



POSSIBLE FUTURE RECRUITS for NP's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited Stewardess-Nurse staff are these graduates of Everett, Wash., General hospital school of nursing. Lila Brekke (right), Supervisor of Stewardess-Nurse Service, and Stewardess-Nurse Lorain Nygaard appeared before the school's graduating class to discuss opportunities and advantages of a career in this service. Two of the staff's recent additions were graduated from Everett General last year.

Rainier Park Reports Stevens Canyon Road Is Open for Tourists

The Stevens Canyon road of Mount Rainier National Park is, at long last, open to public travel, more than 26 years after construction was begun, according to a National Park Service announcement.

Slightly more than 18½ miles long, the road extends from Paradise road at Inspiration Point, around the south side of Mount Rainier and connects with the East Side road about two miles north of the Ohanapechosh entrance.

Chief foe in the long struggle to completion has been the lack of funds, as during World War II and other periods of austerity in government fiscal policies. However, many will feel that the road is well worth the wait.

Coming at a time when very little is new to the nation's travelers, completion affords, for the first time, easy access to views heretofore enjoyed by very few. The road crosses a rock arch bridge over the awe-inspiring box canyon of Cowlitz river, passes through two tunnels, and meanders along the southern side of a steep mountain ridge by way of viaducts and overlooks, featuring grand views of the rugged Tatoosh range and plunging waterfalls. Near the Paradise Valley area it circles above beautiful Louise Lake and skirts the shores of Reflection Lakes which mirror the southern face of glacier-clad Mount Rainier.

Final paving will not be undertaken for several years. But the present crushed rock surfacing with oil treatment is safe and adequate for unlimited travel.

Brady, Donaldson Advance in NP Traffic Promotions

Recent appointments by the Northern Pacific have brought about changes in two more cities in the railway's traffic department network.

James R. Brady, Ticket Clerk in New York City, has been named City Passenger Agent for the NP there. Prior to joining the company in 1955, Brady had been with the Pennsylvania since 1946.

Another change sends Robert W. Donaldson, chief clerk in NP's Los Angeles traffic office, to Seattle as City Freight and Passenger Agent. Donaldson, formerly with the Canadian National, joined the NP in 1954 as chief clerk in the company's Winnipeg traffic office. He went to Los Angeles last year.

NP Will Give Holly Corsages to Lady Diners at Christmas

The traditional holly spray of Christmas and the Yuletide has been given added significance on Northern Pacific trains in recent years through the distribution of corsages made from the familiar leaves of shiny green and clusters of red berries.

This practice will be continued during the approaching holiday season when feminine patrons on the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited and The Mainstreeter will be presented with the popular corsages.

In making the announcement, W. F. Paar, Superintendent of NP's dining car department, stated that the corsages will again be prepared by the St. Nicholas Holly Grove, Bremerton, Wash., an industry developed on the Northern Pacific.

Yellowstone Visitors Top 1½ Million in '57 for an All-Time High

Yellowstone National Park's 1957 travel figures through September hit 1,570,639, a nine-month total that surpasses last year's all-time record of 1,457,782 visitors in a full year, according to a report by the National Park Service.

The million-and-a-half mark was passed on Sept. 10 after last year's travel record was overtaken on Sept. 4.

Entries through the north entrance, Gardner Gateway, which is served by Northern Pacific buses carrying rail passengers and others from Livingston, Mont., scored a more than 26 per cent increase in visitors traveling by rail and bus, the report shows. And the combined NP-Burlington entrances of Gardner; Cody, Wyo., and Silver Gate on the Red Lodge high road, saw rail and bus entries increase from 7,629 last year to 8,738 for 1957.

One reason for the sharp rise in attendance at the park is the longer open season, recently extended from the normal closing on Sept. 3 to Oct. 15. Park officials made plans to keep roads clear of snow, and concessioners in the park agreed to keep hotels and other visitor facilities open for the lengthened season, in order that more visitors could enjoy the winter scenery, the increased activity of the wildlife and the phenomena of Yellowstone's famed thermal features.

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TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD, NBC-TV's popular singing star and homespun philosopher, with his wife Betty and sons Buck (left) and Brian, rode Northern Pacific's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited en route from Bristol, Tenn., to the Ford ranch in California. Ford said he took NP's famed streamliner so he could "sit back, relax and enjoy the country." He was interviewed and photographed by newspaper and television reporters at several stops between the Twin Cities and Seattle.



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MacLean Succeeds Galt as Butte General Agent

N. L. MacLean, General Agent for the Northern Pacific at Helena, Mont., has been named General Agent at Butte, Mont., to succeed W. J. Galt, who has become General Livestock Agent for the NP at St. Paul.



N. L. MacLean

T. J. Loving, City Freight and Passenger Agent at Duluth, Minn., moved into the newly created post of Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent at Helena.

MacLean, a 40-year veteran with the railway, spent his first 11 years with the company in the operating department at Missoula, Mont. He has been at Helena since 1928, becoming General Agent in 1953. In his new post, MacLean will continue to supervise the Helena traffic office.

Loving joined the NP in 1954 after three years with the Rock Island. He worked in NP's Minneapolis traffic office and the general offices in St. Paul before he became CF&PA at Duluth in 1956.

Galt, who has been with the railway since 1929, became General Agent at Butte last year.



Mr. Galt



Mr. Loving

Millions of Meals on the Move

The railroads of the United States now own and operate more than 1,600 dining cars, lunch counter cars and buffet cars, and in the course of a year they serve in the neighborhood of 32 million meals to the traveling public.

What It Costs to Tote that Bale

For the price of a package of cigarettes, the railroads of the United States carry a bale of cotton 55 miles.

Filter tip or regular?

Travel Editor Says Thousands Prefer Trains Because of Scenery, Luxuries and Relaxation

William W. Yates, travel editor of The Chicago Tribune, wrote the following article after riding, in a comparatively short period, most of the West's name trains, including NP's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited.

There's a vast army of travelers to whom the coming of the jet age means nothing except an academic subject for discussion. Many of them never have been in a plane. Many never will. They are the train riders, thousands and thousands of them, who delight not only in going to new and different places but want to savor the trip along the route.

They revel in scenery not visible from 20,000 feet. They like the luxury and relaxation crack trains afford. They aren't in a hurry. In fact, a good many business men will take a train by preference to get away from the office for a day or so, where there are no phones to inter-

Grand Coulee Will Don Colored Lights in 1958

Grand Coulee dam will entertain its visitors next summer with what will doubtless be one of the greatest colored lighting shows on earth, if not the greatest.

About 750 floodlights of 1500 Watts each were recently installed to focus on the waterfall over the dam's central spillway, a waterfall twice as high as Niagara. The lights, in blue, red, green, white and amber, will produce 34 times the illumination provided by the brightest moonlight.

The ever-changing display will be operated by special lenses and a timing device which will alter color combinations about every 20 minutes, according to lighting experts who designed the apparatus.

Bureau of Reclamation officials, government operators of the dam, expect the project to increase the number of sightseers and amateur photographers who visit the gigantic concrete and steel structure each year. It will also lengthen the tourist day and produce a better subject for night photography, both color and black and white.

New Senneff Travel Service Opens Office at Des Moines

Senneff Travel Service, a new, independently owned and operated travel agency, has opened in Des Moines. It is located in Davidson's Furniture Store, Seventh and Walnut, Des Moines.

The new Service is the enterprise of Mrs. Frank W. Senneff, whose late husband was a well-known attorney in northern Iowa. Mrs. Senneff, active in civic and community affairs, has traveled widely and is a tour director for Brownell Tours.

Senneff Travel Service is set up to handle not only local and national train, plane and bus travel, but steamship and airplane travel abroad as well. It is associated with the most reputable lines and will provide tour and travel service in all parts of the world.

rupt, no business conferences to impinge on their time—where the daily "rat race" can be put aside for a time.

They like the luxury of dining car service, where the food is fit for a gourmet. They like the regal satisfaction of speeding across vast expanses or running through little towns and villages—the heartland of America—where the trains still hold a fascination to the citizens and they'll stop to watch and wave as the traveler passes through.

Taken as a group, the finest trains in the world fan out from Chicago to the southwest, west and northwest. Europe has nothing to compare with what America offers. Such trains as the famed Orient Express, so popular with mystery fiction writers of foreign intrigue, can't hold a candle with our great trains of the west. Our equipment is better, the service better. It makes no difference whether you travel Pullman or coach. American railroads, particularly the western roads, give superlative service.

Dome cars, which make wrap-around windshields seem old hat, for you can look up as well as out; lounge cars, club cars, cozy bars, snack bars, hamburger grills, news reports, soft music, public address systems which call out scenic or historic spots as you approach, courteous porters at your constant command, quick and efficient waiters serving luxury foods, comfortable beds, all combine to make train riding an enjoyable experience.



ONE HIGH-PRICED FISH is the 4-pound, 4½-ounce Loch Leven trout that landed the \$1,000 first prize for Hank Fabian in the annual National Trout Derby at Livingston, Mont., in August. Fabian, a former Northern Pacific employee, hooked his champion on a worm, little more than an hour before the contest closed. About 2,000 contestants from all parts of the country had entered the fishing derby which this year achieved nationwide TV news coverage through Telenews. A Townsend, Mont., grandmother, Mrs. Barbara Domer, netted a 2½-pound Loch to cop first prize in the women's division.

General Agent's Wife Can Lead Three Lives

Mrs. George A. Holm, wife of Northern Pacific's General Agent at Buffalo, N. Y., was the subject recently of a feature story in the Buffalo Evening News.

An attractive, sparkling brunette, Mrs. Holm broke into newsprint because she is a prize example of a woman who successfully has combined an interesting career with homemaking and championship golf.

An aeronautical engineering graduate of the University of Michigan, Mrs. Holm is one of the few accredited women engineers in the Buffalo region. Employed by the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratories, she has worked on such problems as flight path determination of the Army's La Crosse missile and other top secret projects.

Currently, she is delving into the performance characteristics of propulsion systems in preliminary analysis, prior to the actual design of aircraft engines.

When she gets home, far removed from slide rules, automatic computers and aeronautical test equipment, Mrs. Holm is an accomplished needlewoman.

"I used to make most of my own



Mrs. Holm

clothes, though I haven't done too much sewing lately," she admits.

An ardent outdoor sports enthusiast, she took up golf in 1952, broke 100 before the end of her first season, and had captured honors in the Buffalo District and Western New York tourneys in 1955.

Now, a consistent shooter in the middle 80's, she won the Buffalo Women's Club golf championship this summer.

Mrs. Holm, who with her husband, celebrated her first wedding anniversary in August, admits that it was golf that "brought us together." George, who has been NP's General Agent at Buffalo since 1955, shoots in the high 70's.

This Is a Good, Clean Comparison

For the price of a bar of soap, the country's railroads will carry a bushel of wheat 263 miles.



RECENT ADDITIONS to Northern Pacific's corps of Stewardess-Nurses, who serve on the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited, are Jacqueline MacLeod (left) and Irma Weberling.

Miss MacLeod, who was graduated from St. Luke's hospital school of nursing at Fargo, N. D., last year, was on the Cook County hospital staff in Chicago



prior to joining the NP.

Miss Weberling, a native of Snohomish, Wash., was head surgical nurse at Everett, Wash., General hospital before becoming a Stewardess-Nurse. She was graduated from General's school of nursing in 1952, and is the second Everett nurse to join the NP service in recent months.

Dick Randall Dies at 91; Pioneered Dude Ranch

The Northern Pacific country lost one of its most colorful figures in late August when death came to Dick Randall, Yellowstone Park stagecoach driver, hunting guide, dude rancher and author, at the age of 91. Since his retirement from the dude business in 1934, he had lived on a stock ranch near Livingston, Mont.

A native of Iowa, Dick went to Montana in 1882. Among others, he guided Theodore Roosevelt, Paul von Hindenburg, German army general and later president of the German republic, and Owen Wister, the author, on big game hunting trips.

Dick, who was credited with being one of the first dude ranchers in America, operated OTO dude ranch at Corwin Springs, Mont., north of Yellowstone Park, for many years. He was well known among railroad passenger agents in the 1920's and 30's when he traveled extensively in the east seeking dudes for OTO.

Firemen Promote Annual Ball with Door Prize of Rail Trip

The volunteer fire department of Dawson, N. D., has come up with a novel idea to promote advance ticket sales for its annual firemen's ball, held on Thanksgiving each year.

As the grand door prize, they will award free rail transportation for two from Dawson to any point in the country.

Credit for the idea must go largely to the department's president, L. J. McMillan, who, by more than mere coincidence, happens to be Northern Pacific's Agent at Dawson.

McMillan said the firemen appreciated the small investment required for such a prize, particularly in view of the fact that proceeds from the ball go to purchase additional fire fighting equipment.



"SUCCESS STORY," a live television program sponsored by the Richfield Oil Corporation on Seattle's KING-TV, featured the Northern Pacific railway and its development during a recent telecast direct from one of NP's yards in Seattle. Part of the remote pick-up came from the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited and its popular Traveller's Rest buffet-lounge car, where F. G. Scott (left), NP's Western Passenger Traffic Manager, was interviewed by Scott Easton, the show's master of ceremonies. Other portions of the program featured Stewardess-Nurse Shari Lynn Fain and highlights of her duties on the famous streamliner. Interviews with Dean H. Eastman, NP's vice president and Western counsel, and with F. L. Steinbright, general manager, lines West, covered progress in the railway's passenger service and equipment, as well as freight and plant facilities of the NP.



IN THE JULY-AUGUST North Coaster, we published a photograph of a group of Washington and Oregon high school students who traveled NP en route to Europe under the auspices of the American Field Service. Here's another student group—

from Lake Oswego High School, Oswego, Oregon,—photographed at Portland just before taking off on the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited late in August for an educational tour to Chicago, Washington, D. C., Williamsburg, Yorktown and

Jamestown, Va., Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Lexington and Concord, Mass., and Detroit. Felix Calkins, history teacher at the Oswego high school, was in charge of the tour.



IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T et cetera... And that's exactly what Sherril Francis of Sumner, Wash., did. For the third successive year Miss Francis rode the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited on her way to compete in the Miss Majorette of America contests. In the 1955 tests she came in third; from the 1956 competitions she emerged as runner up; and in this year's meeting at Bellefontaine, Ohio, she reached the top of the heap. So, at 18, Sherril is the nation's No. 1 baton twirler.

Fast Dieselization Prods Steam Fans

Among the by-products of Northern Pacific's rapid (and almost completed) dieselization program is the increased activity of steam fans sending in requests for photographs and plans to construct models of historical engines and trains. And in Seattle, thousands of persons have ridden on the now famous "Casey Jones" special, a 13-car train which has made about 10 trips in an effort to satisfy what seems to be an almost insatiable desire of the young and the old to ride on a steam-powered train.

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whose beauty is remarkably heightened by colder temperatures.

Another attraction of the longer season, and presented this year for the first time, is a colorful pageant commemorating the founding of the national park idea by the Washburn - Langford - Doane exploration party on Sept. 19, 1870. The pageant, which is to become an annual event on the anniversary date, is enacted by park personnel under the direction of Bert Hansen, speech department head at Montana State University.

The play's setting is the junction of the Gibbon and Firehole rivers on the spot where the explorers sat around their campfire and originated the idea which resulted in the founding of Yellowstone and the national parks system two years later. Millions of persons have visited Yellowstone since then—12,411,433 of them in the past 10 years alone.

NP Again Taking Orders for Famous Fruit Cakes

Those famous Northern Pacific fruit cakes—nearly 10 tons of them—will soon be available again to NP dining car patrons and the general public, it has been announced by W. F. Paar, Superintendent of NP's dining car department.

The cakes are baked to a recipe that was awarded the grand prize at the London Caterer's Exposition in 1873, and the grand prize at the Paris, France, exposition in 1909. It was brought to the Northern Pacific nearly 50 years ago by the late master baker, Fred Kaul.

Packaged in delightfully decorated metal boxes, the cakes will be sent post-paid to any point in the United States at a total cost of \$3.90 for the three-pound cake, \$6.50 for the five-pound one. Shipments to Canada, Alaska, Canal Zone, Philippine Islands and Hawaii will be made for an additional \$1.50. Sales direct to the consumer will be made at a reduction of 25 cents from the prices quoted above.

Thousands of these cakes are purchased each year as Christmas gifts. A Los Angeles couple, who order 200 cakes during the holiday season, have given nearly 10 tons as gifts since 1937.

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

Throckmorton Retires; 45 Years a Railroader

C. R. Throckmorton, District Passenger Agent for the Northern Pacific at Seattle, retired Oct. 1 after more than 45 years of railroading, 36 of them—to the day—with the NP.

He joined Northern Pacific in 1921 as Traveling Passenger Agent at St. Louis, where he spent 21 years before moving to Seattle, again as TPA. And at Seattle he finished out those 36 years, becoming General Agent, Passenger Department, in 1945, and District Passenger Agent in 1951.

Now that he has retired, Throckmorton



plans to devote more time to his hobby—a home work shop. At present he is making walnut and mahogany sewing cabinets, like that shown in the picture.

Another of his specialties is aluminum window screens. But with his basement set up, he says he can build "anything from a mouse trap to a box car."

NP Oakland Office Changes Address

Managers of the First Western Bank Building, Oakland, Calif., in which the Northern Pacific maintains a traffic office, have announced that, effective Nov. 1, the name of the building will be changed to Central Building. It is located at 436 14th Street, Oakland.