TELL US ABOUT YOUR > TRAVEL PLANS

By Jim Murray

A recent survey showed amazing interest among rural Midwesterners in travel to places near and far. Hence this travel page which may develop into a regular section of Farm and Home.

We'll give you straight dope on places to go, what to see, and hosts that give the most for the money. Also tour ideas that reduce travel costs.

So we can be sure to cover the vacation spots of most interest to you, let's hear of your travel plans—where you want to go, what you want to do there, what Farm and Home Section can do to help you get the most for your money. For the best letter received by April 1, 1963, we'll give a weekend for two in Chicago, Minneapolis or Kansas City, your choice. A luxurious suite at the Ambassador East Hotel in Chicago, the Leamington in Minneapolis or the Bellerive in Kansas City. Wonderful meals. The best show or sporting event in

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of this newspaper.

 Midwesterners are pouring into California at the rate of 5,000 a month, 1,000 of them with the intention of moving there for good. California is full of wonderful things to see, seashore, mountains, valleys and cities. It is also a real madhouse in some areas, with many problems because of too many people and cars. Plan your California trip carefully, talk with others who have been there recently and, if you get the move-to-California bug, look around carefully before picking your spot. We'll have some wonderful stories on

California for you soon.

• Florida is the favorite winter resort of the Midwest because it's: 1) relatively close and 2) usually warm. You can't be sure of swimming weather during December and January, but when it is clear and warm, Florida can be just beautiful. Lots of variety here - beaches and pools, wilderness areas, exciting cities, all sorts of sports events. Many travelers now go on to the islands not far away - Jamaica, Virgin Islands, the Bahamas. Even those of us who won't ever go there like to read about these fabulous tropical places. • Hawaii — Our new state has always been the dream vacation and travel to Hawaii has zoomed recently. By ship or air it's a beautiful trip and, if your stay there is well-planned, it's a fabulous experience. We can't all remain long enough to learn how to ride a surfboard, but the flowers, mountains, food and people are wonderful. A day or two in San Francisco or Seattle would be frosting on the cake.

 The East — In summer and fall Eastern United States is a big favorite. Go to Washington to see how the government is run — more of us should. If you like history the area is full of it. New England is terrific in the fall. Very interesting in summer too. New York is great to some people,

a mess to others.

 We'll talk later about Latin countries too. You'll be surprised how many Americans travel to Europe, South America, even Asia, Africa and Australia. The old globe is getting to be about

the size of a basketball.

 When all the dreaming is done many of us will, from choice or necessity, vacation in the good old Midwest. Some of us even enjoyed this brutal winter. Lakes and streams will call us soon and we should give thanks that so many wonderful water spots are right close to home. Some resort areas offer a great deal more than others - let's talk, report back and forth, on those most interested in giving vacationers their money's worth.

Lots of real good information on trips anywhere is available without obligation. Write for it direct or through this column.





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