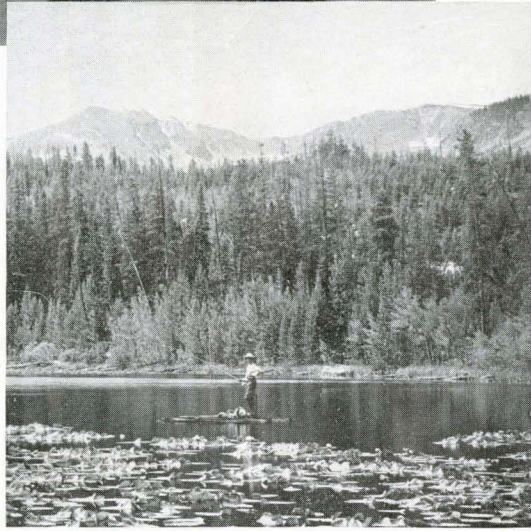


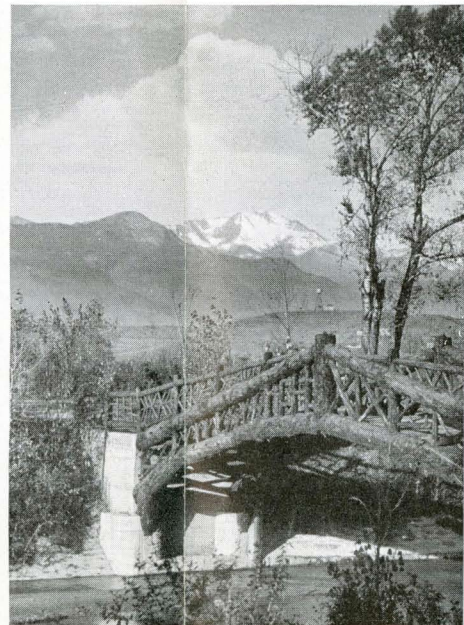
Beaver Dam—Trail Ridge road to the crest of the Continent



A rod, a reel and the prospect of rainbow trout for dinner



"Meals—best on wheels"—enhanced by air-cooled comfort



Pike's Peak, "Sentinel of the Plains"

## Where Vacation Dreams Come True!

All summer long "it's Springtime in the Rockies". The balmy sunshine of May gleams from snow-capped peaks and fills the valleys with its splendor. And over Colorado's hundred thousand square miles of grandeur, the clear, cool, dry air, lending its nitrogen to tree and shrub and mountain flower, diffuses a higher content of oxygen.

Nearby mountains, clothed in the harmonious greens of pine and spruce and quaking asp, beckon persuasively,—as do the woods of Spring in every clime. They challenge the beholder to explore their winding auto roads and bridle trails and to whip the trout streams that dash in white fury down their bristling sides or between the precipitous walls of their rock-ribbed canyons.

Off in the hazy distance,—no matter what the viewpoint,—the purples and mauves of rugged slopes blend gradually with the turquoise of the sky. Often the clouds, slipping from their resting-places on granite-crowned summits, build a rainbow span across this prism of color. When the sun sets, it adds new pinks and yellows to the glorious vista, spreading them far and wide across the western horizon. And "when the moon comes over the mountains", it



Hiking—Whets the appetite, but keeps down the pounds



Mount of the Holy Cross—Christendom's Symbol in Summer Snow

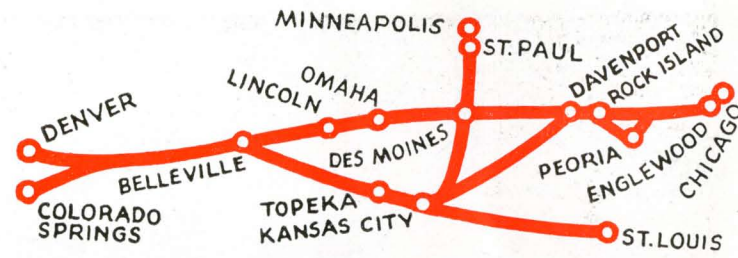
lights a veritable fairy-land,—gigantic, spectacular, sublime. Each hour of the day brings new masterpieces of Nature to delight both old and young,—and the exhibits of ten thousand Rocky Mountain days could not include all the pictures in that marvelous gallery.

For the middle-aged and elderly, the Colorado Rockies spread a playground where dreams come true because it turns them backward toward the Springtime of life. After a day of golf, sightseeing or mountain sport,—into which they often plunge with newly discovered vim,—they enjoy all the more, the comforts of a resort hotel and the gaiety which centers in the hotel orchestra.

For youth in its teens and twenties, this fairyland is a land of romance,—of camp, cabin or ranch life in the great outdoors,—of dancing and picnicking and moonlight singing on the shores of some mountain lake. Acquaintanceships are formed, new and delightful friendships ripen in these most auspicious surroundings.

And for the children, it is a land of continuous play,—of sturdy legs and pink cheeks,—and of sleep, under heavy blankets, in the most invigorating air in all America.

Never was there a Spring tonic that could compare with the tonic air of the Rockies. Colorado offers the great recreative factor—a complete change—a wholly different life from everyday humdrum existence. A vacation in the Rockies sends you home refreshed, rejuvenated—fit to meet whatever problems life holds for you and to cope with them.

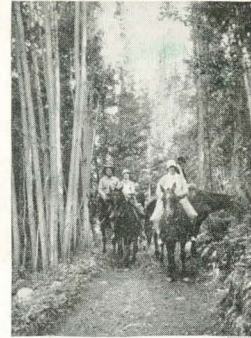


Rock Island Complete Travel Service Bureaus in All Principal Cities

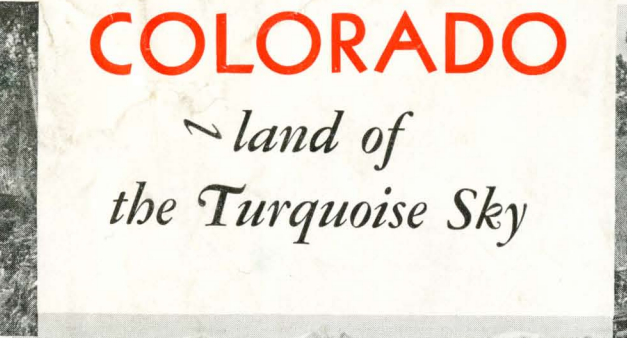
C. A. SEARLE, General Passenger Agent, Kansas City, Mo.  
T. W. BOWDRY, Gen'l Pass'r Agent, C. R. I. & G., Ft. Worth, Texas  
W. J. LEAHY, Asst. Pass'r Traffic Mgr., Chicago, Ill.  
L. M. ALLEN, Passenger Traffic Manager, Chicago, Ill.

## COLORADO

~land of the Turquoise Sky



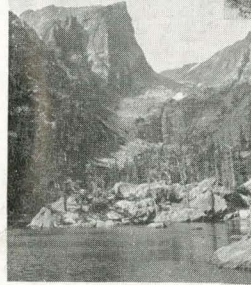
Bridle trails — arched by pine and quaking asp



Mt. Evans—The highest road in America reaches its summit



Heights along Trail Ridge road "These do but demonstrate man's insignificance"



Dream Lake and Hagah Peak—Rocky Mountain National Park



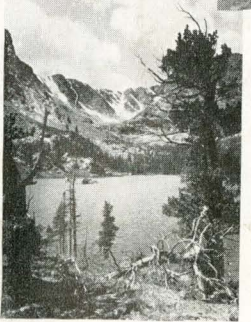
A 50-mile vista—every eye a telescope in this clear air



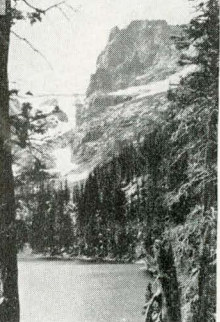
Grand Lake—Where water sports vary the Mountain's attractions



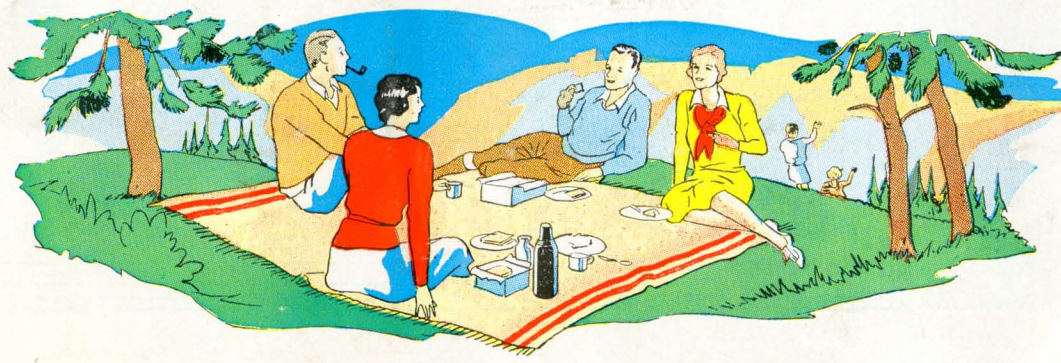
"Where may be found a thousand matchless pictures to hang on memory's wall"



Loch Vale—in an amphitheatre of snow-crested ridges



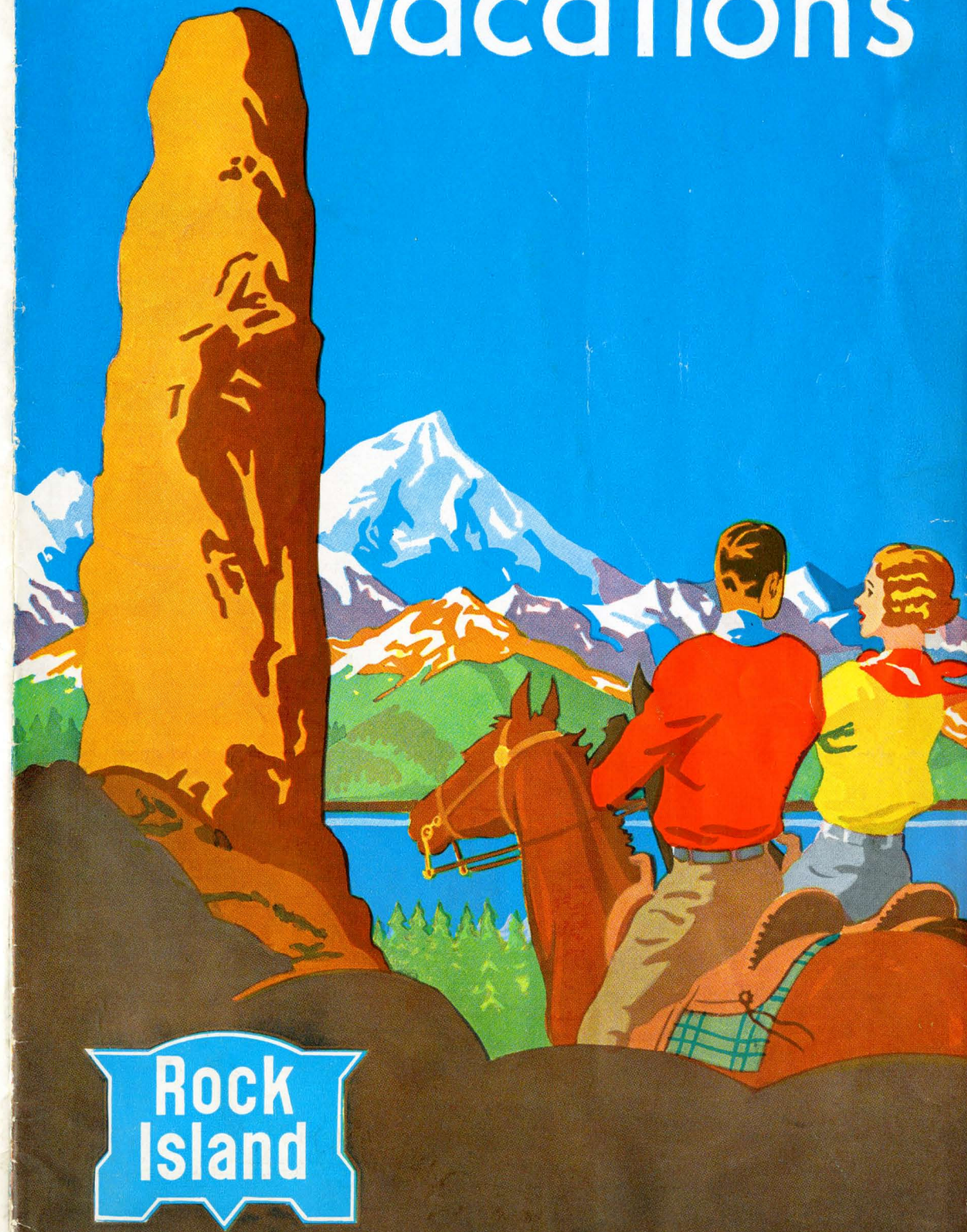
Odessa Lake—one of a thousand Mountain mirrors



Printed in U. S. A.

Neely Printing Co., 25M. 5-35

# COLORADO Vacations



you—no matter how hot the summer—giving you a foretaste of the Rockies before you reach them—and an after-tang of their cool comfort, when you have left them.  
Rock Island Colorado trains provide all the conveniences of home or club. Dining and Cafe Lounge Club cars serve "meals and valet service are always available.  
And on trains carrying Observation Lounge Parlor cars, fitted. And on trains carrying Observation Lounge Parlor cars, fitted. And on trains carrying Observation Lounge Parlor cars, fitted. And on trains carrying Observation Lounge Parlor cars, fitted.

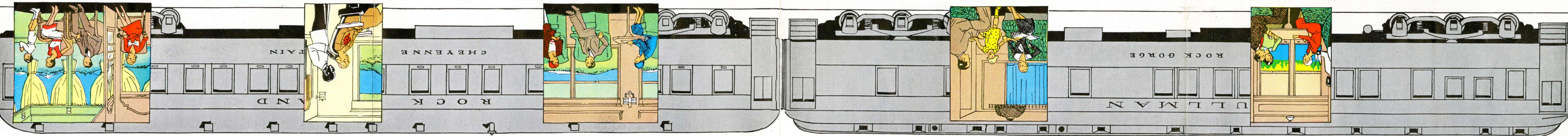
Express or other Rock Island train. Every type of car on the Rocky Mountain Limited is AIR-CONDITIONED. Their purified air brings the delicious coolness of Colorado to

## Ride the Rock Island for Safety, Comfort and Economy

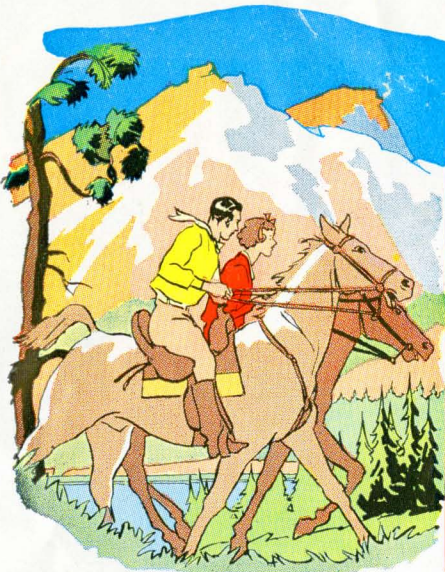
able delight of a trip on the Rocky Mountain Limited, Colorado days and hot sleepless nights of such a journey is the comfort- as when they started. In marked contrast to the muscle-cramped

outing has stored. Too often, motor tourists, laboring under the misapprehension that they were saving money, have lost entirely the thing for which that money was spent. They have dissipated their mountain-acquired energy on the sultry drive across prairie and plain, arriving home as tired and unfit for their usual duties

Comfort en route is an important factor in the success of a Colorado expedition. To arrive rested—ready for all the sports ordinarily allotted to a vacation. And to travel in a luxurious air-conditioned "hotel on wheels" is to conserve the energy the







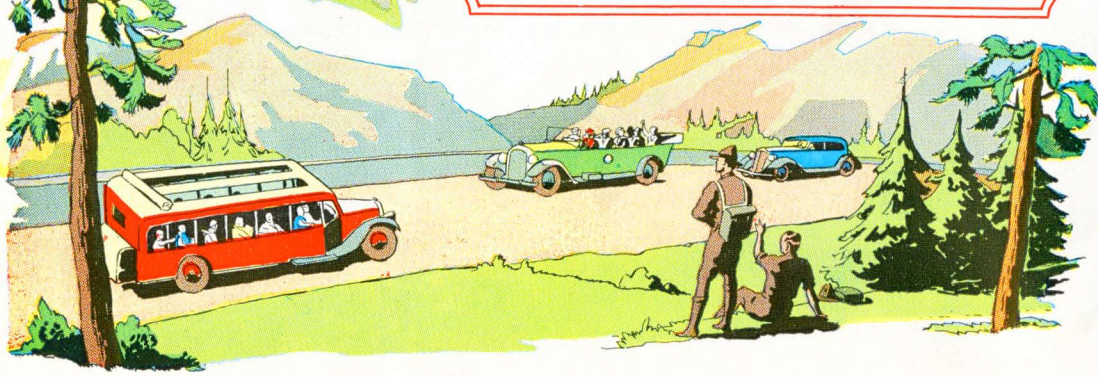
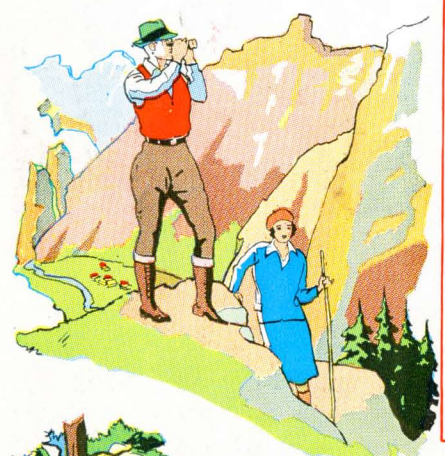
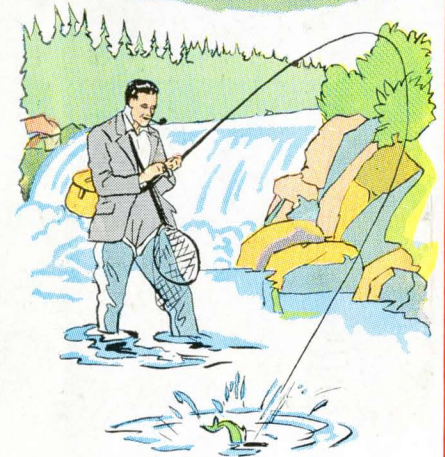
## Where to Go

Because of a fork in the road before it reaches the great tourist centers of Colorado, the Rock Island is the only direct line to both Colorado Springs and Denver. Through cars, direct to both cities, are operated on every train. This service enables the tourist to visit Colorado Springs first—then Denver, and return home via direct line from Denver. Or—the other way 'round. Thus one may enjoy practically all of the noted scenes in two weeks or less, and it is never necessary to cover the same ground twice.

Colorado Springs and Manitou are the urban centers of the famous Pike's Peak district. Near at hand are many unique Nature-pictures—Garden of the Gods, Cave of the Winds, Seven Falls, the Broadmoor and North and South Cheyenne Canyons—and not far away is the interesting old mining town, Cripple Creek.

South of Colorado Springs is Pueblo, "Pittsburgh of the West." Off to the southwest, San Isabel National Forest, the sand-dunes, "Seashore of the Rockies" and the wonderful Sangre de Cristo Mountains, blood-red in color—highest and longest uninterrupted range in the world. Here, inspiring scenery, delightful mountain resorts and red-rock canyons are features of a two-day trip which reaches its climax in majestic Royal Gorge and glorious "Sky-line Drive."

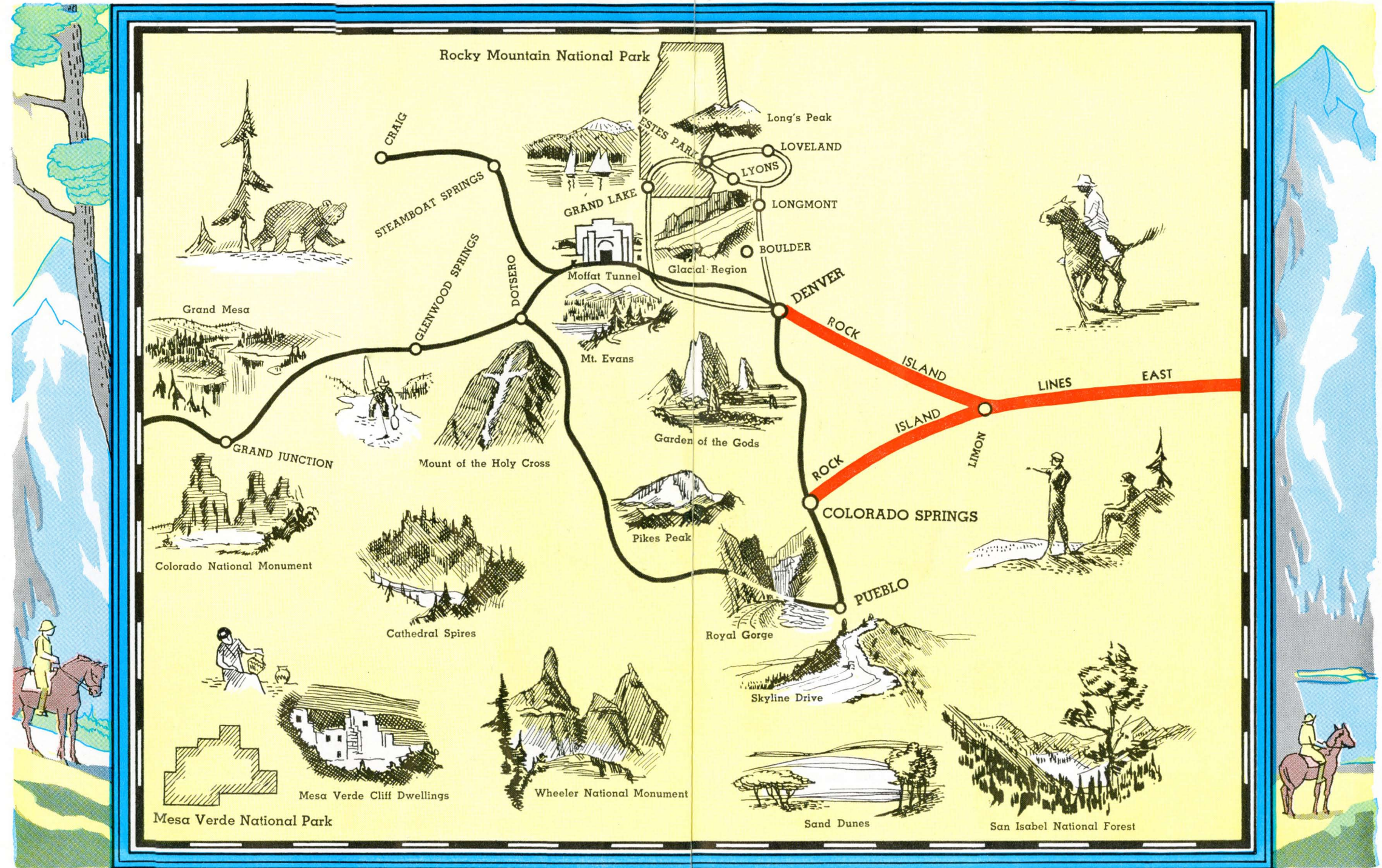
To the north, the Denver region offers the tourist a succession of dioramic spectacles equally sublime, but altogether different. Nearby motor excursions lead through colorful city parks, through famous Denver Mountain Parks to Idaho Springs, Bear Creek Canyon to Trout-dale-in-the-Pines and up stately old Mt. Evans, 14,255 feet in elevation. Ninety miles to the north—through Boulder and smaller resorts, and St. Vrain or never-to-be-forgotten Big Thompson Canyon—are Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park, biggest out-of-doors in all America. Here two roads wind upward, converging at the "Top of the World," cross the snow-fringed Great Divide to beautiful Grand Lake and circle back to Denver through Berthoud Pass—another imposing two-day trip that should not be missed.



## Just a Pleasant Over-night Ride

From Chicago to the mountain fastnesses of Colorado is just a pleasant over-night ride on the luxuriously comfortable, air-conditioned **Rocky Mountain Limited**, Rock Island's famous train running daily between Chicago and Denver—Colorado Springs. Connecting service from Kansas City. Observation, Parlor Lounge, Pullman, Dining Car and Coach equipment afford the comforts of a fine club or hotel. There is even a radio to add the finishing touch of homelike ease and relaxation. Listen to the ball game, or to your favorite radio stars, as you watch the landscape go fleeting by or chat with vacation companions. The Colorado Express also plies daily between Chicago and Colorado. Both of these fast deluxe trains go direct to Denver and Colorado Springs—an advantage that only Rock Island offers.

# America's Vacation Playground



## Now You Can Afford a Vacation in the Rockies

Once a paradise reserved by force of circumstances for the favored few, Colorado today is truly the whole nation's vacation playground. Within a period counted almost by months rather than by years, conditions have conspired to effect a complete change in the cost, the availability of this most delightful of holiday outings.

Gone are the high cost of transportation, and the need for special and expensive facilities for conveyance and entertainment at the journey's end. Instead, from the very start of your Rock Island vacation to The Rockies, you save. You save when you ride direct to the LaSalle Street Station, on the Elevated Loop in the heart of Chicago, or the Englewood Union Station (63d Street) in the center of the South Side residential section. Direct connection is made at either station with fast limited trains to and from principal eastern points. St. Louis and Kansas City connections are equally convenient at the Union Stations in these cities. On the delightful train ride, in modern air-conditioned cars that make the short journey a luxuriously restful part of your vacation, you save very substantially on train fare, on Pullman charges, and even on meals. At your mountain destination, you find inexpensive accommodations accompanied by charming hospitality—a genuinely American courtesy of host to guest.

Truly amazing is the simplicity, the economy, of real enjoyment, of rest and play, in this lovely mountain land. If your heart's desire is to rise at dawn in a mile-high camp, breakfast like a king on bacon and flapjacks and coffee which the sharp winy air has transformed into nectar and

ambrosia, and then mount a horse and ride, high-hearted and carefree into the sunrise—you can do just that, at no great outlay and with wonderful benefit to your physical well being.

Or, if you want your vacation to include bus and auto rides through the mountain parks—scenic side trips—mountain climbing—golf—dancing—canoeing in the moonlight—contented rest in the mellow sunshine—you can build your plan around any or all of these dreams, and they will come true in Colorado.

Perhaps you would prefer to have all the details of your trip handled by the Rock Island? Nothing is easier. By simply planning, with us, an All Expense Tour which includes precisely the points of interest and the activities you prefer, you free yourself completely from responsibility for anything excepting pure enjoyment of your holiday—and at no extra cost. These tours are completely flexible, unlike other personally conducted tours. Your schedule may be arranged just as you wish, and altered right on the spot at any place where you may want to spend more time than originally planned. Thus, instead of rushing through a rather arduous period of sightseeing, you are able to enjoy a leisurely, health building, refreshing time of rest and play in the high clear air and the golden sunshine of America's Vacation Playground.

For real enjoyment of a new and gloriously different kind of holiday, for truly good value and genuine economy, ride the Rock Island to Colorado this summer.

*Go To Colorado*

## What to Do

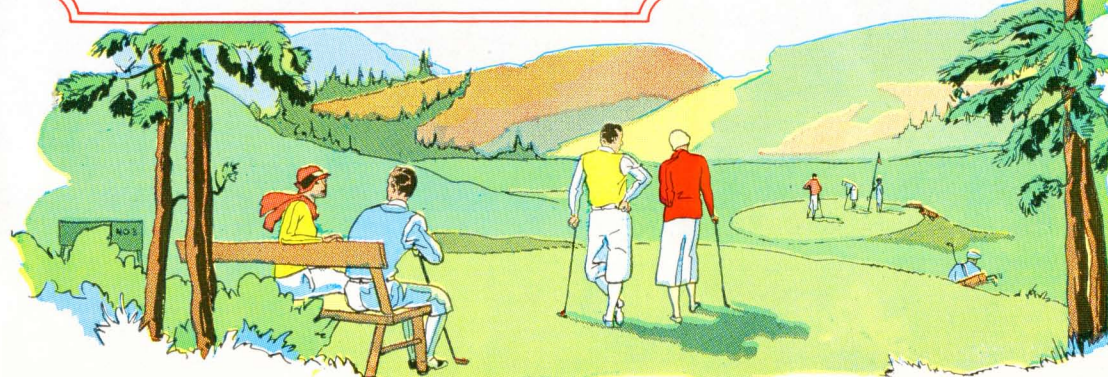
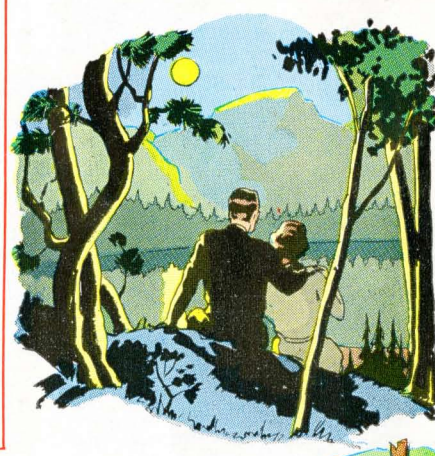
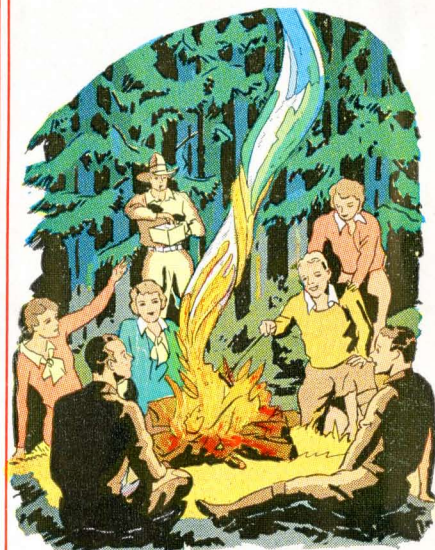
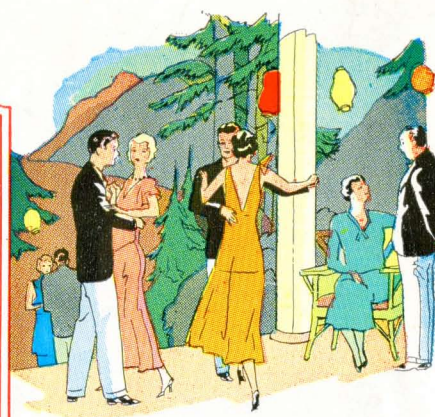
Sightseeing is, of course, the outstanding pastime of the Colorado Rockies. It is through the contemplation of Nature in her most stupendous attitudes, that the human mind is lifted most readily from the ordinary cares of the workaday world. Continuous mental amazement paves the way for physical improvement. And since the inspiration of one peak creates a yearning for a nearer view of the next, auto service is very desirable.

There are three ways in which you may motor through the mountains. (1) Buses operate on regular schedules through all the regions you may wish to visit. (2) You may rent a car at a reasonable rate and "drive it yourself." (3) You may ship your own car at surprisingly low cost. Put it in a Rock Island "garage on wheels" for quick transit, and enjoy a trip safer, quicker, far more comfortable, less expensive. No crating is necessary. Deliveries are prompt—from Chicago, for instance, the second morning.

With a car, you will find many interesting attractions off the beaten path. For example, inside the Great Divide Circle from Denver are two marvelous canyons, Virginia and Boulder, and, between them, the old ghost-towns of Central City and Blackhawk—towns of vacant stores and homes ten years ago—now restored to the activities of the '80's through the revival of their mining interests.

Horseback riding is very popular in the Rockies. Picnics and steak-fries high up in the passes, where torrential mountain streams flank the wooded bridle paths, have a charm for old and young alike. And the rainbow trout has a lure all his own. Golf courses, tennis courts and warm-water swimming pools are available at many resorts. Camping and ranch life appeal to many. And with the end of the day come the dances and other evening affairs at hotels, ranches and cabin community centers.

After a day or two in that crystal-clear air, there is never a dull moment for the visitor, for it is only the mentally and physically stagnant who have to be fed upon amusements.



## Special Low Fares to Colorado

To those who have been accustomed to paying the regular fares, or who have driven their own autos to Colorado and stood all the "unseen" expenses, Rock Island's new low vacation fares come as a pleasant surprise indeed. Train fares have been sharply reduced; Pullman charges, too, are low; but these vacation fares are truly "rock bottom." It is impractical, within the limits of this folder, to itemize the costs of all the many different Colorado Vacations that are available. But it is entirely proper to say that a complete holiday in America's Vacation Playground, all costs included, is now within the reach of everyone of average means. For full information as to fares and costs covering exactly the Colorado Vacation you desire, address your nearest Rock Island representative.