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STEWARDESS-NURSE service aboard Northern Pacific's *Vista-Dome North Coast Limited* passenger trains marked its eleventh anniversary on June 2. Northern Pacific's *Vista-Dome North Coast Limited* trains are the only ones between Chicago and the Pacific Northwest featuring the popular and helpful Stewardess-Nurses.

Seattle Set for 16th Annual Seafair, July 28 - August 7

Seattle's Seafair, now in its 17th year will again turn the Puget Sound metropolis into a hub of activity for the summertime venturer. The festive celebration will run this year from July 28 through August 7.

From the opening day arrival of Davy Jones and the Seafair Pirates at Seattle's Alki birthplace to the closing day's Seafair Trophy race for unlimited hydroplanes on Lake Washington, the 11-day celebration will be crammed with parades and pageantry, fetes and festivals, races and royalty.

The spectacular daylight Seafair Grande Parade is scheduled for Saturday, July 30, with its night-time counterpart—the Torchlight Parade—Saturday, August 6. Both events come to a colorful climax with a Fiesta of Floats at Seattle Center's High School Memorial Stadium. A variety of parades—big and small—also spice special celebrations planned throughout the week in nearly every com-



'65 Queen of Seas Pamela Bryant

munity of the city.

As befits its maritime theme, wa-

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NP Low Cost Youth Fares Now in Effect

A new fare schedule which provides for substantial reductions from regular fares for young men and women in the age group 12 through 21 years of age has been announced by the Northern Pacific Railway. Under the new rates, which became effective June 1, Youth Fares will be one-half the regular coach fare for a one-way trip, and the one-way coach fare for a round trip.

"The new fares are an incentive for young people to travel more frequently by train," commented F. G. Scott, NP passenger traffic manager, "and a money-saving convenience for young people attending college or living away from home."

The new government program, "Discover America", has brought many requests for low-cost transportation by groups of young people who are interested in visiting cities along the Northern Pacific. The new fares will give our young people, who are interested in educational and sight-seeing trips, an opportunity to become better acquainted with other sections of their state, as well as neighboring states.

Youth Fares will be honored on all Northern Pacific trains except the *Vista-Dome North Coast Limited*. Youth Fares also apply between any points on NP lines between the Twin Cities and Seattle, but not between the Twin Cities and Duluth and between Portland and Seattle.

Portland Travel Group Names 1966 Officers

Bill Francis of the Daly Travel Service has been elected president of the Portland Oregon Passenger Association.

Among others elected were Dick Rush, vice president; Ray Deering, treasurer; Frank Schmidt, secretary, and Al Mercer, board member.

Rush, Schmidt, and Mercer are members of NP's Portland passenger department.



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**COMING
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IN NP TERRITORY

MINNESOTA

- June 24-26—Annual Pioneer Days, Crookston
- July 2-4—24th Annual Paul Bunyan Water Carnival, Bemidji
- July 13-17—Northwest Water Carnival, Detroit Lakes
- July 15-24—Minneapolis Aquatennial
- July 23, 24—Waterama, Glenwood
- Aug. 28-Sept. 5—Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul

NORTH DAKOTA

- July 3-4—Killdeer RCA Rodeo, Killdeer
- July 16—Sagebrush Squaredance Jamboree, Medora
- July 30-31—Dickinson RCA Rodeo, Dickinson
- August 13-15—State Am. Legion Baseball Tournament, Bismarck

MONTANA

- June 24-26—Re-enactment, Custer's Last Stand, Crow Agency
- June 30-July 2—Model "T" Race, Laurel to Livingston
- July 8-10—Yellowstone River Float Trip, Livingston to Billings
- July 10—Pompey's Pillar Dedication, Billings
- July 11-17—Western Days, Billings
- July 13-17—National Saddle Club O-Mok-See, Billings
- July 30-31—Wilderness Walk, Yellowstone Park
- August 5-7—Last Chance Stampede, RCA Helena
- August 18-20—Eastern Montana Fair, Miles City

WASHINGTON

- July-October—Salmon Run, Olympia
- July 1-5—Loggerodeo, Sedro Wooley
- July 3-4—Central Washington Loggers' Festival, Cle Elum
- July 10-Aug. 31—NW Indian Arts, Spokane
- July 29-Aug. 7—Seattle Seafair, Seattle

OREGON

- July 2-4—World Championship Timber Carnival, Albany
- July 7-10—Emerald Empire Roundup, Lane County Fairgrounds, Eugene
- July 23-Sept. 11—Shakespearean Festival, Ashland
- Aug. 5-21—Washington Park Summer Festival, Portland
- Aug. 28-Sept. 5—Oregon State Fair, Salem



'DISCOVER AMERICA' TOUR—On their way to Livingston, Montana, aboard NP's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited, these European nationals gathered inside St. Paul's Union depot during recent tour of the United States. First of a series of similar tours in conjunction with 'Discover America' travel promotion, the group traveled from Chicago on the only rail segment of the tour, which originated through a Swiss travel agency.

Ellensburg Recreates Old West Sept. 3-5 During 44th Rodeo

Washington State's No. 1 rodeo, the 1966 Ellensburg Rodeo, bucks into high gear September 3-5 unfolding a panorama of the old west. The three-day attraction features cowboys, Indians and rodeo artists performing during the 44th annual show.

The Ellensburg Rodeo is the third largest three-day show in the nation. Purse money totaling \$8,100 together with entry fees of \$8,000 will bring the nation's top cowboys into Ellensburg to compete for over \$16,000 in prize money. Five RCA (Rodeo Cowboy Association) events are featured: saddle bronc riding, bareback riding, steer wrestling, calf roping and Brahma bull riding.

Trick-riders, rodeo clowns, top-state ranked junior drill teams, and races all add excitement to the big show, presided over by 1966 Queen Heidi Vaughn and her Royal Court. An afternoon show is held each day with a nightly Rodeo Posse show staged Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 3 and 4.

The "horsiest parade in the world" kicks off the thrill-packed show on Saturday morning, Sept. 3. For two and one-half hours, Indians, cowboys and gals, floats, old-time wagons, and hundreds of horses and various bands parade through Ellensburg streets.

From then on its rodeo time in Ellensburg. The annual event was started back in 1923 by ranchers, busi-



1966 Rodeo Queen Heidi Vaughn

nessmen and Kittitas Valley citizens who still run the show today.

Ellensburg is easily reached on Northern Pacific's main line between Spokane and Seattle, Wash. As a future event, Northern Pacific plans to operate a 1,000 passenger, special coach train from Seattle to Ellensburg over the Cascade Mts. on October 4 for ASTA members attending the American Society of Travel Agencies' International Convention in Seattle in early October.



SEATTLE SECRETARIES bound for Executives' Secretaries convention board NP train 408 at King St. station at Seattle, Miss Charlotte Randall, (front right), NP secretary and group's vice president, escorted 30 members of Seattle Chapter to 19th annual convention held recently in Portland. Club officers accompanying her are: (back row, left), Mrs. Warren Peck, president, King Broadcasting Co.; Mrs. John Newman, past president, E. A. Black Enterprises, and (front left) Miss Frieda Kuehn, treasurer, of Drs. Stipp and Quint.



"UNEXPECTED GEYSER"—Newly discovered geyser in Yellowstone shows off its head of steam. The new geyser, near Old Faithful, was first observed on January 6. Since then, it has been under constant study by the sixth Yellowstone Field Research expedition under Dr. Vincent J. Schafer of New York State University. The geyser which spouts a column of steam 50 to 75 feet high at intervals of 18 hours, is too inaccessible to be a tourist attraction, park officials stated. (Photo by Dr. Schaefer)

Early Yellowstone Tours Spur NP Passenger Business

Northern Pacific Yellowstone Park tour business is off to another banner year. The large numbers of tour reservations made to date indicate that the early-season NP Yellowstone tours will be highly successful again this year.

Speaking at a recent tri-state meeting at Yellowstone, F. G. Scott, Northern Pacific passenger traffic manager, disclosed that nearly 1500 reservations have been scheduled by the NP for pre-Yellowstone tours before opening of the tour season, June 13.

"Yellowstone will have a big year," Scott said. "Traffic on the Northern Pacific at this point indicates that interest in Yellowstone travel is at a very high level."

Northern Pacific will have run four pre-Yellowstone-Fun tours by the time this *North Coaster* comes off the press. On the west coast, a five-day all-expense tour left Seattle, May 23, with 175 passengers for Yellowstone, and 131 left Portland, May 24. In addition, two Fun tours left Chicago June 4 and June 11 carrying a sell-out capacity of 1200 persons.

Similar post-season Yellowstone tours will be announced later in the *North Coaster* for the fall traveler.

Yellowstone Dam Gets Visitor Center in Bighorn Area Near Custer Site

A \$527,976 visitor center building will be built overlooking Yellowtail dam and reservoir 45 miles southwest of Hardin, Montana, the Department of Interior reported recently. The visitor center will accommodate the increasing summertime crowds expected to visit the new area.

Yellowtail reservoir, which began filling last fall, will become a 71-mile long lake reaching into the spectacular and formerly inaccessible canyon lands of the Bighorn River, near the site of the historically famous battleground of Custer's Last Stand, in southern Montana and northern Wyoming.

Legislation is now pending in Congress to designate the Lake and surrounding lands as the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation area. Recreational use of the area is expected to jump from 37,000 visitor-days recorded in 1965 to 562,000 five years from the time the national area is established.

The visitor center construction was awarded the Brezina Construction Company of Minot, N.D., by the Bureau of Reclamation. In addition to the visitor center building, parking areas and a retaining wall will be built. The building is to be completed and ready for the 1967 season.

Three newly-completed boat launching ramps as well as related recrea-

tional facilities are now in the Yellowtail reservoir area. Future plans include constructing new access roads to these points and improvements to existing ones. Now under construction is a launching ramp about one mile downstream from the Yellowtail dam to provide access to the afterbay reservoir area and the Bighorn River below the dam. All these facilities are to be operated and maintained by the National Park Service.

Another National Park Service attraction is southeast of Hardin, near Crow Agency, Montana. Attracting thousands of visitors annually, the Custer Battlefield National Monument marks the site where the Seventh Cavalry, under Lt. Col. George A. Custer, was defeated by the combined efforts of Sioux and Cheyenne Indians on June 25-26, 1876.

Dramatic events of the battle and the fact that Custer and his 225 men were killed have captured American imagination and interest through the years and serious students of the battle number in the thousands.

Today Custer Battlefield National Monument perpetuates the heroic efforts of both military and Indian in that great struggle for domination of the Western Frontier. A visitor center

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Pompey's Pillar Becomes National Landmark

Pompey's Pillar, historic marker for the Lewis and Clark Expedition, will be dedicated as a National Historic Landmark at ceremonies held July 10 by the National Park Service at the site 28 miles northeast of Billings, Montana.

It was here in 1806 that Captain William Clark carved his name on a massive sandstone landmark that in later years became known as Pompey's Pillar. The stone bears the only existing record of the famous Lewis and Clark expedition through the Northwest nearly 160 years ago.

Among those present at the dedication ceremonies will be members of the 11-state, 28-member Lewis and Clark Trail Commission. The Commission is seeking to restore and mark the original trail in cooperation with local and federal organizations. Marking of the trail has recently been endorsed by President Johnson's Recreation Advisory Council.

Last year, Pompey's Pillar was registered as a National Historic Monument under the Department of Interior, and is operated under supervision of the National Park Service.

Passengers aboard NP's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited view the site as Northern Pacific's main line runs nearby the monument outside Billings, Mont. The Railway's stewardess-nurses point out and describe the site's history over the public address system.

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there houses a museum containing many artifacts and relics of the battle. The site is open to the public the entire year.

Adding to the Custer legend is the re-enactment of Custer's Last Stand, staged annually near Crow Agency. Sponsored locally under cooperation with the Crow Tribal Council, two shows per day will be held June 24-26, 1966, dates of the Custer battle. For ticket reservations, write "Custer's Last Stand," P.O. Box 301, Hardin, Montana.

NP mainline service runs to Billings, 65 miles northwest of the Custer battlefield.



INTERNATIONAL 'SUES' are Dorothy L. Macarthur, left, and Gail M. Holmes, newest stewardess-nurses aboard NP's **Vista-Dome North Coast Limited**. From North Surrey, British Columbia, Miss Macarthur received her R.N. degree at Vancouver General Hospital in 1964. Before being an NP stewardess-nurse, she served at Virginia Mason Hospital in Seattle, Wash. Miss Holmes, a native of Butte, Mont., graduated in 1964 from St. Patrick's School of Nursing at Missoula. She worked there at the hospital prior to joining Northern Pacific's stewardess-nurse corps.

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ter events will play a major role in the cast of Seafair attractions. Units of the Canadian fleet will be on hand August 3, followed the next day by a parade in Elliott Bay of a U.S. Navy armada.

A full schedule of events is planned for Lake Washington, leading off on July 29-31 with the national championships for limited hydroplanes. The Thunderbird Sail Boat Regatta will take over the lake scene Aug. 2-6 with the big unlimited hydros moving in on August 4, to begin their test runs for Sunday's finale.

While the majority of Seafair events are for all members of the family, several provide special attention for the younger fry. A children's parade is scheduled for August 1; the Kids' Seafair Salmon Fishing Derby for August 6, and a special Kid's Seafair Day is planned for Aug. 4 at Seattle Center.

Other outstanding events on tap for the gala week include the ever-popular Japanese Festival — Bon Odori — featuring native floral arrangements and foods, July 30-31; the Seafair Square Dance at Seattle Center Arena, July 30; the 15th annual Scandinavian Music Festival, July 31; the colorful Chinese Community Night parade, Aug. 4, and the Coronation Grande Ball featuring crowning of the Seafair Queen, Aug. 2.

Zip Codes Needed for North Coaster Mailing List

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