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BELIEVE IT OR NOT, the trio and quartet of lovely travelers shown above are all members of Northern Pacific's popular staff of Stewardess-Nurses who serve on the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited. About to board the streamliner are, left to right, Doris Podhorn, Marjorie Keller, Marilyn Parsons, Helen Cobb, Joan Holecek, Elaine Rath—who is Supervisor of Stewardess-Nurse Service—and Marilyn Fritts.

NP's Stewardess-Nurses 'Go to School' at Yellowstone and Mount Rainier Parks

The Stewardess-Nurses who serve on board Northern Pacific's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited are taking post-graduate courses in sightseeing before the 1960 travel seasons bursts into full bloom. Making like tourists between their scheduled runs as regular crew members on the streamliner, NP's "Sues" have been

riding their own train as passengers and making escorted, pre-season tours of Yellowstone and Mount Rainier National Parks. Just as the tourists do they are reading travel folders, studying guide books and wondering what to stop to use in photographing the brilliant walls of Yellowstone's Grand Canyon.

Object of their "busman's holiday" is to prepare them for and give them the answers to the barrage of questions passengers will fire at them throughout the vacation season. But as one "Sue" put it, "It's a wonderful way to go to school!"

"Sue," incidentally, headlines a Northern Pacific advertisement currently running in national magazines and the Wall Street Journal. The ad is reproduced on Page 4.

Touring New Zealanders Rate NCL Service 'Finest' in U. S.

Before returning to their home in Auckland, New Zealand, after touring much of this country, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Barker sent a post card to G. W. Rodine, Passenger Traffic Manager for Northern Pacific in St. Paul, to express their satisfaction with the service on NP's famed streamliner. They wrote, in part:

"We have just had dinner on the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited and would like to express our appreciation for the finest service we have had during our extensive travel in the U.S.A."

NP Broadens Family Plan to Allow Daily Departure

Effective June 1, Northern Pacific broadened its family fare plan to enable families who are traveling between St. Paul and the Pacific Northwest to start their trip any day in the week.

Formerly, on one-way family plan tickets or on the going half of round trip family tickets, it was necessary to begin trips on Monday through Thursday only. This restriction will continue in effect on family travel which originates on the Northern Pacific but is destined for points east of St. Paul or south of Billings, Butte or Portland on other railroads.

Yellowstone Sets Campfire Day Aug. 25

Campfire Day at Yellowstone National Park has been set at Aug. 25. On the day, also known as Founders' Day, the National Park Service will present a dramatic reenactment of the Washburn-Langford-Doane campfire scene of Sept. 19, 1870, at Madison Junction where the National Park idea was conceived.

Water-Rich Seattle Plans 11th Seafair for July 29-Aug. 7

'America's Largest' Outdoor Show Combines More than 200 Events in 10 Days

Seattle, Queen City of the Pacific Northwest, expects the biggest tourist visitation in its history this summer for the eleventh edition of its now-famous Seafair, rated the largest outdoor show in America by the International Festival Managers' association.

The Seafair, which opens July 29 and runs through August 7, is a mammoth combination of more than 200 land and aquatic events. Providing the nautical setting for this annual festival is the salt water of Elliott Bay and Puget Sound and the fresh water of Lake Washington, the Duwamish river, Lake Union and a ship canal, all of which form the watery boundaries of this Washington State metropolis.

Seafair events range from "The Aqua Follies," a nightly stage and water show in the city's lakeside theatre, to the classic unlimited hydroplane race on Lake Washington, which usually draws up to a half-million spectators each year. Mixed in with these events are ten parades by night and day, street dances, community festivals, sports events, a huge night fireworks pageant, the colorful Japanese Bon Odori festival, the

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Red Lodge, Mont., to Hold Tenth Festival of Nations

Bienvenue! Dobro dosli! Willkommen! Benvenuto! Velkommen! Terve tuloa! Welcome!

In these and many other tongues the inhabitants of Red Lodge, Montana, are inviting and welcoming tourists to their 10th annual Festival of Nations, which will open Aug. 13 and continue through Aug. 21.

Each night of the week there will be entertainment in the Red Lodge Civic Center as each nationality group in this gateway city to Yellowstone National Park presents a picture of life in its native land with songs, dances and colorful costuming. The setting for this pageantry is a theatre-in-the-round, in which the action takes place on a floor instead of a conventional stage to permit better viewing for the spectators.

In addition to these performances there

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Reduced Furlough Fares Extended Again

Reduced furlough fares, providing savings of up to 1.7 cents per mile on round trips for military personnel traveling at their own expense, have been extended to Dec. 31 by the nation's railroads. The special rates were to have expired on June 30.



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NP Names Kealy CTA; A. G. Bergman Retires

R. T. Kealy, Chief Clerk to Northern Pacific's General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, has been appointed City Ticket Agent for NP's St. Paul ticket office. He succeeds A. G. Bergman, who retired May 31 after more than 48 years of railroad passenger service, 43 of them with the NP.

Successor to Kealy in St. Paul is J. J. Bradford, Chief Clerk in the railway's



Mr. Kealy



Mr. Bradford

Washington, D. C., traffic office.

Kealy joined the Northern Pacific in 1951 and transferred to the passenger traffic department in 1955. He was named rate clerk the following year and promoted to Chief Clerk a year ago.

Bradford went to work in the company's Washington office in Jan., 1954, and became Chief Clerk 4½ months later.

Bergman first took to railroading in 1911 as a messenger in the St. Paul Union Depot. After 13 months he left the Depot company, only to return in 1913 as a Ticket Seller.

In 1916 he moved over to the Milwaukee Road as Assistant Ticket Agent, then switched to the Northern Pacific the following year as a Ticket Seller. He was appointed City Ticket Agent in 1929.

Portland Jaycees Honor NP's Marsh

F. A. (Buzz) Marsh, City Passenger Agent for the Northern Pacific in Portland, was awarded the Portland Jaycees' "Silver Key" award in May for his work in helping to make Portland "a better place in which to live." Marsh was feted at luncheons by both the Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber for his contributions.



"EACH TRIP HAS BEEN a pleasant and delightful experience," said Pullman Porter G. W. Cain, as he prepared to board the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited at Seattle for his last run, and the same sentiment was expressed by the regular North Coast Limited passengers who know him well. The run closed the gates on 36 years of railroading with the Pullman company, half of it spent on Northern Pacific's premier train. Stewardess-Nurse Marilyn Parsons was on hand to welcome Porter Cain aboard, and R. J. Brown, Jr., Pullman Superintendent in Seattle, was there to see him off and to wish him well in his retirement.

Leo Zahn Becomes President of Cleveland Transport Club

Leo G. Zahn, B. F. Goodrich Chemical company, has been elected president of the Cleveland Transportation Club, Inc., for the 1960-61 term. Named to succeed him as vice president was Herbert E. Treadwell of the New York Central.

Southern Railway's Arthur L. Sewell was elected secretary, and Arthur W. Marriott, American Steel & Wire, was chosen for treasurer.

Picked to serve two-year terms on the club's board of governors were Henry E. Bruno, Standard Oil of Ohio; Steve R. Foley, General Electric; Robert L. Charles, Northern Pacific railway, and L. Jay Orr, Chicago & Northwestern.

SEATTLE SEAFAIR

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Chinatown dragon dance and the Philippine community dance fete.

But according to festival officials, nothing on the Seafair's bill of fare produces the excitement of its Grande Finale: The unlimited hydroplane race. Nationally televised, the race pits a score of the super-sized hydroplanes against each other for a \$10,000 cash purse and the Seafair Trophy.

The 40-foot hydros, which cost about \$40,000 to build, roar around a 3-mile course at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour and throw up a huge roostertail of wake in what has been referred to as the Kentucky Derby of the speedboat racing world.

Birthday Parties Make a 'Happy Train' Happier

Northern Pacific's "Happy Train"—the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited—became a "Happy Birthday Train" for a day on April 29 as the company observed the North Coast Limited's sixtieth anniversary of uninterrupted service.

Passengers aboard the various North Coast Limited streamliners operating in both directions between Chicago and the North Pacific Coast were entertained at birthday parties in the dining cars. There was tea and coffee for adults, hot chocolate for children and birthday cake and cookies for everybody.

Feminine passengers were surprised with corsages as they boarded the train, and each passenger received a souvenir card to certify that he made the anniversary run.

A special treat was enjoyed by those who traveled between the Twin Cities and Fargo, N. D. that day. Some 110 members of the Sweet Adelines (a women's vocal group) rode the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited—they called it the "Harmony Train"—to their Midwest regional convention in the North Dakota city. During the trip, the women conducted an almost continuous recital of their repertoires for the benefit of everyone on board, and closed their "concert" with "Happy Birthday North Coast Limited" just before they detrained at Fargo.



A NOSTALGIC BREATH of Montana air was the object when Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson of Portland detrained from the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited at Billings. The couple was returning to Portland from the East where Mr. Henderson, vice president of Portland's First National Bank, had attended a bank management seminar at Harvard university. This trip marked Mr. Henderson's 40th anniversary of traveling on the famous name train—in May, 1920, when he was 5 years old, he rode from Chicago to Missoula, Mont., on an early version of the North Coast Limited.



INTRODUCING TWO Stewardess-Nurses who recently began service aboard the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited: Mary Lou Cascadden, left, and Charlotte Hanes. Miss Cascadden was graduated from the Evangelical Deaconess hospital school of nursing at Detroit in 1957. Prior to joining the Northern Pacific she served as a psychiatric nurse at Wayne County General hospital, Eloise, Michigan. Miss Hanes was graduated from Beth-El school of nursing at Colorado Springs in 1957. Since then — until she came to the Northern Pacific — she has supervised the Contractors' Chapel Dispensary at the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs. She served also as relief night house supervisor of Memorial hospital at Colorado Springs.

Oregon 'Bard' Festival Will Play 20th Season

The Oregon Shakespearean Festival, staged every summer at Ashland, in southern Oregon, will mark its twentieth season by playing the longest run in its history — 41 consecutive nights from July 25 until Sept. 3.

The reputation of the outstanding performances of this theatre has grown through the years until it is now attracting actors and audiences from all over the world.

A varied program of Shakespearean comedy, tragedy and chronicle history drama will be staged in nightly rotation on an impressive Elizabethan stage, built last year and patterned after the Fortune Theatre of London in Shakespeare's time. It is the only theatre of its kind in existence.

Ashland is located in the upper Rogue River Valley, an area abounding in scenic and recreational attractions.

Thorson Retires at Missoula

T. T. (Red) Thorson, well known to many tour conductors and other travel agency personnel during his many years as telegrapher and agent at Gardiner and Livingston, Mont., retired May 31 at Missoula after 43 years of service. He served in the Yellowstone National Park gateway area for 17 years before going to Missoula in 1952. He was succeeded there by F. F. Knuchel.

Ticket Agent Leslie Dies in Seattle

E. E. Leslie, Ticket Agent at King Street Station, Seattle, for the past 17 years, died May 18 at the age of 55. He was first employed at the Station as a trucker in 1923 and was named Ticket Agent in 1943.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

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will be many exhibits of heirlooms, flowers, art, flags, cooking and handicraft. Such skills as spinning, weaving, oil painting, violin making, woodcarving and others will be demonstrated in windows of business establishments. And on each designated nationality day, that group will demonstrate the cooking of its old world delicacies in a downtown store. Recipes, menus and samples of these foods will be made available to visitors.

The Festival of Nations, only celebration of its kind in Montana, was originated by the citizens of Red Lodge in 1951 to preserve the culture and folklore of their ancestors.

St. Paul's Pop Ice Revues to Be Held July 29-Sept. 3

St. Paul's famous Pop Musical Ice Revue will open its 24th annual season in the St. Paul Auditorium arena July 8 with performances each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evening through Sept. 3.

Choreographer and director of the ice revues will be Stanley Judson, who will return to the United States from his home in England to again head the Pops skating performances. Ice show performers are recruited primarily from the St. Paul Figure Skating club.

Judson, director of the National Irish Ballet company in Cork, Ireland, is a former member of the Sadler's Wells ballet.

Yellowstone Park Travel Gains 10%

Early travel to Yellowstone National Park has increased more than 10 per cent over last year, forecasting a probable record for 1960, Park Superintendent Lon Garrison reports.

COMING EVENTS in the Northern Pacific Country

WASHINGTON

- July 20-24 — Water Follies, Pasco
- July 27-31 — Aquatic Festival, Bremerton
- July 28-31 — Diamond Spurs Rodeo, Spokane
- July 29-Aug. 7 — Seattle Sea Fair
- Sept. 3-4 — Ellensburg Rodeo
- Sept. 11 — Horse Show, Bremerton

OREGON

- July 2-4 — Water Pageant, Bend
- July 2-4 — Molalla Buckaroo
- July 2-4 — World Champion Timber Carnival, Albany
- July 25-Sept. 3 — Oregon Shakespearean Festival, Ashland
- July 29-31 — Miss Oregon Pageant, Seaside
- July 29-31 — Chief Joseph Days (rodeo and pageant), Joseph
- Aug. 5-7 — Emerald Empire Roundup, Eugene
- Aug. 12-14 — Crooked River Roundup, Prineville
- Aug. 26-28 — Regatta & Fish Festival, Astoria
- Sept. 2-10 — Oregon State Fair, Salem
- Sept. 14-17 — Pendleton Round-Up
- Oct. 8-15 — Pacific International Livestock Exposition, Portland.

IDAHO

- July 23-24 — Diamond Cup Hydroplane Races, Lake Coeur d'Alene
- Sept. 9-11 — Roundup, Lewiston

MONTANA

- July 2-4 — Roundup, Livingston
- July 3-4 — "Home of Champions" Rodeo, Red Lodge
- Aug. 1-6 — Centennial Grand Spectacular, Missoula
- Aug. 13-21 — Annual Festival of Nations, Red Lodge
- Aug. 16-18 — Rosebud County Fair, Forsyth
- Aug. 18 — Montana Open Golf Tournament, Billings
- Aug. 27-28 — Air Show, Billings

NORTH DAKOTA

- June 29-Sept. 4 — Custer Drama, "Trail West," Mandan
- June 29-Sept. 5 — Teddy Roosevelt Drama, "Old Four Eyes," Medora
- July 9-15 — Red River Valley Fair, Fargo
- Sept. 3-4 — Rodeo, Medora
- Sept. 17-18 — Horse Show, Bismarck

MINNESOTA

- July 15-24 — Minneapolis Aquatennial
- Aug. 11-14 — National Water Ski Championships, Minneapolis
- Aug. 27-Sept. 5 — Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul



This is the spirit of a most unusual train — The Vista-Dome North Coast Limited. It's the "glad to have you aboard" spirit of "Sue," the stewardess-nurse. It's the many thoughtful attentions you had almost forgotten. It's the *pride* of the entire crew in a magnificent train. You see it in the gleaming equipment. You taste it in the wonderful food. You share it in the breath-taking scenery. This is the train that makes travel fun again!

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Route of the Vista-Dome

NORTH COAST LIMITED

