

15 until Thanksgiving, courtesy Wilson Chamber of Commerce.

Wilson is 150 miles south of Richmond on U. S. 301, the "Tobacco Trail" which bisects eastern North Carolina in a north-south direction; maps of the route are available from John G. Thomas, Sec., Tobacco Trail Assn., Box 979, Wilson.

Acadian Handicraft

A merchandising center for Acadian handicraft work will be established in an Acadian-colonial type house to be built at St. Martinville, La. About 30 retail outlets are already handling the traditional rug and blanket weavings and palmetto articles.

Alaska Helicopter Service

Alaska Airlines is planning to add helicopter charter flights to its regular scheduled territorial service.

CARRIERS

President Lines Schedule Revision

American President Lines trans-Pacific and 'round-the-world luxury liners are on a new schedule giving cruise passengers more time in call ports. Fares remain same. Extra shore time has been made by reducing turn-around time at terminal ports.

R. R. Fare Increase

Latest petition for passenger fare increase on Eastern railroads last month if granted will make coach fares 3.375 cents, sleeping and parlor cars 4.5 cents a mile, bringing total increase in seven years to 50 percent over prewar.

R. R. Station Banks

Commuters' branch banks have been opened in some of the New Haven Railroad stations for the convenience of residents in Westchester and Connecticut.

Jamaica Package Tours

Eastern Air Lines and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines have joined in offering all-expense package tours to Jamaica at reduced fares with 30-day return trip privileges.

Resort Airlines

CAB has granted a 5-year certificate to Resort Airlines for all-expense tours between the U. S. and Mexico, the Caribbean area, South America and Canada.

Family Fares

American Airlines has flown 36,000 families in 8 months and United Air Lines 24,000 families in 6 months of the reduced-rate family fare plan. Families averaged a little over two persons. Six-

teen air lines have the family fare system through which husbands or wives can take spouse and children at half fare. A survey indicates 64 percent of such families otherwise would have used other transportation.

Military Air Travel

Increased air travel by military personnel on travel orders is expected to add \$6 million to \$8 million per year to airlines income. The increase is attributed to the new 10 percent military travel discount for travel by air, authorized for fiscal 1950.

FOREIGN

Australian Vaccination Dropped

The Australian Government has decided against compulsory vaccination for Australians leaving the country for overseas, pending revision of existing international conventions.

Millions for South African Hotels

To promote tourism in South Africa the Government has earmarked £3 million for new hotel permits, Minister of Transport Sauer has announced. According to South African Reports issued by the Union of South African Government Information Office in New York City this would mean that South Africa can "now begin to compete against other countries in the active drive for the tourist trade," and more publicity would be undertaken abroad and in neighboring territories.

BOOKS

Received

Joyce and Josef Muench have done it again in words and sparkling pictures. June 14 marked publication of their latest collaboration "Along Yellowstone and Grand Teton Trails" (Hastings House, 41 E. 50th St., New York City 22; \$2.75, 101 pages with small maps on end pages). The Muench "Trail" series thus gains a third companion piece.

Sentinel Books, 112 E. 19th St., New York City 3, offers a series of inexpensive bristol-bound books at 60 cents each. The titles cover a good range of subjects. Ben Solomon's "Hiker's Guide" contains practical information on what to wear and eat, and map sources. "How to 'Take' Fresh Water Fish" by Maurice H. Decker covers the facts of fishing thoroughly from preparation of tackle to cooking the catch. "Fishing in Pacific Waters" by J. Charles Davis II is by a salt water fisherman of wide practical and editorial experience. "How To Sail" by Samuel Carter III goes into boat handling, sailing, racing, sea laws and navigation, and gives some at-

tention to the vital facts of knots and splices. Porter Varney's "Motor Camping" should find an eager audience among the millions who take to the hills each year. Every conceivable problem is dealt with. Margot Mayo's "The American Square Dance" deals with a form of native culture which is snow-balling into a formidable vogue. Calls and music with descriptions of figures for folk and country dances are lucidly set forth.

Noted

Lucius Beebe and Charles Clegg are at it again. Naturally, the subject is transportation. Their "U. S. West, The Saga of Wells Fargo" is promised for September 30 by E. P. Dutton & Co., 300 4th Ave., New York City 10. (Price \$7.50.)

AT RANDOM

Hotel Revenue Up but Profit Off

American hotels showed a 1948 operating profit \$3½ million less than 1947 despite a \$10 million increase in revenue, according to Hotel and Restaurant News. The figures were based on a study by Harris, Kerr, Foster & Co. of 370 hotels in over 100 U. S. cities; rooms available in the hotels numbered 145,700; total income was over \$540 million. Increased expenditures, chiefly payroll, were blamed for the lower profits.

Smoking in Bed

Charles L. Rader, manager of Hotel Humes and Rader Hall, Mercer, Pa., has posted the following notice in guest rooms:

SMOKING IN BED

1. Call the office and notify the management where you wish your remains sent, as it is a matter of record that a very high percentage of hotel fires are caused by this careless practice.

2. Notify guests in adjoining rooms of your intention of endangering their lives, so that they may take necessary precautions to protect themselves.

3. Go to the corridor and locate the nearest fire escape, so that if you are fortunate enough to escape your room, you may reach safety.

4. Now sit down and think how foolish it is for you to take this risk—you may enjoy your smoke while thinking it over.

Business is good but we do not have guests to burn, so please help us to protect you. Yours for Safety and Comfort.

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