight and passenger road service and the remainder in yard service.

## Queen of North Dakota Depot Celebration is Crowned as "Miss North Coast Limited"

Northern Pacific's famed transcontinental passenger train was accorded new honors on October 4 when Miss Marilyn Easton, chosen queen of an N. P. depot opening celebration at Glen Ullin, N. D., was crowned "Miss North Coast Limited".

Miss Easton, whose home is at Beulah, N. D., was one of 30 entries in the queen contest which featured a celebration commemorating formal opening of a new \$66,000 station. The affair was sponsored by the Glen Ullin Lions Club and the Lawrence Higbee American Legion Post of Glen Ullin. R. C. Waechter, local business man, was an able general chairman and master of ceremonies. Governor Fred G. Aandahl of North Dakota and W. W. Judson, Vice President, Operating department of the N. P., were the



principal speakers and Mr. Judson officiated at the crowning of the queen, shown with him in the photograph above.

Glen Ullin is on the main line of the N. P. in western North Dakota.

### Christy Thomas and Wife Ride North Coast Limited Back to Seattle on Vacation



When Mr. and Mrs. Christy Thomas returned to Seattle via the North Coast Limited recently, the veteran Pacific Northwest publicist and his wife posed happily beside the crack train at King St. Station.

"It's good to be back to Puget Sound breezes," said Mr. Thomas, "That Washington, D. C. heat is something wonderful—to be away from! You just don't know how lucky you are at this end of the line."

Dean of American Chamber of Commerce executives, Christy Thomas served as executive vice president and general manager of the Seattle Chamber for more than a quarter century. For the past three years he has headed the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C. office staff.

Selling Seattle's tourist, industrial and scenic advantages is second nature to Thomas . . . he's been at it so long. Washington, D. C. residents and visitors find his offices in the Colorado Bldg. headquarters for all manner of information concerning Seattle, the Pacific Northwest and Alaska.

### Special Yellowstone Trips Enjoyed by Ticket Agents Seattle Bound

Accepting NP-CB&Q-SP&S invitations to use North Coast Limited service to the Seattle Convention in September, 50 ticket agents and members of their families enjoyed riding in deluxe private rooms aboard this famous train.

Some stopped in Yellowstone Park, seeing both the spectacular Red Lodge High Road and the Park itself; others stopped at Spokane for Grand Coulee Dam trip, and in Portland to ride along the Columbia River. The trips were acclaimed by all agents who took them, and they appreciated the courtesies extended by the railroads, and their associates, which included the Pullman Company, the Montana-Wyoming Rockies Gray Line, the Northern Hotel at Billings, the Range Riders Hotel at Silver Gate, the Park Hotel at Livingston, the Yellowstone Park Co., the Davenport Hotel at Spokane, the Washington Motor Coach Co., and the Portland Gray Line.

M. E. Harlan, Harry Cotton, Maurice Thomson, Merrill Saxton and M. M. Goodsill escorted the agents on their several trips.

The sightseeing enjoyed by these parties in Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Oregon and in Yellowstone Park was outstanding, agents said, since fresh falls of snow, and autumn colors in the forests, made the trips unusually beautiful.

### Montana County Only Important U. S. Producer of Battery Ore

For more than three decades, Granite county, Mont., on Northern Pacific's Main Street of the Northwest, has been the nation's only important producer of battery-grade manganese ore, the Bureau of Mines reports.

The district has also produced substantial quantities of zinc ore, and during World Wars I and II contributed notable amounts of manganese for metallurgical uses.





**N. P. DIRECTORS**  
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ern Pacific is in excellent condition to serve shippers and travelers along the "Main Street of the Northwest".

The directors, in addition to Mr. Denney, who made the trip were:

A. M. Anderson, New York, chairman of the executive committee, J. P. Morgan & Co.

Edward Brooks, Minneapolis, president, Brooks-Scanlon, Inc.

Daniel F. Bull, Minneapolis, president and general manager, The Cream of Wheat Corporation.

W. E. S. Griswold, Sr., New York, chairman of executive committee, W. & J. Sloane.

George F. Jewett, Spokane, president and treasurer, Potlatch Forests, Inc.

Robert S. Macfarlane, Seattle, executive vice president, Northern Pacific Railway.

Walter H. McLeod, Missoula, president, Missoula Mercantile Company.

Leslie F. Miller, Minneapolis, president and treasurer, Russell-Miller Milling Co.

Philip L. Ray, St. Paul, chairman of the executive committee, First National Bank and chairman of the board, First Trust Co., St. Paul.

Henry B. Spencer, Washington, D. C., chairman and president, Tennessee Railroad Company.

Samuel A. Welldon, New York, director, First National Bank of the City of New York.

Harry W. Zinsmaster, Duluth, president, Zinsmaster Bread Company.

Accompanying the directors were W. W. Judson, vice president, operating department; F. J. Berry, vice president-traffic; J. W. Haw, director, agricultural development department and A. M. Gottschald, secretary of the company.

### Girls' State Delegates Travel "North Coast" to Washington



These charming Washington state girls were guests on the North Coast Limited recently en route to Washington, D. C., to attend the national Girls' State meeting. Janet Houghton (left) of White Swan, was elected governor of the Girls' State at a Pullman, Wash., meeting in June and Miss Mary Kay Johnston of Pullman was elected a delegate to the national meeting. Both are high school seniors.

### N. P. to Promote Yakima Fruit During National Apple Week

Apples from the famed Yakima Valley of Washington will be widely promoted by the Northern Pacific during National

### N. P. DIRECTORS ON "MAIN STREET"

—This photograph of Northern Pacific directors and officers was made at Missoula during the recent inspection trip. They are, left to right: F. J. Berry, Vice President—Traffic; Robert S. Macfarlane, Executive Vice President and director; W. W. Judson, Vice President, Operating department; Henry B. Spencer, Samuel A. Welldon, Leslie F. Miller, Daniel F. Bull, President C. E. Denney, Harry W. Zinsmaster, W. E. S. Griswold, Sr., George F. Jewett, Philip L. Ray, Edward Brooks, Walter H. McLeod and F. J. Alsip, General Manager, Seattle.

### Paul Van Cleve Reelected Head Of Dude Ranchers Association

Paul Van Cleve, Jr., of Lazy K Bar Ranch, Big Timber, Mont., was reelected president of the Dude Ranchers association at the 24th annual meeting in September at Canyon Hotel, Yellowstone Park.

Stanley Decker, Cora, Wyo., was reelected vice president and Dave Branger, Roscoe, Mont., was named secretary-treasurer. Ed Ikerman, Nye, Mont., was elected to the board of directors. Walter C. Nye, Billings, Mont., continues as executive secretary and editor of The Dude Rancher, the association's quarterly magazine.

Association members reported a "fairly successful year."

Apple Week, Oct. 29 to Nov. 5. Special color menus will feature apple dishes on dining cars and in company lunch rooms and apple displays will be exhibited in N. P. traffic office windows.

Each dinner guest on the North Coast Limited on the second evening of the transcontinental trip will be presented with a Yakima Delicious apple during Apple Week.

## "Railroad Hour," Now On NBC Net, Leads off Two-Hour Music Feast

Monday Night Radio Program  
Continues Technique Which  
Has Won Wide Acclaim

"The Railroad Hour", starring Gordon MacRae and top-flight guests of the films, stage and opera, is now being heard each Monday evening on the National Broadcasting Company network. The sponsor is the Association of American Railroads. Featuring Carmen Dragon's orchestra and a chorus under the direction of Norman Luboff, "The Railroad Hour" is broadcast at 8:00 to 8:30 p.m., EST; 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., CST; 9:30 to 10:00 p.m., MST; and 8:30 to 9:00 p.m., PST.

The radio adaptations of light classical musical romances afford listeners the opportunity of hearing such stars as Dorothy Kirsten, Patrice Munsel, Nadine Conner, Lucille Norman, Doris Day and Margaret Whiting, all of whom played leading feminine roles opposite singing host Gordon MacRae in last season's productions of great shows on "The Railroad Hour."

In its first year on the air, the famed program quickly established itself as one of the top-rated of its kind, winning the acclaim of listeners and critics alike. At times, "The Railroad Hour" attained a higher audience measurement than other comparable shows that have been broadcast from ten to fifteen years.

"The Railroad Hour", in its new spot, has become part of what is probably the most outstanding sequence of high class musical shows on all networks. In the Eastern and Central zones, "The Railroad Hour" leads off a two-hour lineup of shows with "The Voice of Firestone", "The Telephone Hour" and Cities Service "Band of America" following in that order. While the precise order will not be followed in the Mountain and Pacific time zones, Monday night will also be "Music Night" on NBC in these zones.

## Railroad Fair Draws 2,732,739; Far Ahead of 1948 Attendance

The 1949 Chicago Railroad fair ended Oct. 2—after the 2,732,739th visitor had passed through the main turnstile.

Last year's attendance was 2,500,813, but this figure was exceeded on Sunday, Sept. 25, this year. Threatening weather and a stiff lake breeze kept the final day's attendance to 41,200, several thousand less than officials had expected.

The Railroad fair opened in July, 1948, and was held again this year, by popular acclaim. It was the first fair in Chicago history to break attendance records in its second year. Other fairs, including A Century of Progress, all showed declines of from 25 to 35 per cent.

Railroads since the end of World War II have spent more than 2½ billion dollars for new freight cars and locomotives and other improvements in order to provide better service.

## G. A. R. Commander Travels N. P. to Last Encampment



Honored guest on Northern Pacific's North Coast Limited late in August was Theodore A. Penland, Vancouver, Wash., 100-year-old commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, en route to the final encampment at Indianapolis. Mr. Penland was accompanied by a group of auxiliary officers from Oregon and Washington, some of whom are shown with him in the above picture which was made at the N. P. station at Mandan, N. D.

## N. P.'s Cincinnati Address is Now 2011-2013 Carew Tower



This is the Carew Tower, Cincinnati's newest and loftiest office building, which now houses Northern Pacific's Traffic office in that city. The new address is 2011-2013 Carew Tower, Fifth and Vine Streets, Cincinnati, 2. The move was made Sept. 15. K. W. Wilson is General Agent.

More new freight cars and locomotives were installed in service in the first seven months of 1949 than in any corresponding period in about 25 years.

## This Trout Worth \$1,000



L. E. Lewis, service station attendant of Bozeman, Mont., exhibits the four-pound, nine-ounce Loch Leven trout which won him the \$1,000 first prize in the Livingston national trout derby, held on the Yellowstone river near Livingston, Mont., on Aug. 14. Nearly 2,000 anglers competed for prizes. The event is held annually on a designated section of the Yellowstone river near Livingston.

Class I railroads in May, 1949 had 6,944 diesel-electric locomotives, an increase of 215 per cent in five years.