

In These United States

National Parks Ready For '46 Travel Rush

(By WNU Features)

America is hitting the vacation trail this spring and summer and the crowds in the national parks are expected to be the greatest in their history. Some of the parks are already open, and all of them will be operating at full schedule by June, says Newton B. Drury, director of the National Park Service.

Lodges and hotels which have been closed for three years are being reconditioned. New staffs are being recruited and trained for the summer season.

Few of the sightseeing buses used in the national parks were suitable for war use, so most of the fleets are still intact.

Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon and Glacier national parks will have complete sightseeing services.

It is expected that enough manpower will be available to restore full service in the other parks of the system.

Some reconditioning work may take more than six months.

Staffs may not be as complete and skilled as they were before 1941, but the concessionaires stated their plans are being rushed and they have high hopes of giving good service by June.

More than \$500,000 for reconditioning the cabins, lodges and cafeterias in Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion national parks and at Cedar Breaks national monument is being spent by the Union Pacific railroad, which operates the facilities in these parks.

The renovation program also includes purchase of 22 new 29-passenger buses and a fleet of 9-passenger sedans for charter service.

The prewar five-day all-expense tours through all the parks and

shorter tours in Zion, Bryce and Grand Canyon will be resumed.

Ranger crews maintained by the national park system during the war years for vital conservation work will have their ranks augmented to protect the parks' natural beauties and resources.

They'll also protect the crowds, who often take chances in the unfamiliar wilds.

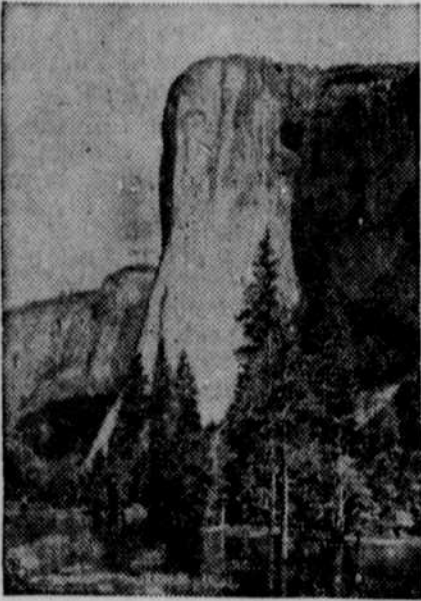
An intensive road-building and road-improvement program is planned by the department of the interior, continuing through 1946 and 1947, to meet the influx of automobile tourists who will follow in the wake of new car production.

While the national parks are always free and open, the usual tourist facilities were suspended during the war. Park attendance dropped from a high of 21,050,426 visitors in 1941 to a new low of 6,908,749 in 1943.

That the 1946 total will surpass the attendance of 1941 is indicated by the rush of late fall and winter visitors which started immediately after V-J Day.

Shenandoah national park, in Virginia's Blue Ridge mountains, was virtually isolated during gas rationing, but on the Sunday following the surrender of Japan four cars a minute were checked in at the park.

Eastern Parks Offer Variety To The Tourist



HALF DOME . . . At Big Oak Flat entrance to Yosemite Valley.

The Shenandoah and Smoky mountains national parks offer an unsurpassed beauty treat to midwesterners whose previous vacations have shown them the wonders of the Rockies.

Great Smoky mountains national park embraces 460,000 acres, of which 200,000 are still covered by primeval forests. The peaks and ridges of the range, rising above 6,000 feet, and almost always veiled in mist, are the starting point of some 600 miles of trout streams.

The north entrance to the park is 30 miles southeast of Knoxville, Tenn., making it easily accessible by all types of transportation. Buses make two round trips from Knoxville through the park daily. There are two camp grounds in the park, and hotel and tourist camp facilities are available in nearby cities and towns and at Knoxville and Asheville.

Blue Ridge national parkway, a 485-mile strip of parkland connecting the Great Smoky mountains and Shenandoah national parks, will eventually have a modern highway running its entire length. U. S. route 11 provides an almost direct connection between the two parks at present.

A more scenic approach to Shenandoah from north of Roanoke, Va., is along the completed portion of the parkway, which connects with Skyline drive running the entire length of the park along the crest of the Blue Ridge.

The Skyline drive is 107 miles long, with parking areas, picnic grounds and a camping area along its length. Visitors may enjoy the magnificent scenery of the Shenandoah valley's fertile farmlands on the west and the rolling hills of the Piedmont plateau on the east.

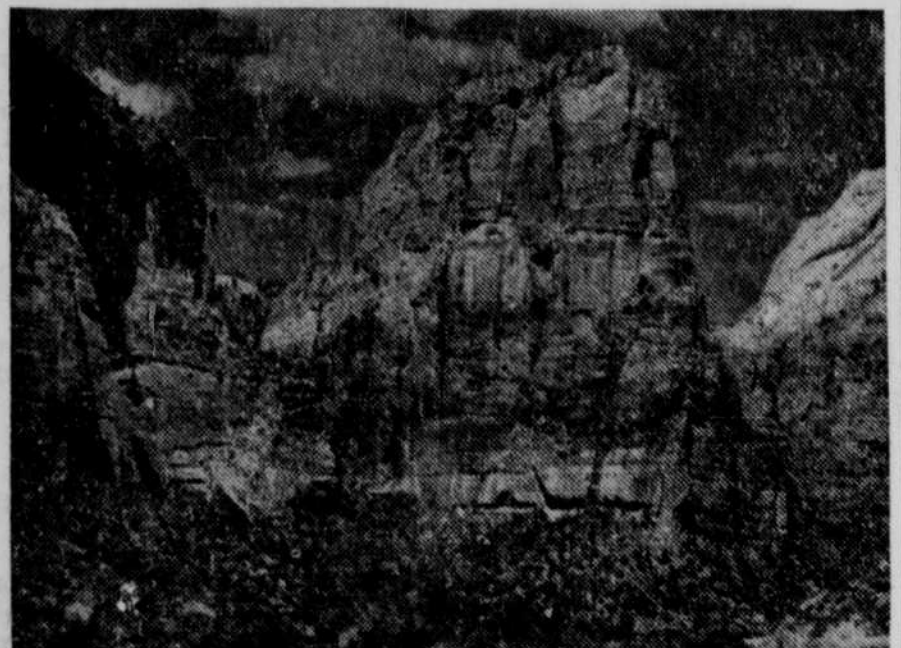
Oregon Caves Are Opened

GRANTS PASS, ORE.—The Oregon caves recreational area near here, which were closed during the war years, will reopen late in May under the national park service.

Harold B. Say has been appointed general manager of the resort. The caverns were discovered in 1874 when Elijah Davidson, an early settler, shot at a bear. The wounded bear disappeared into a hole in the mountainside, and Davidson followed with a pitch torch to find a great underground world.

Before the war, increasing thousands each year were taking the 19-mile drive to the caves up through the timbered Siskiyou mountains from the Redwood highway.

The weird and beautiful underground chambers and the Swiss chalet lodge, in a canyon at the mouth of the caves, are expected to break all attendance records as the travel season opens for 1946.



ANGEL LANDING . . . Zion national park, rises 1,425 feet above the floor of the canyon. There is a foot trail to the top.

Seven Rocky Mountain Parks Are Open

The vacation possibilities offered by Glacier, Grand Teton, Mesa Verde, Yellowstone, Wind cave, Rocky mountain and Bryce Canyon national parks are almost limitless. All of them are in the Rocky mountain-plains area and cover approximately four million acres.

They range from the historic wonders of Mesa Verde, with their story of an ages-old Indian civilization; the geysers and waterfalls of

Yellowstone; the mountain trails and hidden lakes at Glacier; to the thrills of mountain climbing on Grand Teton's snowy peaks.

One of the most interesting of America's prehistoric sites and a major archeological preserve is Mesa Verde national park in southwestern Colorado.

Excavations on the mesa have revealed an amazing story of the pre-historic Indians.



NEVIS HOUSE . . . Seated, Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Murray, Wausau, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Sittselberger, New York; standing, Mrs. Dorothy Walker and her husband, Charles L., San Jose, Calif. While husbands attend Columbia university, the wives enjoy the colonial mansion at Irvington-on-the-Hudson.

VETS ARE LUCKY

Colonial Mansion Used by GI Couples at University

NEW YORK CITY.—Three couples from Midwestern and Western communities who planned to live in New York City while doing graduate study at Columbia university are beating the critical housing shortage by sharing an old colonial mansion on a country estate an hour's drive from the school.

And they readily admit they enjoy their leisurely country living much more than city dwelling "because it's so much like home."

The couples are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Murray of Wausau, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. John McDonough of Seattle, Wash., and Green Bay, Wis., and Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Bremseth of Leeds, N. D.

They and 11 other married veterans and their wives live the part of country squires in Nevis, a 20-room mansion built in 1835 on an oak-studded 75-acre tract which gently slopes down to the Hudson river. The mansion, located at Irvington-on-Hudson, New York, was converted into single room apartments by Columbia university to help solve the student veteran's housing difficulty. The estate was acquired by the university from Mrs. T. Coleman Du Pont in 1935 and had been used as a botanical experiment station before its present tenants moved in.

Mrs. McDonough, the former Marie Mornard, who was brought up on her father's farm near Green Bay, summed up the attitude of the couples from west of the Mississippi.

"Country life is the life I'm used to and although I wanted to live in New York City while my husband was studying, I far prefer Nevis," she said. "Just to feel more at home, I'm raising vegetables on a small plot of land. It helps the shopping problem."

Caught Some Whoppers In Cumberland River

JAMESTOWN, KY.—When John S. Osborne, his wife and his twin brother went fishing near Lock 21 in the Cumberland river recently, they caught 11 fish weighing a total of more than 600 pounds.

They were sturgeons, John said, and it is only once in a blue moon that the condition of the river and the spawning period of these fish coincide so that they may be caught in such quantities. The trio used a single large hook on a drag line, and for the line they used a No. 14 electric light wire. It took four men to land one of these fish — one on top of the lock to throw the hook and snag the fish, one to hold the fisherman to keep the fish from dragging him off, and two down in the water to get the fish into a boat.

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Once a Hobby, Rugs Now His Business

LARGO, FLA.—Several years ago S. M. Rife started making rugs from rags cut and torn by his wife. It was just a hobby which he enjoyed after his hours at the post office. He enjoyed working out new patterns so kept it up.

Today Mr. Rife is in the rug business. Church organizations and individuals began buying his product, and the demand grew steadily. Soon he purchased a loom, bought carpet warp and started in earnest to supply his customers. Recently he bought a house and has turned a shop in the rear into a utility house devoted to his former hobby, which is now a profitable business.

'Possum for Dinner'

PASADENA, CALIF.—Sunday dinner walked into Carson G. Bell's backyard recently when an eight pound opossum came in to sample the grapevines.

Bell rounded up sweet potatoes and called in Van Williams, famed Negro chef, and invited his friends.

The opossum was presumably a descendant of some brought to California in 1900 by Tennesseans who wanted their favorite eating imported.

"Off We Go" AVIATION NOTES

STILL FLYING HIGH
Capt. Warren B. Smith, a member of the Gates flying circus back in the '20s and a veteran Panagra pilot, recently crossed the Andes for the 1,500th time, from Santiago, Chile, to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

HOW TO GET BUSINESS
Harold Briney, implement dealer near Bluff City, Ill., completed a landing strip next to his place of business, just for the convenience of flyers. The first plane to land was flown by Bud Flowers of Canton, who got acquainted with Briney and ordered a couple of trailers for his trucking business. The deal ran into hundreds of dollars.

AIR TRIPS FOR HUNTERS
Guests from the east will be flown to Cleveland to board the United's "hunters' special" plane to the pheasant country in South Dakota. Braniff is to operate weekly round-trip flights to Aberdeen, S. D., from Houston and Dallas. This new service will start in late September.

AIR CHATTER
Billy Heber, age 16, of Franklin, Pa., won a Piper cub in a contest and within a week had logged four hours of instruction. . . Arthur W. Grant, Medina, N. Y., insurance agent, lands his light plane in the back yards of farm homes and then talks business. . . Arthur C. Jackson, St. Petersburg, age 80, is taking flying lessons. . . Frank L. Brandish, age 71, fire chief of Eastport, Me., recently soloed. . . C. J. Boyd of Santa Fe, N. M., hunts antelope by plane. . . Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton Mieses of Winthrop, Mass., newly-weds, flew more than 3,000 miles in a light plane on their honeymoon. . . The Boston Store, Milwaukee, has regular airplane delivery service as far north as Sturgeon Bay.

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SPEEDY ROCKET . . . THE Rocket 185, built at Fort Worth, set a world speed record for personal planes on January 6 when it flew from Savannah, Ga., to Roosevelt field, N. Y., at an average speed of 226.2 miles per hour.

AIRPORT EXPENDITURES

The airport bill, lately debated by congress, provides a billion-dollar program for seven years, with emphasis on private flying facilities. If the bill becomes law, \$21,249,005 will be available for New York, \$24,478,073 for Texas, \$18,744,576 for California, and \$16,132,735 for Pennsylvania. New Jersey and Connecticut will get \$6,118,274 and \$2,619,216 respectively. These sums must be matched by the states or municipalities.

HOUSEHOLD MEMOS... by Lynn Chambers

Wedding Parties Need Light, Dainty Types of Food



LYNN CHAMBERS' MENUS
Salmon Souffle
Lemon White Sauce Broccoli
Parsleyed Potatoes
Apple Cole Slaw
Bran Muffins Beverage
Strawberry Fluff Pie

Menu III.—Wedding Breakfast. Iced, diced fruit in Melon Shell
Creamed Sweetbreads or Chicken with Mushrooms
Buttered Asparagus Ripe Olives
Tiny Muffins Endive Salad
Ice Cream Bride's Cake
Beverage Mints

I've found an excellent recipe for creamed chicken which is basic. You may vary it as you see fit, adding pimiento and mushrooms or even substituting sweetbreads, parboiled, for part of the chicken.

Creamed Chicken.
(Serves 6)
1 4-pound chicken or fowl
8 small white onions
1 bay leaf
2 teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ cup chicken fat, butter or substitute
½ cup flour
1 cup chicken broth
1½ cups rich milk

Simmer chicken and onions in boiling water to cover. Add seasonings and cook until tender. Remove chicken from broth and cool. Skim fat off broth and reserve; strain broth, reserving onions and broth. Cut chicken into pieces. Melt chicken fat in top of double boiler, blend in flour and stir in broth and milk. Cook until thickened while stirring.

Add onions and chicken. Heat and season further if necessary. Serve in toast cups or patty shells or large silver casserole.

Menu IV.—Daytime Reception.
Assorted Sandwiches
Chicken Mousse
Shrimp in Tomato Aspice
Oysters or Crabmeat a la Newburg in Patty Shells
Frozen Fruit Salad with Fresh Orange Segments and Berries
Bride's Cake Bisque Tortoni
Decorated Mints Coffee

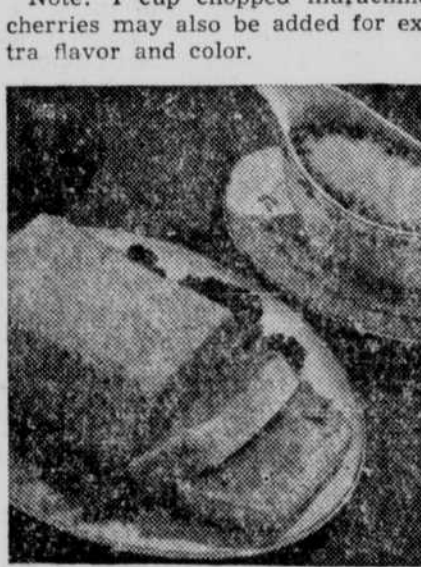
How to do: Everything in this menu is served cold except the hot oysters or crabmeat.

Prepare these cold things ahead of time while you set the table. Leave the hot dish until last. The bride's cake may be homemade or ordered depending upon the amount of work involved. Many guests will prefer taking the cake home, so it is necessary to serve a dessert like Bisque Tortoni:

Bisque Tortoni.
(Serves 15 to 18)
1 teaspoon unflavored gelatin
1 tablespoon cold water
1 cup sugar or light corn syrup
½ cup cold water
¼ teaspoon salt
6 egg yolks
¼ cup crushed macaroons or dry cake crumbs
½ cup chopped nut meats
¼ cup chopped blanched almonds
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups heavy cream, whipped

Soften gelatin in water 5 minutes. Boil sugar, water and salt until syrup spins a thread (230 degrees). Pour slowly over beaten egg yolks, stirring constantly. Add softened gelatin and stir until dissolved. Cool. Fold in macaroons and nut meats. Add whipped cream. Pour into crinkled paper cups, place in freezer tray and freeze.

Note: 1 cup chopped marachino cherries may also be added for extra flavor and color.



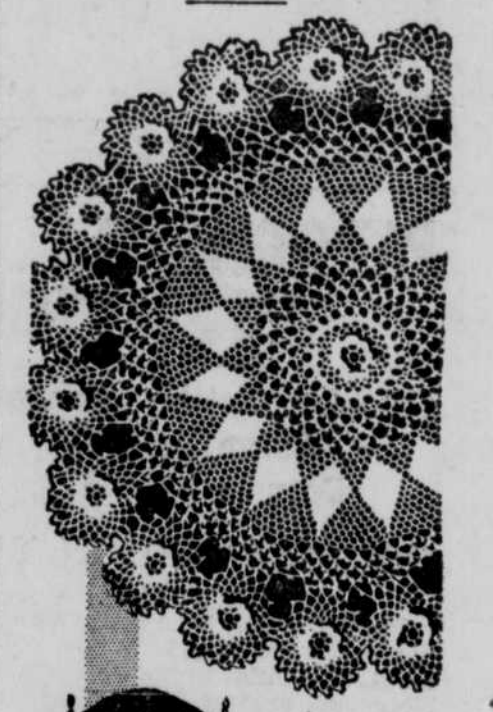
A molded loaf is a good way to serve a main dish at the Shower and Spinster Luncheon. Or, if you prefer, the jellied salad may be molded in a loaf pan and served as illustrated. Parsley bordered sauce is in the gravy boat.

Menu V.—Simple Reception.
Finger Sandwiches
Tiny Cakes Dainty Cookies
Bride's Cake Coffee

How to do: Make sandwiches as dainty as possible and wrap in waxed paper to keep moist. Serve everything as beautifully as possible on white damask with silver service.

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