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PRETTY STEWARDESS-NURSE MARY LOU Cascadden was no modern Eve luring passersby to forbidden fruit in this scene, but she was doing her part to draw attention to National Apple Week, which was observed from Oct. 13 to 22 this year. Fruit vendor displays like this—minus Miss Cascadden, of course—appeared in Northern Pacific office windows in the Twin Cities, Seattle, Portland and Tacoma during that period. Following long-established custom, Washington State apples were presented to all dining car patrons on NP trains throughout the week. Special apple dishes have been featured on the railway's menus since the 1880's, and its famous "Great Big Baked Apple" was introduced to Northwest travelers more than a half-century ago. Today, Washington's more than three million apple trees normally provide more than one-fourth of the country's commercial supply.

NP '59 Safety Record Wins Harriman Award

Northern Pacific has received the E. H. Harriman Memorial Award of the American Museum of Safety for the outstanding safety record it posted during 1959. This marks the second time in three years the company has been so honored.

The citation, a certificate of commendation, was presented during a dinner at the Roosevelt hotel in New York City in September by James G. Lyne, editor of Railway Age and chairman of the Harriman Awards committee. C. T. DeWitt, NP's superintendent of safety and fire prevention, accepted the award for the company.

Gold medals went to the three lines with the best over-all safety records for the year, and certificates were presented to 11 other railroads which scored the safest mark in their respective regions and size groups. Northern Pacific earned its award for the best record among the largest roads—Group A—in the West.

This was the 41st presentation of the coveted awards, which were established in 1913 in honor of the rail pioneer whose name they bear. W. Averill and E. Roland Harriman, are continuing the program set up by their mother, the late Mary W. Harriman.

NP Offers Sleeper Space for Less in Mainstreeter

For the third straight year Northern Pacific is honoring coach tickets in standard sleeping cars on The Mainstreeter between St. Paul and Seattle upon payment of the regular charge for space occupied. The move became effective Oct. 1 and will extend through May 15, 1961.

Savings of approximately 20 per cent are possible for patrons who prefer Pullman accommodations, according to G. W. Rodine, NP Passenger Traffic Manager. The saving is the difference between the coach fare and the first class fare usually required in standard sleeping cars.

This service thus provides economical sleeper travel on both of Northern Pacific's transcontinental streamliners. Passengers on the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited can obtain accommodations in the all-room Slumbercoach on coach tickets between Chicago and Seattle.

Joseph Joffe Dies in Montana

Joseph Joffe, veteran of 37 years' service as a Yellowstone National Park staff member, died at his home in Livingston, Mont., Sept. 29. Mr. Joffe, who had retired only last March 4 after 43 years in government service, is survived by his wife Aleda.

Charlotte E. Hanes Named to Head NP Stewardess-Nurses

Succeeds F. Elaine Rath Who Resigned After 4 Years With Northern Pacific

Charlotte E. Hanes, stewardess-nurse on Northern Pacific's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited, has been named Supervisor of Stewardess-Nurse Service with headquarters in Seattle.

She succeeds the former Elaine Rath, who resigned Sept. 30 to become the bride of James F. Gregerson of Seattle. Mrs. Gregerson had served with the NP for four years.

Miss Hanes, a native of Tucumcari, N. M., attended grammar and high school in Colorado Springs, Colo. A graduate of Beth-El school of nursing there, she was chief nurse of a contractors' dispensary during construction of the new Air Force academy and relief night house nurse at Memorial hospital, Colorado Springs, before joining the NP last year.

The new supervisor is the third member of the stewardess-nurse staff to be promoted from the ranks to the top post since the service was inaugurated in 1955.

Mrs. Gregerson, supervisor since March, 1959, is a native of Bismarck, N. D., and a graduate of St. Mary's school of nursing at Walla Walla, Wash. She was a

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Miss Hanes

Fire Speeds Ruin of Old Canyon Hotel

Famous old Canyon Hotel, located on the rim of Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone in Yellowstone National Park, was destroyed by fire in August as demolition operations were in progress. Wrecking of the 50-year-old hostelry, which was condemned as unsafe in 1958, was begun a year ago and was about one-third complete.



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It's NP Fruit Cake Time as Holiday Season Nears

A sure sign that the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons are not too far away made its annual appearance recently when W. F. Paar, Superintendent of NP's Dining Car Department announced that Northern Pacific's famous fruit cakes will be available for sale to the public again this year.

The cakes, baked as a holiday delicacy for dining car patrons for more than 50 years, will be offered at no increase in prices. The 3-pound cake will cost \$3.90, the 5-pound one, \$6.50, including express charges for shipment within the continental United States. An additional \$1.50 will cover shipment to anywhere in the world.

Prepared at the railway's commissary in Saint Paul, the cakes are packed in delightfully ornamented tins in keeping with the holiday season. Orders may be sent to Mr. Paar in care of the company at Saint Paul 1, Minnesota.

Barney Cleff, Most Eligible Bachelor, No Longer Eligible

For a good many years, B. O. (Barney) Cleff was known as one of the Northern Pacific traffic department's most eligible bachelors.



Mr. & Mrs. Cleff

But not any more. That mythical character armed with a bow and arrow and wearing a minimum amount of apparel finally caught up with Barney.

What happened was that on August 6th at the Presbyterian church at Lawrenceville, Ill., Myrtle Lee Price became Mrs. B. O. Cleff.

Following a honeymoon in Hawaii the newlyweds are at home in St. Louis, where Barney has spent 22 of his years with the Northern Pacific since joining the company there in 1927. Barney is back on the job as traveling freight and passenger agent.

The accompanying picture was made in the church right after Barney lost his title of "most eligible bachelor".

Coliseum and Portland Hilton Hotel Changing Skyline of City of Roses



Construction of two new additions to the oft-changing Portland skyline is progressing on schedule, according to spokesmen for the two enterprises.

The new municipal Memorial Coliseum will be opened early in November, and the Portland Hilton hotel, which will be the city's tallest structure, is to be completed by January, 1962. Both projects will enhance Portland's claim as an ideal convention center.

Costing \$8 million, the Coliseum is the largest in the Northwest and will provide facilities for conventions, expositions, stage and sports attractions, banquets and similar events. The main



arena is 247 feet by 120 feet, is completely air conditioned and has a seating capacity of up to 14,000.

Among the first major events in the new building will be the Western Regional Food and Beverage Show, featuring 300 exhibits of new ideas in design, food and beverage preparation, and services and equipment for homes, restaurants, hotels, motels, schools, and others. It will be held from Nov. 16 to 20.

Conrad Hilton's newest venture in hotel building will have 500 guest rooms in 19 floors. There will be 80 singles, 112 conventional twins, 276 studio twins and 32 parlor rooms. Each will have large-screen television and Hi-Fi radio reproduction.

Other features of the Portland Hilton include what will be the largest hotel ballroom in Portland and the Pacific Northwest, which can accommodate 2,050 persons for a dinner; 1,538 guests for a dinner; three private dining rooms; a dining room and coffee house for the public; a cocktail lounge; a men's bar and grill and a rooftop dining room with seating for up to 200.

Peter Canlis, operator of Canlis' Charcoal Broiler in Seattle and Honolulu, will direct the Hilton Roof Restaurant. Steaks and seafood will get particular emphasis. The meats will be "hand-picked" and aged for 21 days before service. Seafood specialties will include pan-fried oysters, crab legs, mahimahi ("the fish so good they named it twice"), and scallops charcoal broiled and skewered like shishkabobs.

In all, the hotel will have 25 floors. The four-story base will contain public areas, main lobby, ballrooms, private dining rooms, restaurants, shops, service areas and parking. The 21-story tower above the base includes the 19 room floors, a private club and the rooftop restaurant and cocktail lounge.

AAR Has World's Largest Rail Library

The world's largest library on railway subjects is located in the Transportation Building at 17th and H streets, N.W., Washington 6, D. C. It is maintained by the Bureau of Railway Economics of the Association of American Railroads, and was established in 1910.



MRS. AMERICA RODE the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited from Bismarck, N. D., to Chicago recently, following one of the many personal appearances that go with the honor of being named the top housewife in the country. Better known to her Kentland, Ind., neighbors as Mrs. Rosemary Murphy, the 1960-61 titlist is shown as she was bid adieu by Stewardess-Nurse Marjorie Keller in Chicago.

This picture is made available through the courtesy of the Burlington Route, which operates the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited between Chicago and St. Paul.

NP Names W. E. Taylor AGF&PA in North Dakota

W. E. Taylor, Assistant General Freight Agent for the Northern Pacific in St. Paul, has been named Assistant General Freight and Passenger Agent with headquarters in Fargo, N. D. He succeeds R. C. Murphy who retired Oct. 1 after 32 years of NP service.



Mr. Taylor

In his new post, Taylor will supervise freight and passenger sales in most of North Dakota and eastern Montana.

With the railway since 1948, Taylor was City Freight Agent in both St. Paul and Minneapolis before going to Billings, Mont., in 1956 as City Freight and Passenger Agent. He was appointed Commercial Agent in Chicago the following year and moved to St. Paul as AGFA this year.

Murphy began railroading with the Butte, Anaconda and Pacific at Butte, Mont., in 1919, and joined the NP as City Freight Agent there nine years later. From 1936 to 1942 he was Traveling Freight Agent, first at Miles City, Mont., then at Grand Forks, N. D., and was named General Agent at Fargo in 1942. Seven years later he was appointed AGF&PA, a position he held until his retirement.

SP's Crow Elected Head of Arkansas Traffic Club

Wallace Crow, District Freight and Passenger Agent for the Southern Pacific at Little Rock, has been elected president of the Arkansas Passenger and Freight Association, Inc., for 1960-61.

Outgoing president B. O. (Barney) Cleff, Northern Pacific's Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent out of St. Louis, became chairman of the group's executive committee.

Other newly-elected officers are Art Jansen, DFA, Louisville & Nashville, Little Rock, vice president, and R. H. Coiner, District Manager-Sales, Frisco Lines, Little Rock, secretary-treasurer.



THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION here is a saddle which once belonged to Theodore Roosevelt and which was presented by his granddaughter, Mrs. Andrew M. Williams, Seattle, third from left, to the Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park near Medora, N. D. The saddle is a gift from the family of the late Neil Jamison of Seattle. It had been given to Mr. Jamison by the late Harry Anderson, Ellensburg, Wash., who received it from Roosevelt following a hunting trip. Others in the picture examining the relic of Roosevelt's early ranching days in Dakota Territory are, left to right, Richard and Andrew Williams, sons of Mrs. Williams; John W. Jay, Jr., superintendent of the park; Congressman Don Short, Medora, and John Rouzie, Bowman, N. D., chairman of the Roosevelt Park committee of the Greater North Dakota Association.

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nurse at Swedish hospital, Seattle, before she became a stewardess-nurse in February, 1956. She interrupted her career in 1957 to do post-graduate work for eight months at University hospital in New York City.

During her 48 months of active service with the staff, Mrs. Gregerson amassed a total of 758,408 miles of travel—more than three times the distance between Earth and the moon (238,857 miles). She traveled more than 575,000 miles as a stewardess-nurse, and added another 183,000 while she was supervisor of the service.

The Gregersons were married Oct. 8 in Seattle. The father of the bride, the Rev. H. E. Rath of Hosmer, S. D. officiated at the wedding ceremony.

Saint Paul's Winter Carnival Will be 75 Years Old in 1961

The Saint Paul Winter Carnival which will be held from Jan. 27 through Feb. 6 next year will mark the 75th anniversary of the oldest celebration of its kind in the country. Carnival officials report that plans are being made to make it the biggest in history, too.

In keeping with the occasion, Saintpaulites, Inc., the sponsoring organization, has adopted "Carnivals Past, Present and Future" as the official theme for the floats and parades.

The Saintpaulites' publication *CarnivalLetter* reports that there is an increase in interest among national television networks to give more complete coverage of the event this coming year, and that efforts will be made to assure the widest participation of local firms and organizations since the first winter carnival was held in 1886.



THE ANNUAL INVASION of Europe by high school students from Oregon and southern Washington got underway when 42 "junior ambassadors" boarded the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited at Portland. Under sponsorship of the American Field Service International Scholar-

ship Foundation, the youths lived in private homes for the summer in 15 different foreign countries. A similar but larger group of foreign students from the same 15 countries reciprocated by spending their summer in the homes of those participating in the program, ac-

cording to Maurice Binford, Jr., regional director of American Field Service in Portland. The Service's program was begun during World War I by American volunteers in the British Army ambulance corps to help foster a spirit of good will among the peoples of the world.

Vista-Dome NCL Has Cosmopolitan Clientele

The Vista-Dome North Coast Limited is very much a counterpart of Europe's famed Orient Express, as a glance at recent and forthcoming passenger movements quickly reveals.

Running between London and Bucharest via Paris, the Orient Express is reputed to carry more persons from different countries than any other train on the Continent. In Northern Pacific country, groups of passengers from Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, England, France, Italy and Tunisia, all of them teachers of English in their homelands, and a large group of Japanese students, have traveled on the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited since late August.

In February, a party of home economics teachers from Iceland, Finland, Greece, Turkey, Malaya, Trinidad and Zanzibar will travel between Chicago and Seattle on NP's luxury streamliner.

Some of these teachers are here to attend special classes; all are making tours of the country to see how we live. They are participating in the International Teacher Development Program, in which the United States is cooperating through the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

Chicago Tribune Travel Editor Calls for New Hotel at Rainier

Quoting the Rockefeller Foundation recommendations of two years ago, Chicago Tribune travel editor William Yates urged the building of new inside-the-park hotel accommodations at Mount Rainier National Park. He said, in part:

"As a writer who has no active interest in the project but who has visited resort areas in all parts of the world, we'll go along with proponents of the plan. There should be facilities just as Glacier and Yellowstone Parks provide. It isn't fair to confine this great area of incomparable beauty to those who can make it in a day or are willing and able to camp out. A dozen hotels could be built here and the 'bird watchers' would not be inconvenienced a bit."

The Rockefeller survey recommended construction of a \$7 million hotel near Paradise Inn with government funds but operated privately. Following release of the group's findings, a bill was introduced in the House of Representatives calling for the Department of the Interior to build such a hotel.

Interior Department Nominates Oregon Site as Seashore Area

The Oregon Dunes have been included in a bill, submitted to Congress by Secretary of the Interior Fred A. Seaton, to bring portions of undeveloped seashore into the National Park System.

In a supplemental report to the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Secretary Seaton said that "the proposed Oregon Dunes National Seashore involves an area of the most spectacular sand dunes in North America, in close proximity to forest-sheltered, fresh water lakes." They lie just off U. S. Pacific Coast Highway 101, some 150 miles southwest of Portland.

Four Join NP Stewardess-Nurse Service



From widely-scattered points across the United States have come these four young women to serve aboard NP's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited as stewardess-nurses.

Top left: Elizabeth Ramsey, a native of Walnut, Ark., and a 1957 graduate of Arkansas Baptist hospital school of nursing, Little Rock. She served at Crossett, Ark., Health Center and at Springdale Memorial hospital at Springdale, Ark., before coming to Northern Pacific.

Top right: Janet Sparks of Olive Hill, Ky., an alumna of Norton Memorial Infirmary school of nursing, Louisville. She has been a nurse at Methodist hospital, Henderson, Ky., since 1956.

Lower left: Karen Walt, Duluth, Minn., who was graduated from the Lutheran Deaconess hospital school of nursing, Minneapolis last year. She stayed on at Deaconess as surgical nurse until November, then went to Fairview hospital, Minneapolis, as a psychiatric nurse.

Lower right: Kathleen DeLeury, Van Nuys, Calif., was born at LaPorte, Ind., and received her grammar and high schooling at South Bend. She is a member of the Class of '58 of the Los Angeles County hospital school of nursing. She was assistant head nurse at that hospital when she joined Northern Pacific.

Model NP Steam Locomotive Wins Minnesota State Fair Blue Ribbon

A model of the Northern Pacific Class A-5 steam locomotive, the last type of power assigned to pulling the North Coast Limited before dieselization, won first prize and a blue ribbon for its builder at the Minnesota State Fair this year. Emil J. Skok, Saint Paul hobbyist, constructed the winning entry from plans provided by the railway's mechanical department.

Yellowstone Park Travel Runs Behind Record for Third Year

Travel to Yellowstone National Park is running behind the record level set in 1957, when more than 1,400,000 visitors toured the Park from January through August. Figures released by the National Park Service for this year set total entries at slightly more than 1,260,000 at the end of August, fewer than in 1958 or 1959.