



NEW SAINT PAUL HILTON, framed by trees on Kellogg Blvd. in downtown St. Paul, opened in August. The 24-story, 500 room hotel features a scenic elevator, outdoor swimming pool, and five restaurants among its many outstanding convention facilities.

New Hilton, Twin Cities' Tallest Hotel, Opens in St. Paul Loop

The long-awaited St. Paul Hilton, Twin Cities' newest and tallest hotel, was formally dedicated in September, officially opening the \$13.3 million, 24-story Indiana limestone and glass structure located in downtown St. Paul.

Overlooking the mighty Mississippi, the sparkling new Hilton offers a thrilling panoramic view of the meandering river valley and surrounding city scenes.

With completion of the 500-room hotel, the number of downtown St. Paul hotel rooms have been increased by nearly one-third.

The facilities for conventions, meetings, banquets and exhibits at the new hotel are all conveniently located on one floor, on the ballroom level, just below the lobby. The

rooms, which can seat up to 2,000, are air-conditioned, have public address systems, projectors, spotlights and other audio-visual equipment.

The large Minnesota Ballroom which seats 1,500 can be divided into East and West rooms when necessary. The Capitol Ballroom and Wabasha Exhibition Hall are smaller. In addition, nine private dining rooms accommodate up to 100 persons each for meetings.

Five new, distinctive dining areas are now available for public enjoyment at the new hotel. They are the internationally famous Don the Beachcomber's specializing in Polynesian and Cantonese delicacies; the Trapper's Bar designed for masculine moods; the Three Crowns Restaurant

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Fruit Cake, Holly Again Planned for Holiday Season

Famous NP fruit cakes and holly corsages will be served on Northern Pacific trains during the Christmas season with fruit cakes available for public sale from October to January 1.

NP has served fruit cake portions to its train patrons at Christmas time, a tradition dating back over 50 years.

The delicious cakes may be purchased in colorful Yuletide tins from the St. Paul commissary where they are baked from an original recipe adopted in 1873.

Orders are taken by W. F. Paar, dining car superintendent, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, Minn. 55101. Fruit cake prices remain at \$3.90 for the three-pound tins and \$6.50 each for the five-pounders, parcel post prepaid. For shipments outside the continental limits of the United States, please add \$1.75.

Gifts of holly corsages will be made to women passengers during the two weeks prior to Christmas on both the *Vista-Dome* North Coast Limited and the Mainstreeter trains. This marks the 21st year that the NP has offered holly corsages which, incidentally, come from St. Nicholas Holly Grove, along the route of the Railway near Bremerton, Wash.

Deadline Draws Near for North Coaster Zip Codes

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Commission Confirms Lewis & Clark Trail

Designation of the new Lewis and Clark Trail from the Mississippi to the mouth of the Columbia River was confirmed by members of the Trail commission at recent meetings at Billings, Mont., Commission Chairman Sherry R. Fisher of Des Moines has announced.

The commission approved action taken by 10 states which designated the highway routes within their borders generally following the route of the two explorers whose expedition in 1804-6 opened up the region from St. Louis to the Pacific Northwest Coast.

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with its Scandinavian atmosphere; the Hilton Coffee Bar; and the elegantly decorated Carousel Lounge which makes a complete revolution every hour at the "Top of the Hilton."

The Carousel Lounge is reached by an elevator with an exterior glass wall. Riding from the lobby to the 24th floor lounge, guests see a breathtaking view of the Mississippi Valley, while spectacular views of the city below and the State Capitol are seen from the Carousel Lounge's glass enclosure.

Among other features, the "lanai" type guest rooms overlook a heated outdoor swimming pool; all rooms have outside views; a unique "Lady Hilton" service for women travelers with small children is offered; and there is drive-in registration and free indoor parking for 300 cars.

Four days of dedication ceremonies and activities opened the St. Paul

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NEWLY ELECTED executive officers for the Northern Pacific are Robert S. Macfarlane, left, who was elected to the post of Chairman of the Board, and Louis W. Menk, new President of the Railway. Both changes were effective October 1.

NP Names Macfarlane Chairman, Menk as New President, October 1

The Northern Pacific Railway began operations October 1 under the leadership of a new chairman of the board and a new president as result of action taken by the Northern Pacific Board of Directors on September 22, 1966.

Robert S. Macfarlane takes over the new post of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive officer, and Louis W. Menk, former head of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Co., succeeds him as President and new Chief Administrative officer.

Macfarlane headed the Northern Pacific for nearly sixteen years as president, a tenure exceeded only by Charles Donnelly who was head of the railroad from 1920 to 1939. There have been 18 presidents since the company was organized in 1864.

Menk, who becomes the 19th president, enters NP service with a distinguished background of progress with the St. Louis-San Francisco and Burlington Railroads. Menk, now 48, was elected president of the Frisco Line in 1962, and became both president and chairman of the board in 1964. He resigned in 1965 to take over the presidency of the CB&Q Railroad Company.

Menk's railroad career began in 1936 as messenger for the Union Pacific while attending Denver Univer-

sity. At this time, he learned telegraphy and in 1940 became a telegrapher for the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway. He's been going at top speed ever since.

Within a year he was dispatcher. Two years later he became assistant trainmaster. In 1947 he became trainmaster and a superintendent in 1950. In 1956 he was appointed general manager; in 1958, vice president. He became president of the company in 1962.

As chairman of the board and chief executive officer, Macfarlane will continue active leadership in the Northern Pacific and its many affiliated enterprises.

During his years of presidency, the Northern Pacific has maintained a continuous record of financial strength.

Macfarlane's tenure is marked by many major accomplishments on behalf of NP in an era of fierce competition among all modes of transportation. Through a well-planned, long-range program of improvements, encompassing every phase of railroading from rolling stock and right-of-way to advanced electronics and computerization, he has kept abreast of, and in many cases ahead of, the industry and other modes of transportation with a resulting increase in NP's share of our nation's huge transportation market.

Schweitzer Names Woman Ski Coach To Succeed Barrier

Schweitzer Basin ski area will have what may be a first in the nation—a woman coach for its junior racing program this season, according to the ski area manager Sam Wormington. Ingrid Simonson of Yakima, Washington, who is attending the University of Utah, has been named to the post succeeding olympian Jim Barrier.

Barrier who was at Schweitzer last season was released in order to take a newly-created position in charge of the junior racing program for the entire Pacific Northwest Ski Association area.

Miss Simonson has been in national competition since 1960 when she first was a member of the junior national team. The following years she successively competed in the junior nationals at Sugarloaf, Maine; in the 1962 nationals at Big Mountain, Whitefish, Mont., and in the 1963 Harriman Cup races.

Unable to race in 1964 because of injuries received the preceding year, she spent the season coaching Yakima skiers. She placed in the top ten while racing for Mammoth Mountain in 1965 and in 1966 again coached at Yakima and was Junior national chaperon and assistant.

Schweitzer Basin is located outside Sandpoint, Idaho, just an overnight train trip from Portland, Tacoma and Seattle via Northern Pacific.



OVERLOOKING TWIN PORTS' famous ship canal and Aerial Lift bridge, new Duluth arena-auditorium is situated on the shore of beautiful Lake Superior. Now in operation, the \$6.1 million complex offers finest in convention and entertainment facilities in Northland area.

New Arena-Auditorium Gives Duluth Area Modern Convention Facilities

A \$6.1 million arena-auditorium which puts Northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan into the convention and entertainment mainstream was dedicated in August on the shore of beautiful Lake Superior at Duluth, Minn.

Featuring the finest in entertainment and convention facilities, the complex consists of an arena and auditorium linked by an exhibition

hall situated on a 26-acre site on the Duluth-Superior waterfront. The multi-purpose, contemporary designed structure covers nearly three football fields in length and represents the largest single non-industrial construction project in the history of the upper Tri-State region.

The auditorium will seat 2,500 persons, is equipped with stereophonic sound, a full stage and complete facilities for theatrical productions. The oval-shaped arena is a versatile building designed for quick conversion to handle sporting events, stage shows, conventions and meetings all on successive days. It seats 6,000 to 8,000, depending on the type of attraction, and has seven meeting rooms with space for groups from 50 to 300 persons.

The exhibit hall offers full utility service for exhibit booths; kitchen facilities for complete food service, and has 50,000 sq. ft. of floor space with use of the arena area.

Within view of the Twin Ports' famous ship canal and Aerial Lift bridge, the arena-auditorium site has paved parking space for 2,000 cars.

Advanced bookings for the facility's first year of operation already total over 100,000 delegate days, says Joseph C. Sturcker, general manager.

Among the dignitaries participating in the recent 11-day dedication program was Vice-President Humphrey.



NEWEST 'SUES' on NP's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited: Julie Waterstreet, left, of Sacramento, Cal., graduated as registered-nurse from Sacramento City College School of Nursing in 1963. Before joining Northern Pacific's stewardess-nurse service, she was a staff member at the Village hospital at Sun Valley, Idaho. A native of Meridian, Idaho, Carol Fendrick, right, received her R.N. degree in 1965 at St. Alphonsus Hospital School of Nursing at Boise. She joined the hospital staff after graduation then became a staff nurse at the Sun Valley Village Hospital before signing with the NP Railway.



LOOKING UP BIG SKY Mountain from the foot of Missoula Snow Bowl is the central A-frame chalet which contains ski shop, ski school headquarters, lunch facilities, ticket sales and plenty of room to stretch and relax. From here, skiers take a Riblet double chairlift up to High Park for gentler slopes, or continue to the summit for exciting runs over a 2,600-foot vertical drop to the bottom.

Snow Bowl Site Of 1967 National Alpine Ski Races

Selection of Missoula Snow Bowl as site of the U. S. Ski Association's 1967 National Alpine Championship Races highlights the growth of skiing along the Northern Pacific Railway.

The major racing event is set for March of 1967 and the tempo of preparation for the coming ski season at Missoula Snow Bowl has increased in anticipation of the races and the attraction they have for skiers, spectators, sports writers, television, photographers and hundreds of others across the nation.

The National Alpine Championship Races single out the top men and women skiers in the slalom, giant slalom and downhill racing. The races also present the last competition in selection of the Olympic team which will represent the U. S. in these events in 1968.

Missoula Snow Bowl has more than eight miles of ski runs and a vertical drop of 2,600 feet from the summit of Big Sky Mountain.

Top snow conditions prevalent at Missoula Snow Bowl from the beginning of the season to late spring combine with the milder temperatures west of the divide to offer even greater satisfaction to skiers.

The great variety of runs at the Snow Bowl offers challenges to the experts who will compete in the races and more gentle slopes for the novice and beginner.

The summer and early autumn weeks have been spent grooming slopes, widening trails and installing new equipment and facilities to add to the enjoyment of the larger number of skiers expected because of the National Alpine Championships.

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Hilton to climax the goal of local businessmen who financially backed the enterprise with the Hilton organization. In addition to the many local civic leaders and businessmen on hand for the grand opening was Conrad Hilton, chairman of the board

of the Hilton Hotel Corporation.

Ground breaking took place in February, 1964, to start the first large hotel built in St. Paul in 38 years. The new Saint Paul Hilton is the 60th in the world-wide "network" of Hilton hotels.



4-H'ers TRAVEL NP—Extra cars were put on Northern Pacific's Mainstreeter for the 370-mile run from Glendive to Bozeman, Mont., to bring 4-H delegations from eastern Montana counties to the recent State 4-H Club Congress held at Montana State University. Pictured is Cliff Rylander, center, of the MSU extension service, welcoming Jack Jeakins, county extension agent from Powder River county, and a group of 4-H'ers at the Bozeman depot. About 700 youth and adult leaders attended the week-long event, with about a third of the group traveling on Northern Pacific. (MSU extension service photo)