



One of the dozens of boats expected to participate in 1949's Tennessee Valley Ho 600-mile invitation cruise starting June 14 from Paducah, Ky., and proceeding by easy stages through the Tennessee River's "great lakes of the South" to the head of navigation at Knoxville, with barbecues and fish fries on the way and a land tour into the Great Smoky Mountains, under direction of Bart Leiper, Tennessee Valley Outdoors, Inc., 819 Broad Street, Chattanooga 2, Tenn.

after redecoration and adding contemporary furniture, hours 10 to 5 summer week-days and 1 to 5 Sundays.

Baedecker Again?

A license to publish new editions has been granted to Karl Baedecker, great grandson of the Leipzig Guide publisher, who has moved from the Russian to the British zone with intention of opening an office in Hamburg, the Associated Press reports, as also the National Geographic News Bulletin.

Phoenix Visitor Housing Bureau

A visitor service bureau for vacation accommodations in charge of Jack Egan has been set up in Phoenix by the Chamber of Commerce, to handle mail requests as well as office visits.

Panagra Office in Guayaquil

A new ticket office in Guayaquil, Ecuador, to handle increased traffic resulting from addition of El Inter-americano 9-hour express flights to that country is announced by Pan American-Grace Airways, Inc.

Crystal Cave

A survey of Crystal Cave, Va., to permit further exploration of the lower level and opening of some new rooms.

FOR THE RECORD

State Recreation Ranking

States offering the "most in recreation," according to 30 authorities consulted by Fact Finders Associates, Inc., were scored as follows: California, 21 points; New York, 18; Florida, 17; Colorado and Maine, 14; Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Washington, 11; Minnesota, 9; Virginia and Wisconsin, 8; Arizona, 7; North

Carolina and Oregon, 6; Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and New Mexico, 5; Utah and Vermont, 4; Louisiana, Tennessee, and Wyoming, 3; Missouri, Montana, New England (*sic*), and Texas, 2; District of Columbia, Idaho, Illinois, and Ohio, 1.

Safety Award

The aviation award of the Inter-American Safety Council has gone to Pan American-Grace Airways (Panagra) for the fifth year; during the five years nearly 31 million miles have been flown without accident to passengers.

National Parks

Available upon request is a recent (as of June 30, 1948) revision of Areas Administered by the National Park Service—65 pages of information on the national park system including a complete listing of parks, memorials, monuments, and other areas.

Award to Thomas

For influencing the United States pleasure travel business out of its short-season tradition and persuading the public to spread out its vacations, the 1948 award for Leadership in Marketing has been presented to Don Thomas of the All-Year Club of Southern California by the American Marketing Assoc.

Geography, Travel Books

Under the above international classification 214 books were printed last year, of which 167 were new books and 47 new editions, an increase of 18 over 1947's total, according to Publishers' Weekly's summary of American book production in 1948. Total new books and editions in 1948 was 9,897 compared with 9,182 in 1947.

Portland (Oreg.) Information Center

Questionnaires to tourists who visited the Portland Chamber of Commerce Information Center show 94 percent liked it, 51 percent lengthening their stay in Oregon an average of 3.3 days, spending an average of \$6.21 a day.

The latest in bus luxury: A streamlined Trailways "deck-and-a-half" with an observation deck accommodating 21.



CARRIERS

Congressional Maritime Study

Senator Magnuson of Washington has introduced a resolution (S. Res. 45) in the Senate calling for a broad study of maritime problems by the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, citing the merchant marine's importance to national security. Shortly after the Senate introduction the general counsel of the House Merchant Marine Committee indicated that a similar resolution might be introduced in the House, and that joint Senate-House hearings might be held.

Couples Together

United Air Lines has announced that couples can sit together if they wish by obtaining a card when buying tickets, the card to be presented to the stewardess who has blocked off a number of seats on all 4-engined airliners for such requests.

Can-dO Special

Already booked for appearance in Philadelphia and Scranton, Pa., and Jamestown, N. Y. is the Chesapeake and Ohio's Can-dO special—an actual-reproduction exhibit of an engineer's cab with operating throttle, bell, whistle, other locomotive noises, vibrational illusion of movement, and a movie of oncoming scenery. The Can-dO special went into service at the New York Grand Central Palace Christmas 1947 and has been on the go ever since, touring Newark, N. J., Toledo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, and Philadelphia twice before arriving at New York again last Christmas at the Museum of Science and Industry where it drew 3,500 to 4,000 would-be engineers every Saturday and Sunday.

Air Coach Service Extended

Pan American Airways' air coach service between New York and Puerto Rico was extended down the east coast of South America to Buenos Aires last month, with fare reductions of 20 percent between those two cities. Hot coffee and fruit juices plus rolls in the morning and box lunches