



E. H. HARRIMAN AWARD for the top safety record among the nation's medium-sized railroads is admired by Commissioner Everett Hutchinson, left, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and F. L. Steinbright, vice president in charge of operations for Northern Pacific Railway. The NP earned the award and coveted Gold Medal by operating well over 18 million locomotive and motor-train miles in 1963 with only 33 reportable accidents. Ceremonies were in the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City.

Top Safety Record in 1963 Earns NP the Harriman Award

Northern Pacific Railway has won the highest E. H. Harriman Award for safety among the nation's medium-sized railroads for 1963, it has been announced by the American Museum of Safety.

In New York, F. L. Steinbright, NP's vice president in charge of operations, accepted the coveted Gold Medal award in behalf of the Railway from Interstate Commerce Commissioner Everett Hutchinson.

Hutchinson reported that Northern Pacific operated 18,391,000 locomotive and motor-train miles last year with only 33 reportable accidents, the best record among all U.S. railroads in its mileage group.

"Last year," Hutchinson said, "America's railroads achieved a passenger safety record that was twice as good as the record of the previous year and considerably better than the records of 1961 and 1960. In 1963, the railroads carried 310 million passengers a total of 18.5 million miles with 13 fatalities."

By marked contrast, he added, deaths on the highways to persons

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NP Increases Ski Trip Promotion as Rocky Mountain Resorts Grow

Further development of three key Rocky Mountain ski areas along Northern Pacific's main line in Montana and Idaho has encouraged the Railway to promote ski trips more zealously than ever this season, according to F. G. Scott, NP's passenger traffic manager.

The three ski areas are: Red Lodge outside Billings, Mont., the Snow Bowl near Missoula, Mont., and Schweitzer Basin at Sandpoint, Idaho.

"Red Lodge is the nearest western mountain ski area to Chicago and the Minneapolis-St. Paul area," Scott said, "and we expect to see a great deal of interest in it from skiers on the east end of our line.

"Schweitzer Basin, of course, is just an overnight train ride from Seattle and Portland. Missoula Snow Bowl is also only an overnight train trip from the principal north Pacific Coast cities, and it's approximately a day's trip from the Midwest."

The NP this year has produced a

special ski folder, entitled "Northern Pacific Ski Country," on the three areas. Copies of the free folder can be obtained by writing F. G. Scott, passenger traffic manager, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, Minn. 55101.

Red Lodge

Installation of snow-making equipment this season at Red Lodge in the Beartooth Rockies virtually assures early fall through springtime skiing on the lower runs of the ski area.

Snow comes early on the lofty peaks of 9,416-foot Grizzly Peak, and the double chairlifts and Pomalift that service over ten miles of Red Lodge ski runs are expected to be humming by Thanksgiving.

Location of the well-established ski area — near the northeast entrance to Yellowstone Park and just 60 miles south of Billings, Mont. — continues

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Dining Car Officers Elect NP's W. F. Paar

W. F. Paar, superintendent of Northern Pacific Railway's dining car department, has been elected President of the Association of American Railroad Dining Car Officers at the club's 64th annual meeting in Miami Beach.

Vice president of the organization is J. B. Martin of the Baltimore & Ohio. W. G. Holyfield of the Norfolk and Western was elected treasurer. On the executive committee are: T. P. James, Canadian Pacific; C. J. Bueschel, Illinois Central; and John Mashburn, Atlantic Coast Line.



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ABOARD THE NORTH COAST LIMITED—Rocky Mountain-bound skiers relax and enjoy themselves enroute in Northern Pacific's unique Lewis & Clark Travelers' Rest car. Murals and furnishings in this car are in the spirit of pioneer days in the Pacific Northwest. Dome cars and stewardess-nurse service are other "extras" on NP's crack streamliner. When large groups of skiers book passage, the NP also sees to it their skis are placed in special racks near their coach seats.

Day Center Planned for Mt. Rainier Park

The award of a \$1,388,000 contract has been made to Earley Construction Company of Tacoma, Wash., for construction of a day-use center at Paradise in Mount Rainier National Park, the Department of the Interior has announced.

The four-level, concrete and stone masonry structure will be circular and approximately 200 feet in diameter at ground level.

Facilities at the center will include an auditorium, exhibit rooms, cafeteria and a ski shop and other sales areas. An observation deck will occupy the entire fourth level, where visitors will be able to obtain excellent views of the Park's rugged mountain terrain.

Heating coils in the roof will serve as a snow melting system. At Paradise, snow packs to depths of 15 to 25 feet and remains through June and often into July.

Work on the center is scheduled for completion June 1, 1966.

Coach Reservation Charge Is Put on NP's 'North Coast'

Northern Pacific Railway has established a coach seat reservation charge, effective Nov. 1, 1964, on its *Vista-Dome North Coast Limited*.

By instituting this charge, the NP hopes to avoid the "no shows" which in the past prevented the Railway from accommodating customers who were on hand, but without reservations.

Only one reserved coach seat coupon is required between starting point and destination under this reservation charge plan.

Lewis & Clark Agency is Appointed to Preserve, Mark Famous Trail

Recent enactment of a law to establish a Lewis and Clark Trail Commission will assist in marking and preserving the route followed by the two famous explorers in 1804-06, according to Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall.

The bill establishing the Commission supplements an earlier resolution that the route traversed by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark be "kept available for the inspiration and enjoyment of the American people."

This new law establishes a 27-member Commission for a five-year period to advise on, and coordinate, activities of agencies interested in preserving and marking as much as possible of the route.

"Establishment of this Commission will greatly assist in carrying out the purposes of the resolution Congress approved last year," Secretary Udall stated. "With representatives from the House, Senate, ten states, Five Federal departments, and a private nonprofit foundation, the Commission will serve as a focal point for everyone interested in preserving this historic trail."

The ten states involved are: Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

Northern Pacific Railway today follows much of the original Lewis and Clark trail through Montana and along the Washington-Oregon border.

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riding in private automobiles last year was reported by the National Safety Council at 28,900. Bus travel, he continued, recorded 130 passenger fatalities and domestic airlines, 48.

Twice before the Northern Pacific has received Harriman Awards, which are presented annually by the Museum of Safety. The Railway, which this year celebrates the 100th anniversary of its charter, was awarded certificates of commendation for establishing the best safety record among the largest western railroads in 1957 and 1959.

Originated by the late Mrs. Mary W. Harriman in memory of her husband, a pioneer in the railroad industry, the Harriman Memorial Awards have been continued under the sponsorship of two sons, W. Averell Harriman, present Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs and former governor of New York, and E. Roland Harriman, New York investment banker and chairman of the American National Red Cross.



SCHWEITZER BASIN double chairlift continues up to higher reaches as skiers stop to admire view of 65-mile-long Lake Pend Oreille far below. Schweitzer has 1,200 acres of varied ski terrain.



MISSOULA SNOW BOWL setting up on High Park plateau (7,012 feet above sea level) is one of fantasy-land beauty. The upper chalet is conveniently located nearby the lift station ramp.

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to be a lure for Midwestern skiers. It is just 24 hours from Chicago and 18 hours from Minneapolis-St. Paul via NP train and bus services.

Lodging and a variety of off-slope entertainment is available for visiting skiers in the little mountain city of Red Lodge, just 15 minutes away from Grizzly's slopes.

The return of Tony Spiss, internationally-known ski champion from Arlberg, Austria, as Red Lodge ski school director assures vacationing skiers of top-flight ski instruction.



Spiss

Spiss, who coached the Austrian national ski team in 1957-58 as well as skiers in Italy, America and Mexico, is credited with being one of the originators of the famed Wedelyn ski technique.

Schweitzer Basin

Although Schweitzer Basin was just opened last year, the picturesque northern Idaho ski resort already has a ski village growing around it.

The first of four apartment and dormitory buildings, which will comprise the Schweitzer Village development, is now under construction adjacent to the ski area.

Blessed with an exciting physical

plan and excellent snow conditions, Schweitzer is now on the way to becoming one of the West's fine new ski areas. Last season, the six members of Canada's Alpine ski team did their training for the Winter Olympics at Schweitzer Basin.

Schweitzer's scenic location, in a natural bowl overlooking beautiful Lake Pend Oreille nearly overshadows its impressive slope facilities. Fully 1,200 acres of varied ski terrain are served by a 5,264-foot double chairlift, a 1,200-foot T-bar lift and two rope tows.

Upper portions of the Basin are timber-free and it is a 718-foot vertical drop just to the intermediate lift station. From there, it is another 946-foot drop to the glass-walled day lodge at the base of the runs.

Huge fireplaces are features on the second and third floors of the attractive lodge, which also includes a cafeteria, tavern and rental shop.

Sandpoint, Idaho, a lumber city of 7,000 people, is located just 11 miles from the ski area. It is just an overnight train ride for skiers to Sandpoint from Seattle, Portland and Tacoma on NP's *Mainstreeter*.

Missoula Snow Bowl

Missoula Snow Bowl in western Montana has made several improvements for the 1964-65 season. Ski trails have been smoothed and widened, a 30-40 meter jump added and a new

telephone line installed to Missoula from the ski area.

If this doesn't entice skiers, the traditionally heavy snow drop will. Missoula's deep inland location, just west of the Continental Divide, puts it in a prime dry powder snow belt.

Key attraction on Snow Bowl's Big Sky Mountain is the king-sized 2,600-foot vertical drop down a variety of exciting ski trails. Another novelty is Snow Bowl's unique "Learn to Ski in the Sky" beginners' area atop High Park plateau, which is some 7,000 feet above sea level. Beginners ride the double chairlift — right along with the experts — and step off at the High Park lift station to ski gentle slopes ideal for learning.

A Pomalift and five rope tows complete the lift facilities for the area's eight miles of ski trails. A central A-frame chalet contains the ski shop, ski school headquarters, lunch facilities and plenty of room to stretch and relax.

Scheduled buses provide daily service from overnight accommodations in Missoula, just 12 miles from the ski area.

E. A. Cassell Is Appointed NP's Dallas General Agent

E. A. Cassell, formerly traveling freight and passenger agent for Northern Pacific Railway in Dallas, Texas, has been appointed general agent for the NP in that city.

He succeeds George J. Adamcik, who retired after more than 38 years with the Railway in Dallas.

Holly, Cakes Return as NP Holiday Treats

Following its tradition, the Northern Pacific Railway will again present holly corsages to its women passengers and serve special fruit cake samples on its trains during the coming Christmas season.

Gifts of holly corsages to female patrons will be made during the two weeks prior to Christmas on both the *Vista-Dome* North Coast Limited and the *Mainstreeter*. It marks the 19th year this has been done.

Northern Pacific's custom of serving holiday fruit cake samples on its train during the Christmas season goes back over 50 years. And, once again, the cakes can be purchased in colorful Yuletide tins from the NP commissary. Orders are taken by W. F. Paar, dining car superintendent, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, Minn.

Prices of the fruit cakes remain at \$3.90 for the three-pound tins and \$6.50 for the five-pounders. Add an additional \$1.75 if you wish shipment to Canada, Alaska, the Canal Zone, Philippine Islands, Hawaii or other points foreign to the continental U.S.

The cakes are made from a prize-winning 1873 recipe.

Study is Released on Voyageurs Park

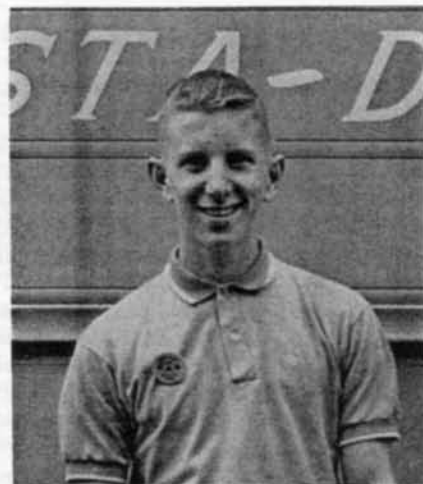
Preliminary findings on a study for proposed Voyageurs National Park in northern Minnesota have been released for public comment by the National Park Service, the Department of the Interior has announced.

The proposed park would contain approximately 108,000 acres of land and 60,000 acres of water on the Kabetogama Peninsula about 12 miles east of International Falls. The northern boundary coincides with the International Boundary between Canada and the U.S. for about 35 miles.

This scenic, glaciated lake country, still relatively free of man-made intrusions, would include part of the historic Voyageurs Route—the course traveled by frontiersmen in search of fur-bearing animals in the region. The park would provide outstanding water recreation opportunities, the Department of the Interior said.



NEW NP 'SUES'—Mary Ann Lyman, left, and Patricia Prchlik have joined Northern Pacific Railway's corps of stewardess-nurses to serve on the *Vista-Dome* North Coast Limited. Miss Lyman, a native of Seattle, attended the University of Washington and Swedish Hospital School of Nursing and became a registered nurse in 1960. Since then, she has been employed as a public health nurse, an airline stewardess and a staff nurse before joining the NP. Miss Prchlik, from Knox, Ind., became a registered nurse after training at St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Ft. Wayne in 1962. After graduation, she was employed at the Hospital as a staff nurse and, later, as an assistant instructor in the school of nursing.



SOAP BOX DERBY representative Bobby Street, Jr., of Aberdeen, Wash., poses in front of NP's *Vista-Dome* North Coast Limited in Seattle before leaving for the 27th Annual American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. Bobby received the Best Designed Car award at the Derby.

Yellowstone Shows 4% Gain in Visitors over 1963 Count

Yellowstone Park visitors through September this year were up 7,024 over 1963, according to a recent Park report.

Going into October, a total of 181,674 visitors had passed through Yellowstone gates, 4 per cent more than a year ago at that time. The Park was running 2,090 visitors short of the record-breaking 1962 count through September, however.

Montana Civic Leader Walter Nye is Dead

Walter C. Nye, 78, past executive secretary of the Dude Ranchers' Association in Billings, Mont., and a prominent Western civic promoter for many years, died recently in a Billings hospital. He served the Association as executive secretary and as editor of *The Dude Rancher* magazine for 21 years.

Born in Amherst, Neb., in 1886, Walter was active in civic affairs there before moving to Sheridan, Wyo., where he was on the Board of Directors of the Sheridan Rodeo and the End of Texas Trail Roundup Association.

In 1936 Mr. Nye moved to Billings and became organizer and chairman of the Go-Western Parade and a charter member of the Billings Saddle Club. He was also active in Fish and Game and National Forests and Parks projects, and often contributed articles to newspapers and trade magazines concerning outdoors topics.

As executive secretary of the Dude Ranchers' Association, he was in close contact with traffic representatives of all transportation companies serving the dude ranching area. He numbered many good friends among Northern Pacific Railway traffic personnel.