



# The North Coaster



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## NP Names Otto Kopp to Succeed F. J. Berry in Top Traffic Post

W. J. Luchsinger, EFTM, Succeeds Kopp as GFTM in St. Paul; Reinhardt Moves Up

Otto Kopp has been appointed Vice President in charge of traffic for the Northern Pacific railway, succeeding Frank J. Berry, who retired Aug. 31 after 51 years' service. Kopp had been General Freight Traffic Manager in charge of sales and service since 1952.



Mr. Kopp

Succeeding Kopp as General Freight Traffic Manager is W. J. Luchsinger, Eastern Freight Traffic Manager, New York City. George C. Reinhardt, New York City, succeeds Luchsinger and John A. Marshall, Assistant General

Freight and Passenger Agent, Billings, Mont., has been appointed General Freight Agent at New York City to succeed Reinhardt.

Kopp, a native of Chicago and a seasoned veteran in railway traffic, entered NP service at Duluth in 1923. He subsequently was Traveling Freight Agent in Minnesota and North Dakota, and Assistant General Freight Agent in St. Paul and at Duluth before going to Seattle in 1942 as General Freight Agent. In 1947 he advanced to Western Freight Traffic Manager in Seattle and in 1952 he returned to St. Paul as General Freight Traffic Manager.

Before joining Northern Pacific Kopp worked for the Rock Island, Soo Line and Great Northern and in the traffic department of Marshall-Wells Co., Duluth.

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## 1957 Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival Set for April 8 Thru 15

Official dates of the 24th annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival, heart of the Puget Sound country in the state of Washington, are April 8 through April 15, 1957. Announcement of the dates is made by Jerry Geehan of Tacoma, president of the floral event staged jointly by the communities of Puyallup, Tacoma, Sumner and Orting.

Comprising more than 30 separate events, the Daffodil Festival highlights will be the coronation of queen and court April 8, the three-city parade of floats April 14 and the all-Puget Sound marine spectacle of floral-decked yachts, sailboats, fishing craft and outboard boats April 15 on Tacoma's Commencement Bay.



This is a "Dome's-Eye" view of Seattle as the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited pulls into King Street Station at the end of its run from Chicago. The station and its clock tower are in the front center. The building with the white tower at the left of the station is the 42-story Smith Tower, which houses Northern Pacific's west coast general offices.

## Anchorage Firm Gets Contract To Remodel McKinley Park Hotel

A \$53,362 contract for rehabilitation of McKinley Park hotel, Mt. McKinley National Park, Alaska, has been awarded by the National Park Service to Cupples Construction company of Anchorage.

In addition to hotel accommodations, McKinley Park hotel offers food and dining room service and bus transportation in and about the park.

## Visitors to Yellowstone National Park Pass Million Mark Nine Straight Years

More than a million persons visited Yellowstone National Park for the ninth straight year during 1956, according to a National Park Service report. The millionth visitor entered the gates on Aug. 12.

During the 1956 season, a total of 1,268,366 persons visited the Park. This is 91,707 more than in 1955.

## PASSENGER BUSINESS? WE WANT IT!

A Statement by NP President Robert S. Macfarlane

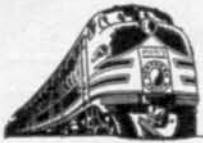
"Recent events unfortunately have raised a question in the minds of some people as to whether the railroads actually want to continue in the passenger business. This state of affairs, it seems to me, is bad for our business and bad for employe morale.

"Speaking for our own railroad, I want to state most emphatically that we of the Northern Pacific are vitally interested in our passenger business and in making our service just as attractive as possible. That's why we recently added Stewardess-Nurses to our Vista-Dome North Coast Limited personnel. That's why, last summer, we put a fleet of luxurious new Lounge cars and an additional line of light-weight streamlined sleepers on The Mainstreeter, our second transcontinental train.

"It is my belief that with favorable schedules, up-to-date equipment and top notch all-around service which is receiving such gratifying patronage on our transcontinental trains, Northern Pacific will be an important factor in long-haul passenger business for many years to come."



President Macfarlane



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## NP Puts Third RDC In Passenger Service

The Northern Pacific railway put its third RDC into passenger service Oct. 1.

The new self-propelled rail diesel car operates between Duluth-Superior and Staples, Minn., making connections with the Mainstreeter, NP's second transcontinental train, on the former schedule of trains 55 and 56 which it has replaced. A similar NP unit went into service between Duluth and Staples last year to make connections with the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited. The railway's third unit operates between Spokane, Wash., and Lewiston, Idaho.

The new car is an RDC-3 and accommodates 33 passengers in comfortable lightweight, reclining, rotating seats. The seats are similar to those used in Rock Island's Jet Rocket and not the walkover type usually found in RDC's. The car also has baggage and railway mail compartments.

Built by the Budd company, Philadelphia, at a cost of about \$173,000, NP's new unit is powered by two General Motors diesel engines which develop 600 combined horsepower.

## Northern Pacific's Famous Fruit Cakes Again Placed On Sale for the Holidays

Northern Pacific fruit cakes, baked as a holiday delicacy for dining-car patrons on the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited and other NP trains will again be available for sale to the public. W. F. Paar, superintendent of NP's Dining Car Department, announces.

Baked from a prize winning recipe in the company's St. Paul commissary, the fruit cakes contain the finest of ingredients. For yuletide gift giving, they are packed in colorful Christmas-designed metal boxes.

The three-pound cake is \$3.70 and the five-pound cake, \$6.15, express prepaid. For shipment outside of the U. S., add \$1.

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

## Most Crossing Mishaps in Daylight

Two out of every three persons fatally injured in highway-railway grade crossing accidents in 1955 were involved in accidents which occurred in broad daylight.

## KOPP IS NEW VICE PRESIDENT

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He served overseas in the Army in World War I.

Luchsinger, a native of Fargo, N. D., has been with the Northern Pacific continuously since 1916 except for army air force service in World War I. After attending North Dakota State University, he entered NP service as a telegraph operator on the Dakota division. He joined the traffic department in 1920 and was Traveling Freight Agent in North Dakota and Montana before going to the St. Paul general freight department in 1926.

He was successively Assistant General Freight Agent in St. Paul and Duluth before becoming Eastern Freight Traffic Manager in 1951.

Reinhardt has been in Northern Pacific's New York freight traffic office since 1920 and General Eastern Freight Agent since 1946.

Marshall has been with the NP since 1928. He was General Agent at Atlanta, Ga., when he was named Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent in Billings Dec. 1, 1953.

## Westman Appointed Montana Traffic Chief

Walter Westman, General Agent at Pittsburgh, Pa., has been appointed Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent at Billings, Mont., to succeed Marshall as NP's traffic chief in Montana.



Mr. Schelly



Mr. Westman

Westman is a veteran traffic man with 31 years of well-rounded experience in the St. Paul general office, along the railroad and in off-line traffic offices. He has been City Freight Agent in St. Paul and Fargo, Traveling Freight Agent at Milwaukee and Detroit and Commercial Agent in St. Paul. He became General Agent at Pittsburgh in February, 1955.

## Carl Schelly Goes to Pittsburgh as GA

Carl A. Schelly, Commercial Agent at San Francisco, has succeeded Westman as General Agent in Pittsburgh.

Schelly joined NP's traffic office in Walla Walla, Wash., in 1934. He held positions as Chief Clerk and City Freight and Passenger Agent at Walla Walla before going to San Francisco in 1954 as Commercial Agent.

A. G. Hildebrandt, Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent in St. Paul, has suc-



**FOUR PORTLAND** Junior Achievers rode a Vista-Dome on the North Coast Limited enroute to the national Junior Achievement Conference at Oxford, Ohio, last summer. They are, from left: Bob Baumgardner, William Hallmark, Marilyn Eddings and Sandra Foudray. Miss Eddings was elected secretary of National Junior Achievement at the meeting.

ceeded Schelly at San Francisco. J. C. Moore, City Freight Agent, St. Paul, succeeds Hildebrandt and D. B. Bostrum, Traffic Representative, Duluth, is Moore's successor.

## NP Appoints Six Men to New Traffic Posts

The Northern Pacific has announced the following other recent appointments within its traffic department:

R. L. Tiedgens, City Passenger Agent in New York City, has been appointed District Passenger Agent, New York City.

H. E. Underwood, Traveling Freight Agent, Miles City, Mont., has been named City Freight and Passenger Agent at Superior, Wis. He succeeds the late Elmer S. Hard. Underwood's successor at Miles City is K. A. Knutson, Live-stock Agent at West Fargo, N. D.

E. A. Rowell, City Ticket Agent, Minneapolis, has been appointed Traveling Passenger Agent at Fargo. Succeeding Rowell is R. W. Geierman, City Ticket Agent, Chicago.

L. E. Williams, Chief Clerk in the Duluth traffic office, has been advanced to Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent at Bismarck, N. D.



Mr. Rowell



Mr. Tiedgens



## Thomson New Portland GAPD; Stickley Retires

R. L. Prefontaine Succeeds Thomson as CPA, Portland; Murray, Barker Promoted

M. L. Thomson has been appointed Northern Pacific railway General Agent, Passenger Department, in Portland, it is announced by F. G. Scott, Western Passenger Traffic Manager.



Mr. Thomson

Thomson, who has been City Passenger Agent in Portland since 1945, succeeds A. C. Stickley, who retired Oct. 1 after 34 years of NP service. R. L. Prefontaine, City Freight and Passenger Agent, San Francisco, succeeds Thomson and L. P. Murray, City Ticket Agent at San Fran-

cisco, succeeds Prefontaine. W. W. Barker, Cashier at Pullman, Wash., succeeds Murray.

Other personnel changes involving NP's Portland traffic office finds E. R. Smith, Traveling Passenger Agent at Yakima, Wash., appointed to the newly created position of Traveling Passenger and Freight Agent at Portland. A. T. Mercer, chief clerk in the Portland city ticket office, succeeds Smith at Yakima. Mer-



Mr. Murray



Mr. Prefontaine

cer's successor is W. O. Forsten, Ticket Clerk, Portland.

Thomson joined Northern Pacific's Passenger Traffic Department in St. Paul in 1926. He became City Passenger Agent at Spokane in 1937. He was successively City Freight and Passenger Agent, Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent and Traveling Passenger Agent at Spokane before coming to Portland as City Passenger Agent.

Stickley, who started his railroad career with the Illinois Central railroad in 1917, went to the NP in 1922 as Passenger Agent in Chicago. From 1925 to 1927 he served in Northern Pacific's Shanghai, China traffic office. He was Special Passenger Representative at Seattle and Traveling Passenger Agent in San Francisco prior to his appointment as General Agent at Victoria B. C., in 1930. Stickley has been General Agent, Passenger Department, in Portland since 1940.



**FORTY-THREE YEARS AGO** Mrs. G. P. Gentling and Mrs. Jennie Coon of Rochester, Minn., made their first trip to Yellowstone National Park. The two women returned for the first time this summer on a tour to the Park and Alaska sponsored by Radio Station KROC and the World Travel Bureau of Rochester. Mrs. Gentling, who was tour escort, is president of KROC radio and KROC-TV. The photo on the left, taken in 1913 beside a horse-drawn carriage in Yellowstone, shows Mrs. Gentling, left, and Mrs. Coon, right. The man in the middle is unidentified. In a similar pose on the right, M. C. Saxton, District Passenger Agent at St. Paul, is pictured with Mrs. Gentling and Mrs. Coon just before the tour party left St. Paul for Yellowstone on the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited.



## E. R. Broderick Heads New General Agency for NP at Grand Forks, North Dakota

Northern Pacific railway's traffic office at Grand Forks, N. D. has been advanced to a general agency and E. R. Broderick, Traveling Freight Agent at Grand Forks since 1942, has been named General Agent.

Broderick, who assumed his new duties Oct. 1, is in charge of freight and passenger sales and service in northeastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. He joined the Northern Pacific in 1923 at Duluth and was City Freight Agent at Duluth and Minneapolis before becoming Traveling Freight Agent at Grand Forks.

## Cameron Elected President of Vancouver Passenger Club

Recently elected president of the Passenger Men's Club of Vancouver, B. C., is Roy R. Cameron, Passenger Representative, Great Northern Railway. J. G. Shave of the Canadian Pacific's public relations department, was named honorary president.

Named vice presidents were Donald S. Hamilton, Passenger Agent, Canadian Pacific Railway; William Bussel, Ticket Clerk, Southern Pacific railway; Walter Busswood, City Ticket Agent, Canadian National Railways.

Other officers are Al Copeland, Passenger Representative, Cunnard Steamship Co., secretary; Donald W. Teed, City Passenger Agent, Great Northern Railway, treasurer; and William Purvis, Traffic Manager, Empire Shipping Co., Bulletin editor.

## Dining, Buffet Income Drops

Class I railroads derived \$67,800,000 from dining and buffet service in 1955, compared with \$70,700,000 in 1954.

## Ray West is New President of Winnipeg Passenger Club

Ray West of the Milwaukee Road is the new president of the Passenger Club of Winnipeg. He succeeds J. R. Danaher, Trans-Canada Airlines.

Other officers are W. E. Hardiman, Canadian Pacific railway, first vice president; S. S. Johnstone, Canadian National railways, second vice president; Aiden H. Conlin, Canadian Pacific Steamships, treasurer; Don Mowat, Canadian Passenger Association, secretary.



**NEW STEWARDESS-NURSE** on Northern Pacific's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited is Marianne B. Osyp of Vancouver, B. C. For the last two years Miss Osyp has been a nurse at Ballard General Hospital in Seattle.

Students Travel Vista-Dome North Coast Limited



FIFTY HIGH SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS

from Oregon and Washington traveled the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited en-route to Europe where they lived in homes as actual members of families to which they had been assigned. The trip was under the sponsorship of the American Field Service International Scholarship Foundation.

These youngsters, chosen on the basis of scholarship, adaptability, and good all-around Americanism, act as good will ambassadors from the United States to the countries in Europe, which include Belgium, Germany, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Italy, Austria, France, Turkey, The Netherlands, Switzerland and Greece.

Ticket Agent Group Elects John D. Florance President At Glacier Park Convention

John D. Florance, manager of the travel center for the Rock Island and Nickel Plate railroads, LaSalle Street station, Chicago, was elected president of the American Association of Railroad Ticket Agents at the 33rd convention in Glacier Park Sept. 4-8.



Mr. Florance

George D. Douglas, Englewood, Union Station, Chicago, was named vice president and Ed R. Hutton, New York Central, Chicago, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Chosen as directors were M. C. Aldrich, New York Central, Adrian, Mich.; J. J. Murray, A.C.L., Charleston, S.C.; J. J. O'Brien, C.P., Montreal; W. L. James, B.&O., Pittsburgh.

Nearly 300 persons attended the meeting at Many Glacier hotel, where the Great Northern railway was host.

Representing the Northern Pacific at the convention were M. M. Goodsell, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, M. F. Connor, General Agent, Cincinnati, and M. J. Coughlin, Duluth.

Ferry Boats Ply Puget Sound

Washington State's fleet of gleaming green and white ferry boats, which ply the waters of Puget Sound, is the largest still operating in the United States. Twenty boats operate on schedules to Canada's Vancouver Island, the island suburbs of the Sound and the Olympic Peninsula which forms the western shore of the Inland Sea.

Dozens of excursions and loop trips can be planned by using a combination of ferry boats, highways and bridges.

Railroad Engineering Officers Inspect NP Ballasting Method

A new and simplified method of ballasting track was demonstrated to 48 engineering officers from U.S. railroads on the Northern Pacific railway main line near St. Cloud, Minn., recently.

The officers, members of the committee on economics of railway labor of the American Railway Engineering Association, held their regular summer meeting in the NP general office building in St. Paul prior to the demonstration.

Last year, the NP was one of the first U.S. railroads to try out the new ballasting method, known as the sledding method, according to H. R. Peterson, chief engineer. The trial was so successful that the railway adopted the method this year for the company's entire 1956 ballasting program.

Mount Rainier Gains Two Feet in Height, Recently Completed Survey Data Reveals

New official altitude of Columbia Crest, highest peak of Mount Rainier, is 14,410 feet—two feet higher than the previously accepted 14,408 feet.

The new altitude of the great volcanic cone, located in Mount Rainier National Park, is based on a special survey recently completed by the Geological Survey in collaboration with the National Park Service. A more exact measurement of the mountain's height was made possible by employing modern instruments and improved methods of survey.

A helicopter carried a party of survey men to the summit. This saved about three days of climbing and other exhaustive work. The previously accepted elevation of Mount Rainier, 14,408 feet above mean sea level, was determined by the Geological Survey in 1913.

Northern Pacific passengers travel to Rainier National Park via Seattle or Tacoma and thence by motor bus.

Superintendent Rogers Of Yellowstone Park To Retire Next Month

Lemuel A. Garrison Will Succeed as Head of Oldest and Largest of National Parks

Edmund B. Rogers, superintendent of Yellowstone National Park for more than 20 years, will retire in November to devote his time to an extensive historical research project.



Mr. Garrison

Succeeding Rogers as head of the oldest national park in the world and the largest in the national park system, will be Lemuel A. (Lon) Garrison, chief of the National Park Service's branch of Conservation and Protection.

Rogers entered the Park Service in 1929 as superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, after a 10-year career in banking. He became superintendent of Yellowstone in 1936. A graduate of Yale University, he is a veteran of World War I.

The research program to which Rogers will devote the next two years will involve gathering and organizing material relating to the establishment of each area of the National Park System.

Garrison, a graduate of Stanford University, began his career as a temporary ranger in Sequoia National Park, California. He has been assistant chief of information at the Park Service's Washington headquarters, assistant superintendent of Glacier and Grand Canyon National parks and superintendent of Big Bend National Park, Texas.



Mount Rainier is the fifth highest peak in the continental United States. The 14,495-foot Mt. Whitney in Sequoia National Park, California, is the highest. Second, third and fourth highest are Mt. Elbert, Mt. Harvard and Mt. Massive, all in Colorado.