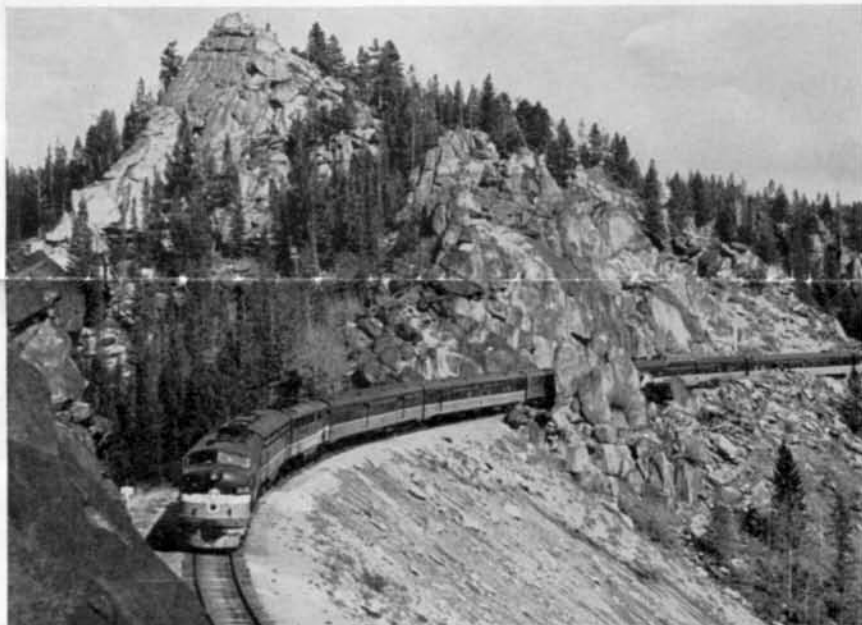


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Route of the *Vista-Dome* NORTH COAST LIMITED

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**ON TOP OF THE WORLD**—Northern Pacific Railway's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited crosses the continental divide a few miles east of Butte, Mont., on its Seattle-Twin Cities-Chicago run. This April, 1965, this famous name train completed 65 years of service in the Northwest.

## North Coast Limited Began Its Service 65 Years Ago This April

Northern Pacific Railway, this year, celebrates the 65th anniversary of the inauguration of its famous North Coast Limited service between Chicago and Seattle.

The original North Coast Limited made its maiden run on April 29, 1900. A luxury train, it was described as a "palace on wheels" and included such travel comforts as steam heat, baths and barber-valet service as well as electric lights, the first electrically lighted train to operate between Chicago and the Pacific Northwest.

The train was widely acclaimed by the press, public and travelers. Typical of the praise was this comment from one metropolitan daily:

"The train is one of the finest ever placed on railroad tracks. It consists of eight cars, luxuriously finished in mahogany, with artistic decorations and the most elaborate equipment for the comfort of passengers."

A traveler on the original North Coast Limited enroute west in the summer of 1900, Count Karl von Fersen of Berlin, said:

"America has many surprises for us, and especially this magnificent overland train of the Northern Pacific Railway. It is a veritable palace on wheels and excels anything I have seen on the Continent or in America."

Powered by ten-wheeler locomotives built by the Schenectady Locomotive Works, the first "North Coast", was not one, but 10 identical trains of eight cars each. Cost of each train was \$800,000. (One of today's five complete North Coast Limiteds—14 cars plus a three-unit diesel locomotive—costs nearly \$3.4 million.)

The first "Limited" was equipped with broad vestibules, Westinghouse

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## NP Announces Train Schedule Changes Effective April 25

Northern Pacific will speed up the westbound schedule of the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited and make other changes in its train schedules, effective April 25.

The premier streamliner will depart from Chicago at 12:30 p.m., St. Paul at 7:45 p.m., and Minneapolis at 8:20 p.m., all about 20 minutes later than at present, with proportionately later departure from stops farther west. However, there will be no change in its 8:30 a.m., second-day arrival in Seattle, nor will the train's eastbound schedule be affected.

Adoption of Daylight Saving Time in NP territory will result in a new schedule for both the eastbound and westbound Mainstreeters, which will be operated earlier from most system points, based on Standard Time.

The westward Mainstreeter will leave Chicago at 9:30 p.m., St. Paul at 7:40 a.m. and Minneapolis at 8:15 a.m., and will arrive in Seattle at 6 a.m. Eastbound it will leave Seattle at 8:45 p.m. and arrive in Minneapolis at 8:47 p.m., St. Paul at 9:20 p.m. and Chicago at 6:40 a.m.

Similarly affected by Daylight Time will be trains 407 and 408 between Seattle and Portland. No. 407, Portland to Seattle will operate on a schedule that is 45 minutes earlier, Standard Time, and No. 408, Seattle to Portland, will be scheduled one hour earlier.

All schedule changes will be shown in detail in the new time table that will be issued April 25.

## D. J. Waddell Named NP Superior TFP

D. J. Waddell has been appointed Traveling Freight and Passenger Agent for Northern Pacific at Superior, Wis., succeeding V. E. Taipale.

Waddell has been Chief Clerk at NP's Omaha traffic office since he came to the Northern Pacific three years ago.



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NORTH DAKOTA

June 11-13 — N. D. Championship Horse Show,  
Rugby  
June 13 — Badlands NDRA Rodeo, Watford  
City  
June 17-19 — Miss North Dakota Pageant,  
Bismarck

OREGON

May 17-23 — All-Indian Rodeo, Tygh Valley  
May 22 — High lakes and streams trout sea-  
son opens  
June 10-12 — International Rose Show, Port-  
land  
June 4-13 — Portland Rose Festival, Portland

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May 8-16 — Lilac Festival, Spokane  
May 12-15 — Diamond Spur Rodeo, Spokane  
May 15-22 — "Know Your Seattle" Week

NP Baseball Tours  
Planned for 1965  
Twins' Home Games

Major league baseball tours will again be conducted this season by Northern Pacific from Montana and North Dakota cities to Minneapolis-St. Paul for 1965 Minnesota Twins' home games, according to NP Passenger Traffic Manager F. G. Scott.

Group reservations, along with hotel accommodations for any home game, can be arranged through any Northern Pacific ticket office. Individual requests for baseball tickets to Twins' home games can be arranged through J. A. Beatty, AGPA, Northern Pacific Ticket Office, 101 South 7th St., Minneapolis. Send check or money order for seats based on the following admissions: box seat \$3 . . . reserved seat \$2.50 . . . general admission \$1.50.

Northern Pacific baseball tours, inaugurated in 1963, are attracting more and more fans each year.



**NP WINS AGAIN**—F. L. Steinbright, NP Vice President—Operations, holds the special government citation won by Northern Pacific for "excellence in sanitation" on its dining cars for 1964. Looking on are James E. Woodruff, left of the U. S. Public Health Service in Kansas City, Mo., and W. F. Paar, Superintendent of NP's Dining Car Department. It marks the fifth straight year that NP has won the award.

Teen-Age Fair is Major Innovation  
to 57th Portland Rose Festival

A Teen-Age Fair will be staged in Portland's Memorial Coliseum as a major innovation during the 57th annual Portland Rose Festival, scheduled June 4-13.

Expected to attract 100,000 spectators during its 10-day stand, the Fair will include a continuous record hop, a "battle of bands", Custom Car Caravan, style shows and other numerous exhibits and events appealing to teenagers.

Another highlight of this year's Rose Festival is the appearance of Lawrence Welk and his TV troupe on the night of June 10 in Portland's Coliseum arena.

The traditional zany Saturday night Merryhkana parade opens the Festival's activities, followed by the Junior Parade (June 11), the nation's largest children's affair, featuring more than 10,000 youngsters.

Nostalgic highlights of America's yesterday, representing subjects from "Out of the Scrapbook," will be the theme of this year's Grand Floral Parade, held June 12, before some half-million spectators. Among the 50 floats in the parade will be portrayals of the old-time picnic in the park and the bicycle built for two, constructed entirely of fresh flowers.

Rounding out the schedule of events are Marine Day on the Willamette River, selection and coronation of the 1965 Rose Festival Queen, visits by U. S. and Canadian Naval ships at Portland's harbor wall, the Rose Cup



1964 Queen Sharon Arneson

Sports Car races at Delta Park, and the Golden Rose Ski Tournament on Mt. Hood.

During the Festival's closing days, the 76th Portland Rose Show, sponsored by the Portland Rose Society, will feature a dazzling display of roses.

## Two National Parks Sought in Northwest

Legislation authorizing Secretary Stewart L. Udall to designate 22 sites in Northern Idaho as the Nez Perce National Historical Park has been endorsed by the Department of Interior. The purpose of this is to preserve, commemorate and interpret the rich history and culture of the Nez Perce Indian country.

The bill would give the Secretary of Interior authority to set aside sites, in Federal and privately-owned lands, relating to the early Nez Perce culture, the Lewis and Clark Expedition, the fur trade, logging, gold mining, the Nez Perce War of 1877 and other historic events. The sites encompass a total of approximately 6,600 square miles in the Idaho panhandle.

Development by the Department of Interior would be necessary at several sites. These would include interpretive centers, visitor and administration

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## Yellowstone Prepares for Record Visitors

Yellowstone National Park is preparing for another record number of visitors this summer, Park Superintendent John S. McLaughlin announced recently.

"Our records indicate visitation has increased by 480,000 since 1960," McLaughlin said, "and a new park record exceeding two million visitors is anticipated this season, despite road construction projects which may cause minor delays at some points."

Additional facilities in the new Trailer Village at Fishing Bridge and Bridge Bay Marina on Yellowstone Lake will be available to visitors for the first time this year.

Road improvements will continue this summer with reconstruction on six miles of the east entrance road. The project was started last fall. Other road projects include a six-mile portion of the Beartooth Highway, the Artist Point road at the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, and the Norris Geyser Basin-Canyon Junction road. Work on these projects will start about mid-summer.



**CARNIVAL TRAVELERS**—Les Winston, left, trip manager for a Montana speed skating group, Bob McDonough, coach, and Judy Morstein, Olympic speed skater, right, are greeted on arrival at St. Paul's Union depot by Audrey Strohmayer, NP Winter Carnival princess. Fifteen Montana speed skaters made the trip on the North Coast Limited for the National Outdoor Speed Skating Championships, held annually at the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

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air brakes and air train signals, steel platforms, steam heat and electric lights. Among its cars were a 70-foot combination baggage and express car, which housed a large dynamo that supplied power for the train's nearly 300 electric lights, and a 16-section tourist car with a cooking range at one end for those who wished to prepare their own meals. The diner, which accommodated 36 persons at a time, was equipped with electric fans.

Pride of the handsome train was the observation car which featured smoking and card rooms, a buffet, a library, a barber shop and bath room with bathtubs, and a rear observation platform surrounded by an ornamental brass railing.

Through the years, the "North Coast" has lived up to the high standard of excellence displayed on its first trip. A virtual parade of travel refinements, new equipment and faster schedules has kept the North Coast Limited a name well known to travelers from both this country and abroad.

At the end of World War II, new lightweight, streamlined equipment was put in service on the train. A few years later, a full day was shaved from the Chicago-Pacific North Coast running time.

Dome coaches as well as dome sleepers were added in 1954. Raymond Lowey Associates, the famed

industrial designers, developed new interior and exterior color schemes and decorative motifs of the dome cars, diners, coaches, observation-lounge cars and the unique Lewis and Clark Traveler's Rest cars.

The following year, 1955, saw stewardess-nurses join the train personnel, giving the Vista-Dome North Coast Limited another exclusive service feature in the Northwest. All stewardesses on NP trains are registered nurses.

A line of sparkling new dining cars was placed in service early in 1958. Slumbercoaches were added in December, 1959. Latest addition to the North Coast Limited is a two-way portable radio system, enabling the conductor and engineer to keep in constant contact with each other and providing for more efficient and safer train operation.

## Report Shows Wildlife Plentiful in NP Country

One of the scenic pleasures afforded by rail travel on the Northern Pacific is the thrill of viewing wildlife in their natural surroundings.

On a recent business trip, a passenger on the North Coast Limited reported seeing 13 bald eagles, 25 mule deer, 12 antelope, a coyote, and hundreds of ducks and geese in the 147 miles between Billings and Miles City, Mont.





**DAFFODIL TRAIN TRAVELERS**—Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival Princesses Diane Lind, left center, and Gretchen Klinkert, both of Tacoma, get their "Daffodil Special" train tickets from Traveling Passenger Agent Lou Lippert as Tacoma's Union depot Station Master Marshall R. Dawson, left, watches. Northern Pacific formed a special sight-seeing train at Puyallup from two sections, one each from Tacoma and Seattle, stopping on its way to Ortig during the festival.

## Passenger Revenue on Northern Pacific Shows Gain in 1964

Northern Pacific passenger revenue increased by 5.6 per cent in 1964, the largest percentage of any western trans-continental railroad in the past year, according to F. G. Scott, NP's Passenger Traffic Manager.

"Indications are," says Scott, "that we will come through 1965 with another increase in passenger revenue of approximately 6.5 per cent."

Passenger mileage and the number of passengers carried by the Northern Pacific also showed increases in 1964. Northern Pacific carried almost 40,000 more passengers last year than in 1963, with passenger miles increasing by 17,331,802.

## Santa Fe's Wise Heads 1965 KC Passenger Club

Ed Wise of the Santa Fe was elected president of the Kansas City Passenger Agents' Association during the Club's 75th annual dinner in Kansas City, Mo.

Ed Nick of Canadian National and John Davis of the Union Pacific were chosen as first and second vice presidents, respectively.

Clyde Dicken, KCT, was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

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centers, restoration of historic buildings and ground improvement.

The Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments, at its 1963 meeting, endorsed in principle "this imaginative new concept of historic preservation." It added, "the historic and scenic values of this region merit preservation and that the cooperative efforts required to implement this proposal should be initiated promptly."

The Interior Department has also recommended enactment of pending legislation to establish a Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area in southern Montana and northern Wyoming. Containing 63,000 acres, the area would be on lands surrounding the future 71-mile reservoir formed by the 500-foot high Yellow-tail Dam now nearing completion by the Bureau of Reclamation on the Bighorn River.

The bill also provides for the inclusion of Crow Indian Reservation lands at the request of the Crow Tribal Council, to be developed and administered under the laws and regulations applicable to the recreation area "subject to any limitation specified by the tribal council and approved by the Secretary of the Interior."

## Girl Scouts Travel NP to 1965 Roundup

Northern Pacific Railway will participate in the movement of approximately 11,000 Girl Scouts and officials to the 1965 Girl Scout Senior Roundup held July 17-26 at Farragut, Idaho. A total of 16 special trains will be handled by NP to transport Girl Scouts, to and from Athol, Idaho, near the encampment area.

Girl Scouts from all of the 50 States, U. S. possessions and from more than 40 foreign countries will take part in the encampment.

Located at the site of the former World War II Naval Training Center on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille, the 1965 Roundup will be the largest encampment for girls in the western hemisphere. It is the fourth such event sponsored by the Girl Scouts of America.

The Roundup will be a city of 6,000 tents on a 5,000-acre tract. The area will include the camp grounds, a huge arena where pageants will be held, a field hospital, a trading post and parking area.

Setting up the largest "dormitory" in the world is a tremendous undertaking. Among the major needs for the Roundup are security and fire-fighting protection; sanitation, telephone and transportation services; water, electrical and road systems, and warehouse and trucking equipment for tons of baggage and supplies. It is estimated that the cost of food for the 342,144 meals to be prepared will be approximately \$175,000.



**NEWEST STEWARDESS-NURSE** is Cheryle Eyerly of Livingston, Mont. Miss Eyerly received her RN degree at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago where she worked before joining the NP Vista-Dome service.