



**CHRISTMAS TREES** frame this winter scene at Red Lodge ski resort high in the Beartooth mountain range of the Montana Rockies. The cozy lodge at the foot of the ski runs is a welcome sight to tired, hungry skiers.

## Joan Reitz Assumes Duties as Supervisor of NP Stewardesses

Joan Reitz, a former Northern Pacific Railway stewardess-nurse, has been named to succeed Karen K. Laumbach in Seattle as supervisor of NP's stewardess-nurse service.

Miss Laumbach resigned Nov. 30 to become the bride of Dr. A. P. Kenny of Seattle. She had been with the Railway since last January.

Miss Reitz previously served as one of Northern Pacific's registered-nurse-stewardesses on the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited during 1960-62. She resigned in April, 1962, however, to re-enter nursing practice and was at Corbett Clinic in Chicago prior to accepting the NP supervisory position.

A native of Lancaster, Pa., Miss Reitz was graduated from St. Joseph's hospital school of nursing at Lancaster in 1957. After a short stint as a nurse there, she went to Duke University hospital at Durham, N. C., where she remained until 1959. She returned then to St. Joseph's and was there



Miss Reitz

until joining Northern Pacific Railway the first time.

Miss Laumbach, supervisor since last June, is a native of Lake City, Iowa, and was graduated from the University of Iowa in nursing in 1961. Prior to joining Northern Pacific she was employed as a staff nurse at University of Minnesota Hospital in Minneapolis.

## NP Expects Increase in East-Bound Travel to N. Y. World's Fair

With the 1964 World's Fair set to open in New York on April 22, Northern Pacific Railway has made preparations to handle increased passenger traffic moving eastward from the north Pacific Coast and Northwest, according to F. G. Scott, NP passenger traffic manager.

"The 1962 Seattle World's Fair drew a good many long-distance travelers from the east over our line," Scott said, "and we think the New York exposition will interest the people in the west similarly."

Frequent train schedules east from Chicago — NP's eastern terminus — are available to New York.

"We have connections with the New York Central, Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio and Erie lines in Chicago," Scott said, "and we've also arranged for direct affiliations with some of the large tour operators to

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## Austrian Tony Spiss Signed at Red Lodge

Internationally-known ski champion Tony Spiss of Arlberg, Austria, has joined Red Lodge ski resort in the Montana Rockies as ski school director for the 1963-64 season, it has been announced by Red Lodge officials.

Spiss, who coached the Austrian national ski team in 1957-58 and has since trained skiers in Italy, America and Mexico, is credited with being one of the originators of the famous wedelny ski technique.

Now 33, Spiss first represented Austria in the U. S. during the 1950 World Championships at Aspen, Colo.

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## Unusual Events Set for St. Paul Carnival

A variety of highly unusual contests will likely take the play away from the theme "Toys 'n Snowland" during the run of the 1964 St. Paul Winter Carnival held Jan. 24 to Feb. 2 in Minnesota's Capital City.

Virtually every type of event even vaguely connected with winter and snow—from "mutt races" on a frozen lake to the Third Annual Hot-Air Balloon races—will be held during the ten-day reign of legendary King Boreas.

Home of many national championship events, the Carnival will offer the National Outdoor Speed Skating



1963 Queen Roberta Anibas

Championships on Lake Como and the National Majorette championships at the St. Paul Auditorium. The Minnesota State Indoor Archery Tournament will bring archers from all over the state to St. Paul, and more than 2,500 square dancers will take part in what has been called the World's Largest Square Dance Festival.

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## NP Rail Trip Recaptures Romance of the Old West for AAA Writer

*Editor's Note: After a recent trip on NP's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited, Jack Jonas, travel editor for the American Automobile Association, wrote the following article for the AAA's "Travel Trends." The article has been sent out to travel editors throughout the U. S.*

Not too many years ago, signs reading "Passengers Will Refrain from Shooting Buffalo While the Train Is in Motion" were removed from trains crossing the western reaches of the United States.

Sophistication has set in. The trip today is more civilized, with impeccable head waiters in the dining cars, Pullman porters who seem to sense the passenger's need before it arises, and newspapers reporting yesterday's—and sometimes even today's—news.

Scarcely a passenger carries a gun.

When the American Automobile Association set up its series of Escorted Rail Tours through the West, it recognized that the romance of rail travel appeals to a large segment of our adult population—and not a small segment of those of more tender years.

Consider, for example, the Northern Pacific's North Coast Limited, plying 2,319 miles from Seattle to Chicago. Here is a train!

During the daylight hours, there is a constantly changing scenic panorama as the train whisks through mountains, across plains, into the mountains again, through the grotesque Badlands and along the valleys of mighty rivers. Through the picture windows of the Vista-Dome cars, high above the rails, the passenger can gather a healthy impression of the vastness and contrast of western America.

Northern Pacific last month (September) celebrated the 80th anniversary of the driving of the last spike to complete the ribbon of rails across the northern part of the west country.

The spike was driven at Gold Creek, Montana, a mining hamlet with a current population of 60. Four special trains carrying 400 dignitaries—perhaps the most ever to step off at Gold Creek before or since—stopped there for the occasion. Trains today speed right on through, but if you're up

early enough you may be able to see the marker at the site.

There are one full day and two half days of daylight to see the sights on the trip east. And sights there are. Almost immediately after leaving Seattle, the train begins to climb into the beautiful Cascade Mountains, crossing the summit of the range two hours later at Stampede Tunnel. The tracks follow the valley of the Green River, crossing it 11 times on the way to Stampede Pass. The two-mile hole in the mountain is 2,852 feet up.

Other highlights along the way:

Pasco, Washington—Rail buffs can get a look at the new \$5.5 million "push button" freight classification yard, where freight cars are sorted automatically to fit them on the proper trains.

Homestake Pass—The train crosses the Continental Divide here, between Butte and Logan, Montana, with towering Rocky Mountains to north

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## N. D. National Park Gains New Acreage

Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park near Medora, N.D., gained a total of 61 acres of land in recent adjustments made by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Although approximately 398 acres of land were cut off the park by realignment of U.S. Highway 10, about 459 new acres were added. Some of the park's new acreage was formerly under the administration of the Forest Service, the State of North Dakota or in private ownership.

Included in the land added to the national memorial park are approximately 132 acres of former recreational demonstration area lands and about 12 acres of national grasslands formerly administered by the Forest Service.

Of the land excluded from the park, approximately 151 acres were transferred to the Forest Service for administration or disposition under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act.



1963 SHORTHORN LASSIE of Washington State, Karen Williams (left), poses—in appropriate Scottish garb—with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Williams and NP Stewardess-Nurse Kay Troutwine before boarding the North Coast Limited at Spokane. Miss Williams, who represents the Washington Shorthorn industry, took the train to the Chicago Livestock Exposition.

## Pullman Service Tops on NP for 80 Years

Eighty years ago when Northern Pacific held its Last Spike ceremonies in Gold Creek, Mont., special dignitaries invited by NP President Henry Villard traveled to the event in "Pullman Palace" cars. At that time, those Pullmans represented the most luxurious cars ever seen in the Pacific Northwest.

Today, Pullman cars still provide the finest accommodations in rail travel. An unmistakable trend toward increased long-haul passenger travel in recent years could bring about more extensive use of Pullman service, NP passenger traffic officials feel.

Northern Pacific considers passenger trips between such far-distant points as the Twin Cities and Spokane as "long-haul" business.

Long haul passengers have need of overnight accommodations, and Pullman travel continues to offer the most in luxury, privacy and extra comfort for extended travel.

Personal attention is the keynote of Pullman service. Its patrons have room service, private room temperature control and observation-lounge car privileges among other extras.

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Ski jumping tournaments, tobogganing in front of the State Capitol and the much-anticipated treasure hunt for the hidden medallion are other popular events. Some 5,000 hardy Minnesotans are also expected to take part in the "World's Original Ice-Fishing Contest" on a nearby lake.

Behind the rash of unusual contests remains the 78-year-old theme for the carnival—King Boreas and his cold North Wind followers fighting for control of the city with Vulcan, the King of Fire.

King Boreas XXVIII will be crowned before a crowd of 10,000 in the Auditorium to start the festivities. Then Vulcan and his masked men begin the battle, which they invariably win, putting an end to winter's cold grip on the Carnival.

Coronation of the Queen of Snows and two colorful parades add to the majesty of the affair.

## Travel Writers Will Meet in Seattle in '64

The Society of American Travel Writers has scheduled its 1964 convention in Seattle next September, according to the Seattle Convention and Tourist Bureau.

Their convention program is to include four days in Seattle and on Puget Sound, along with an assortment of post-convention tours in Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and Alaska.

Byron Fish, feature writer for the *Seattle Times*, is convention chairman.

The Seattle Convention and Tourist Bureau also announced that it has produced a seven-minute film on the color and sound of Seattle.

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assure travelers of admission into the Fair, a number of interesting tours and top-drawer accommodations in New York."

Northern Pacific has also prepared a special folder to assist interested parties in planning rail trips to the New York Fair. Free copies of the folder—and information on reservations and tickets—may be obtained by writing F. G. Scott, PTM, Northern Pacific Railway, in St. Paul, Minn., 55101.

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and south. At 6,328 feet, this is the railroad's highest point.

Livingston, Montana—This is the heart of the Dude Ranch country, and starting point to the Gardiner entrance to Yellowstone National Park. It also was once the site of a Lewis and Clark camp.

Billings, Montana—Thirty-one miles east of here is Pompey's Pillar, a 200-foot-high rock climbed in 1806 by Captain William Clark, who carved his name—still preserved—at the top.

Custer, Montana—Calamity Jane once rode Pony Express from here to Deadwood, South Dakota.

Glendive, Montana—Named for Sir George Gore, an Irish nobleman who hunted buffalo here in 1855, and whose home estate was Glendive. In the Badlands to the east, Theodore Roosevelt ranched.

Fargo, North Dakota—In the rich Red River Valley, and named for the co-founder of the Wells-Fargo Express.

Mississippi River—The train follows the upper reaches of the river for nearly 300 miles, and even this far up it seems broad.

Don't worry about missing the highlights. A nurse-hostess describes them, via loudspeaker throughout the train, during the daylight hours.

## Conrad Wirth Retires From Park Service

Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service since 1951, retired recently, ending a 32-year career with the Park Service, according to the U. S. Department of the Interior.

George B. Hartzog, Associate Director of the Park Service since February, 1963, is his successor.

Wirth was praised by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall as "a dedicated leader who, almost single-handedly, conceived and won approval of the MISSION 66 program which has done so much to strengthen the National Park system."

## NP's Spence Heads St. Louis Rail Group

H. J. Spence, general agent for Northern Pacific Railway in St. Louis, was elected president of the St. Louis Off-Line Railroad Association in a recent election.

Others elected to key positions in the organization were M.M. St. Clair, Denver & Rio Grande Western general agent, as vice president, and J.C. Goyette, Texas & Pacific district manager of freight sales, as secretary-treasurer.

## Dude Ranchers Pick Officers for 1964

All key officers of the Dude Ranchers' Association were reelected to second terms during that organization's annual convention recently in Laramie, Wyo.

Dick Hickey of the Diamond L Bar Ranch, Seeley Lake, Mont., returns as president of the national association. Don Siggins of Siggins' Triangle X Ranch of Cody, Wyo., is vice president once again.

Ernie Keyes of Tumbling River Ranch in Grant, Colo., retains his post as secretary-treasurer. Conna May is executive secretary with headquarters in Billings, Mont.

Dude ranchers from Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Oregon, Colorado and Arizona were in attendance at the meeting, the 38th Annual Convention in the history of the Association. Among associate members present were superintendents from three national parks.

Helena, Mont., has been selected as the site of the 1964 Dude Ranchers' Convention.

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Although he sustained a broken ankle two days before the races, he went into intensive training and came back the next winter as Austrian champion.

He was a Bronze medal winner in the Giant Slalom International at the 1952 Winter Olympics in Oslo, Norway, and was first in the International Kitzbuehel Slalom and Night Slalom. In 1954, Spiss placed ahead of other skiing greats Ericksen and Pravda, while winning a Bronze world championship medal in the Giant Slalom.

During his last season as an amateur in 1955, he won first in the international slalom in Kitzbuehel, Austria, and first at Megeve, France.

In early 1962 Spiss severed his Achilles tendon at Aspen while preparing for the professional racing season. Since recovering, he has coached Argentina's future ski team for two successive seasons.

Spiss' wife, Helge, who once traveled around the world on skis with him, will also instruct at the Red Lodge resort this season.

Red Lodge, site of the 1964 U. S. Olympic Biathlon team tryouts, is reached by Northern Pacific rail and bus service through Billings, Mont.

## Portland Man Leaves Retirement for One Last Naval Mission

Dale B. Sigler, 78, of Portland, Oregon, was called upon by the U.S. Navy recently to undertake a mission only he could accomplish for them. His assignment — travel to Washington, D.C., to identify an old aircraft engine reputed to be the one that powered the first airplane bought by the Navy from the Wright Brothers.

Sigler, although he was in the original Naval Air Corps class at Annapolis in 1911, chose to travel to the nation's Capitol by train and he left on NP's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited.

In Washington, Sigler positively identified the engine.

"The block on this engine was cracked when it crashed into the water on a crash landing," he explained. "I helped repair the crack. The minute we removed the plate bolted over the crack I recognized it for sure."



Sigler

As the only survivor of the four officers and five enlisted men who constituted the first naval aviation class of 1911, Sigler was the one man who could have made that assessment.

The ancient four-cylinder engine he identified belongs to the National Naval Museum and will be exhibited in the air museum of the Smithsonian Institution.

Mission accomplished, Sigler returned home to resume his life of proud retirement.