

with coffee and soup at other meals go along with coach seats on the DC-4's.

Nearly 7,000 Personal Planes

Personal aircraft shipments last year totaled 6,969 valued at about \$28 million, reports American Aviation Daily. Four-place planes numbered 3,565 and two-place 3,404.

MOTORING

More Mileage, Less Money

A high volume of motor traffic but proportionately smaller increase in motorist spending is indicated by a Nationwide survey of AAA clubs on 1949 prospects, according to the AAA News Service. Shorter trips and a growing demand for all-expense tours and cruises are predicted. On spending, the News Service reports "more shopping around and lower per unit expenditures, although the over-all dollar output is not likely to go below 1948."

Connecticut Funds

The Connecticut Highway Users Conference is studying a preliminary report by the Committee on Highway Planning and Finance that \$153 million, almost double comparable pre-war funds, is available for 1949-52 . . . and will also seek to amend the State constitution to use all special highway user taxes for highway purposes only.

Average Travel

An average of about 5,000 miles for every person in the United States was rolled up last year, according to Automobile Facts published by the Automobile Manufacturers Association. Actually the average car is said to cover about 10,000 miles yearly, the driver spending about 500 hours or 1½ hours daily behind the wheel.

Mail to Alaska

Mail is going to Alaska by Diesel trucks and trailers designed to haul 11 tons a week over the 5½-day 3,200-mile route, saving 2 days over boat service from Seattle, reports Automobile Facts. Regular truck freight service from Seattle to Fairbanks also is offered, one line now operating 20 trucks year around.

Big Travel Year

American Automobile Association vice president Russell E. Singer predicts continued upward trend in travel this year, according to AAA club manager opinion. Responses to questionnaires were almost unanimous in the belief that the current year would be greater than or at least equal to last year's travel.

Auto Tax Collections

Federal automotive tax collections continue upward, the National Highway Users Conference reports. December 1948 collections totaled about \$134 million or about \$10 million over 1947; gas taxes alone were \$53,869,000 compared with \$49,040,000.

New Atlanta-Macon Road

U. S. 41 association officials are urging a new 4-lane highway between Atlanta and Macon, Ga. upon Governor Talmadge.

FOREIGN

Scandinavia Tourist Material

Keynoted with the phrase "lands of sunlit nights" a thick, well-illustrated folder booklet of the attractions of Norway, Sweden, and Denmark has been issued by these three Scandinavian countries in a joint effort to welcome United States visitors. Copies obtainable from Norwegian Travel Information Office, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, or information offices of the other two countries, also in New York City.

Peru (Lima) Booklets

Unusual, colorful are travel leaflets, folder, and booklets on Lima and other Peruvian points issued by the Corporacion Nacional de Turismo, Av. Nicolas de Pierola, Lima. Several are in English, rest in Spanish.

Norway

Evidence of increasing popularity as a vacation land is offered by News of Norway issued by the Royal Norwegian Information Service which says that 370,000 visitors came to that country in 1948 (70,000 more than in 1947) and spent \$30 million.

Teen-ager Forum in Australia

Teen-agers from the United States are invited to an Australian Youth Forum in July to join others from Britain, South Africa, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia for about six weeks to take part in youth forums in that country's capital cities. The Forum is sponsored by the Australian-American Association.

South Africa

The South African Tourist Corporation, Somerset House, Pretoria, issues a comprehensive 128-page pocket-size booklet entitled South Africa in a Nutshell. And from the Durban Publicity Association,

Church and West Streets, comes an attractive Visitors' Map of Durban and a 64-page slick-papered, heavily illustrated booklet on Industrial Durban.

BOOKS

Noted

Gump's Treasure Trade, Carol Green Wilson—\$5, Crowell Co. A story of San Francisco with eight van Eckhardt photographs in color.

This was America, Oscar Handlin—\$6, Harvard University Press. Records of European travelers of American people and places in the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Living Granite, Robert J., Dean—\$1.75, Viking Press. How the Mt. Rushmore Memorial in South Dakota's Black Hills was conceived by Gutzon Borglum and built, with personal anecdotes.

Sportsman's Encyclopedia, O'Connor-Bergman-Decker-Emmett-Miller-Burton—\$2.98, Outdoor Life. Six authors offer 320 pages of information on hunting, fishing, camping, boats, dogs, and making your own equipment.

Handbook of Day-Camping, Mabel Jobe—\$3, Associated Press. A guide to setting up and operating day-camps for children.

Redwood Country, Alfred Powers—\$3.50, Duell, Sloan, and Pearce.

Virgin Islands, Fritz Henle—\$3.40, Hastings House. With 75 photographs.

The White House, Randle Truett—\$2.75, Hastings House. Text and pictures, exterior and interior, including furniture.

Adventures in Good Eating, Lodging for a Night, and Adventures in Good Cooking by Duncan Hines available in 1949 editions April 1.

Spoken Italian for Travelers and Tourists, Charles E. Kany and Charles Speroni—\$1.75, Little, Brown & Co.

Granger Country: A Pictorial Social History of the Burlington Railroad, Lloyd Lewis and Stanley Pargellis—\$5, Little, Brown.

Calling All Fly-Fishers, Alan D'Egville—\$2, David McKay.

Sport Fishing Boats, S. Kip Farrington, Jr.—\$4, W. W. Norton.

The Cruiser's Manual, Carl D. Lane—\$3.95, W. W. Norton.

The Coral Sea, Alan Villiers—\$4, Whittlesey House. With line drawings by James Fuller, maps by Stephen J. Voorhies.

The Great Outdoors, Joe Godfrey, Jr. and Frank Dufresne—\$6.50, Whittlesey House. The where, when, and how of hunting and fishing with foreword by Corey Ford.

On a Scottish Island, Mabel Grey Gehring—\$2.50, World Publishing. Stories of a traveler from the pages of the Christian Science Monitor.