



**INTERIOR VIEW** of new economy-buffet car now in service between Portland and Seattle. In foreground is colorfully decorated dining area which is fully carpeted and seats 38 persons. New buffet service area is located behind modern designed partition in the background.

## Special Ski Tours Combine Economy and Fun at Four on-line Areas

More skiers each year discover the thrills found at ski areas along the route of the Northern Pacific Railway in the mountain country of Montana and Idaho. With 1966-67 promising great skiing, Northern Pacific is again offering a variety of special ski packages.

Four prime ski areas in Idaho and Montana are served by the Northern Pacific. Bridger Bowl, just outside Bozeman, Mont., inaugurated its first NP ski package last year. Red Lodge is at Red Lodge, Mont., near the northeast entrance to Yellowstone Park. Missoula Snow Bowl, Missoula, Mont., will host the 1967 U.S. National Alpine Championships in March. And in northern Idaho, there's Schweitzer Ski Basin near Sandpoint, overlooking beautiful Lake Pend Oreille.

At each of the areas Northern Pacific has worked out details on meals, lodging, lift fees and transportation

to and from mountain slopes. The results are special ski packages which combine with low rail fares and the fun of train travel to offer skiers the best possible combinations for winter fun.

Red Lodge, now in its eighth year of operation, is high in the Beartooth Rockies which loom some 9,416 feet above sea level. More than 10 miles of ski runs sprawl across timbered and open slopes.

Lifts at Red Lodge include double chairlifts, erected in tandem, which cover some 7,300 feet as they carry skiers over a full 2,030 feet in vertical rise to the mountain summit.

Missoula Snow Bowl is just west of the Continental Divide on Big Sky Mountain and gets its name from the natural bowl in which it is located. It's just a few miles from Missoula, Mont.

Vertical drop at Missoula Snow

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## Self-Service Diner In Operation Between Portland and Seattle

A specially designed economy buffet dining car was placed in service November 3 by the Northern Pacific Railway on its trains between Portland and Seattle.

Serving of meals in buffet style is a new concept in passenger service for the NP and replaces the customary offering of more elaborate meals served by waiters.

M. L. Thomson, western passenger traffic manager at Seattle, and A. T. Mercer, general agent passenger dept., Portland, both said the new service is being offered to answer increasing demands by rail passengers for lighter, more economical meals, particularly on these trains, where the full trip is now less than four hours.

"Superb dining car service has always been a tradition with the Northern Pacific," said W. F. Paar, superintendent of the dining car department, "and we want to continue this tradition with the new service and still meet the needs of our passengers."

Paar said the economy buffet service will offer passengers a choice of well prepared hot meals, juices, salads, desserts, assorted sandwiches and beverages at very reasonable prices.

"Our aim is to provide low priced

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## ASTA Elects New Officers At Seattle Travel Congress

Gordon R. Girvan of Girvan Travel Service, Toronto, was elected president of the American Society of Travel Agents during recent World Travel Congress in Seattle. Other ASTA officers for 1967 and 1968 are Charles B. West, Westours Inc., Seattle, vice-president; Arnold C. Rigby, Arnold Tours of Boston, Mass., secretary; Charles Everett, Lakewood Travel Bureau, Ohio, as treasurer.



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## Fruit Cake Orders End After New Year

Orders for Northern Pacific's famous holiday fruit cakes will be accepted to January 1, W. F. Paar, Northern Pacific dining car superintendent, has announced.

Traditionally served to dining patrons aboard NP trains during the Christmas season, the delicious cakes have been on public sale since October. Made from a famous prize-winning recipe dating back to 1873, the cakes are baked and packaged in colorful yuletide tins at the St. Paul Commissary.

Prices are \$3.90 for the three-pound cakes and \$6.50 for the five-pounders, shipped parcel post prepaid. Address all orders to W. F. Paar, Dining Car Superintendent, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, Minn. 55101. Add \$1.75 for shipment outside the continental limits of the United States.

## North Coaster Zip Code Deadline January 1

A final reminder to North Coaster addressees who haven't sent us their zip codes yet. After January 1, 1967, your address must be zip coded if delivered by U.S. Mail. Without your code, this publication will not be delivered to your address.

If you haven't sent in this information, please do so now! Just clip address off the North Coaster envelope, and send it with any changes and your zip code to: North Coaster, 914 Northern Pacific Rwy. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn. 55101.

This reminder applies only to those persons who receive the North Coaster under U.S. Postage paid permit on their envelopes.



**PRINCESS** Patricia Haggerty, seated, smiles happily after being crowned 1967 Northern Pacific princess at November ceremony in St. Paul general office. Standing from left are Ellen Peham, 1966 princess; Daniel F. Dolan, 1967 Winter Carnival prime minister, and Jeanne Williams, 1966 Queen of the Snows. Miss Haggerty, 19-year-old stenographer in St. Paul's freight revenue accounting department, will represent the Railway during the St. Paul Winter Carnival, January 27-February 5.

## 500-Mile Snowmobile Race to Kick Off 1967 Winter Carnival

Ten days of fun and frivolity focus on St. Paul during 1967 Winter Carnival time — January 27 through February 5 — as winter weather and community conviviality combine for this nationally famous festival annually held in Minnesota's capitol city.

The 1967 Winter Carnival theme—"Sno-A-GO-Go" — aptly expresses the modern and progressive atmosphere of carnival and the city of St. Paul. Currently in the midst of expansion and growth, St. Paul reflects the area's early French influence in the theme's French phrase, "a-go-go".

Royal pageantry, parades and sports events are all-important Carnival features. A combined coronation of King Boreas XXXI, ruler of ice and snow around whom the Carnival revolves, and his Queen of Snows, will be held the first Friday of the carnival in a magnificent display of pomp and splendor in the St. Paul Auditorium. Monarchs for the young set, the junior King and Queen, are chosen during

the middle of the Carnival.

Four days before the spectacle begins, an International Snowmobile Race pitting driving skill and snowmobile against "Old Man Winter" and snow-packed roads, jumps off at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on a 500-mile journey for championship honors to those drivers arriving first in St. Paul.

The Grande parade, Saturday January 28, will proceed through the streets of downtown St. Paul through the Auditorium building for the benefit of thousands of spectators. The beautiful Torchlight Parade will be presented Wednesday evening, February 1.

Sports highlights will include the National Outdoor Speed Skating championships held at Lake Como, and the National Ski Jumping championships staged at Battle Creek ski slide. A hot air balloon race; the World's Largest Ice Fishing contest, and Children's Mutt races will be presented on frozen White Bear Lake.

## British Writer Lauds NP 'Special' to ASTA Convention

Some 2,050 delegates from 96 countries made their way to Seattle in early October for the 36th World Convention of the American Society of Travel Agents held for the first time in the Pacific North West.

The convention began on Sept. 30 for many delegates who boarded Northern Pacific's Vista-Dome North Coast Limited at Chicago's Union Station bound for the World Travel Congress. This train, with extra Pullmans and no less than five vista-domes and a bar lounge, was designated this year's 'ASTA Special'.

Aboard the 16-car train were members of various chapters of ASTA including Rail Travel Promotion Agency's chairman Earl Padrick and general manager Larry Rubin from Chicago; John Hemphill, newly elected president of the mid-America chapter, and Len Holmstrom, assistant passenger manager of Northern Pacific, who aided the group as host as the streamliner sped on its way to Seattle. In addition, Joel Abels, editor of Travel Trade magazine and Ken Westcott Jones, travel writer for East Anglian Daily Times, Ipswich, England, accompanied the group.

Writing in his "Travel Topics" column on return to England, K. Westcott Jones, made the following comments.

"It is perhaps the finest long distance train journey in the world, with luxury equipment, five vista domes, dining cars in which the steaks can be cut easily with a fork and omelettes never made with less than three eggs. All the time, remarkable scenery is going past, culminating in a crossing of the Rocky Mountains at Homestake Pass and the Cascades at Stampede Pass.

"The sixteen cars hauled by three diesels included Slumbercoaches, Pullmans, diners, a Western-type ranch restaurant car named after Lewis and Clark who pioneered the route to the Pacific North West in 1806, and several luxury sleepers with single cabins and drawing room type accommodations.

"In all we had five upper deck vista-domes to lounge in and see the scenery, plus a bar observation car at the end of the train. Thanks to hundreds of miles of long welded rail

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**ONE REASON** for the spectacular growth in popularity of Schweitzer Basin Ski area during its three years of operation is the variety of open slopes available to skiers of all degrees of ability. The resort offers everything from wide open runs that challenge experts and Olympians to acres of gentle slopes that help the beginner and intermediate gain confidence. Areas for the latter are served by two rope tows (such as the one pictured) and two T-Bars, one 1400 and the other 3100 feet long. Schweitzer Basin is only 11 miles from Sandpoint, Idaho, popular year-around resort city on Lake Pend Oreille.

## NP Ski Packages

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Bowl is 2,600 feet and skiers are offered double chairlift, Pomalift, T-Bar and rope tow lift facilities.

Bridger Bowl is nestled high in the Bridger range of the Rocky Mountains near Bozeman, Mont.

Lift facilities at Bridger Bowl include a double chairlift, double T-Bar lift and platter pull. Vertical drop is more than 1,700 feet.

Schweitzer Basin is in picturesque northern Idaho in a huge natural bowl in the Selkirk mountain range. It's near Sandpoint, Idaho, and overlooks Lake Pend Oreille.

Skiers at Schweitzer are offered services of a mile-long double chairlift, two T-Bars and rope tows. Vertical drop is more than 1,650 feet.

Skiing begins at each of the areas in mid-November and continues into the spring of the year—one area even boasts a summertime ski school at a camp in the upper reaches of its mountain slopes.

Each area has a ski school with top ranked instructors, miles and miles of ski runs for everyone from beginner to expert, rental equipment, and excellent chalets and lodges complete with cafeterias and other facilities in which to eat and relax.

Ski packages arranged by the Northern Pacific include up to 8 days or more in total, with 5 or 6 days of skiing in the average-length ski tour. Low rates are set up on complete cost or can be adjusted depending on time available to be spent at a specific area.

Northern Pacific passenger agents have found increasing interest in train travel on the part of skiers. F. G. Scott, head of the passenger traffic department, says that arrival at ski areas well rested adds a new dimension to skiers' enjoyment of their days on the slopes and the idea of being completely free to rest up and reminisce about skiing thrills on the way back is also appealing.

Complete details on the ski packages and copies of the free folder, "Northern Pacific Ski Country," may be obtained by writing to F. G. Scott, passenger traffic manager, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, Minn. 55101.

The folder and flyers present features unique to each of the areas and serve as a basis for decision on which area and which special ski package are best suited to individual tastes or needs.

## Mammoth Inn Opens Year-round Service, Snow Trips Resume

Northern Pacific Railway is the only rail carrier offering service to Yellowstone National Park on a year-round basis. And this winter, Yellowstone Park Company will offer year-round services at Mammoth Motor Inn in the Park. These services will include lodging and food facilities, bus tours to the terraces and Cooke City, Montana, and snowmobile rides.

The National Park Service maintains the scenic Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming, to the Northeast Entrance and Cooke City, Montana, park road throughout the winter. By keeping the Cooke City road and the roads at Mammoth and the Mammoth Terraces open, the winter visitor to Yellowstone is afforded an opportunity to see not only Yellowstone Park with its snow cover which is a delight to many photographers, but an excellent chance to see much of the Park wildlife. Although the well-known bears have retired to hibernation, elk, bison, deer, antelope and Rocky Mountain sheep can be seen.

Also, snowmobile trips from West Yellowstone, Montana, to Old Faithful Inn will be resumed this year, starting approximately December 15 and lasting until early March. The over-the-snow vehicles will load passengers from this small alpine village at the Park's west entrance.

The 30-mile route is along the Madison and Firehole Rivers, past colorful spouting geyser basins to Old Faithful Geyser. The sightseers will return to West Yellowstone the same day, where overnight accommodations are plentiful.

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the ride was so smooth it was hard to imagine one was travelling west at 80 miles an hour.

"Even at this speed, maintained over long stretches, the journey took from mid-day on Friday to nine o'clock on Sunday morning, more than 2,300 miles of America being covered at 'scenic level.'

"Numerous business people as well as pleasure travellers were aboard, for this is now the prestige way of crossing the States, and at weekends the two days take up no working time, yet allow relaxation and unwinding."



**YELLOWSTONE PARK** Company bus waits at Mammoth Motor Inn, Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming, ready for winter tour of Hot Springs area, part of new yearly services announced by the company. Among interested persons attending the opening of the expanded operations are James R. Graff, of Sage Advertising, Inc., Helena, Mont., and Ronald Beaumont, Yellowstone Park Co. general traffic manager, third and fourth from the left, respectively.

## Economy-Buffer Car

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basic meals which are both practical and nourishing, not to exceed one dollar," he said.

The buffet car retains the luxury of the full service diners. It has full carpeting, windows at each table, colorful interior decor, and will seat 38 persons.

The car has a full kitchen with most of the standard equipment on full

service dining cars. A special buffet service area has been added between the kitchen and the dining area. Colorful, easy-to-clean tables are an attractive new feature.

Use of disposable eating items, streamlining of the self-service buffet area, and faster service for more people have added to the economy which makes the new service possible.



**FROM EAST-WEST** come newest stewardess-nurses assigned to North Coast Limited Service. **Linda McAllister**, left, from Greenville, S. C., graduated from Greenville Hospital School of Nursing in 1963. Prior to joining the Railway as a stewardess-nurse, she worked at the Greenville General Hospital. A native of Lacey, Washington, **Betty Mullen**, right, completed nurse's training at Montana State University at Bozeman in 1965. She was a staff member at Maynard Hospital in Seattle before signing with the NP.