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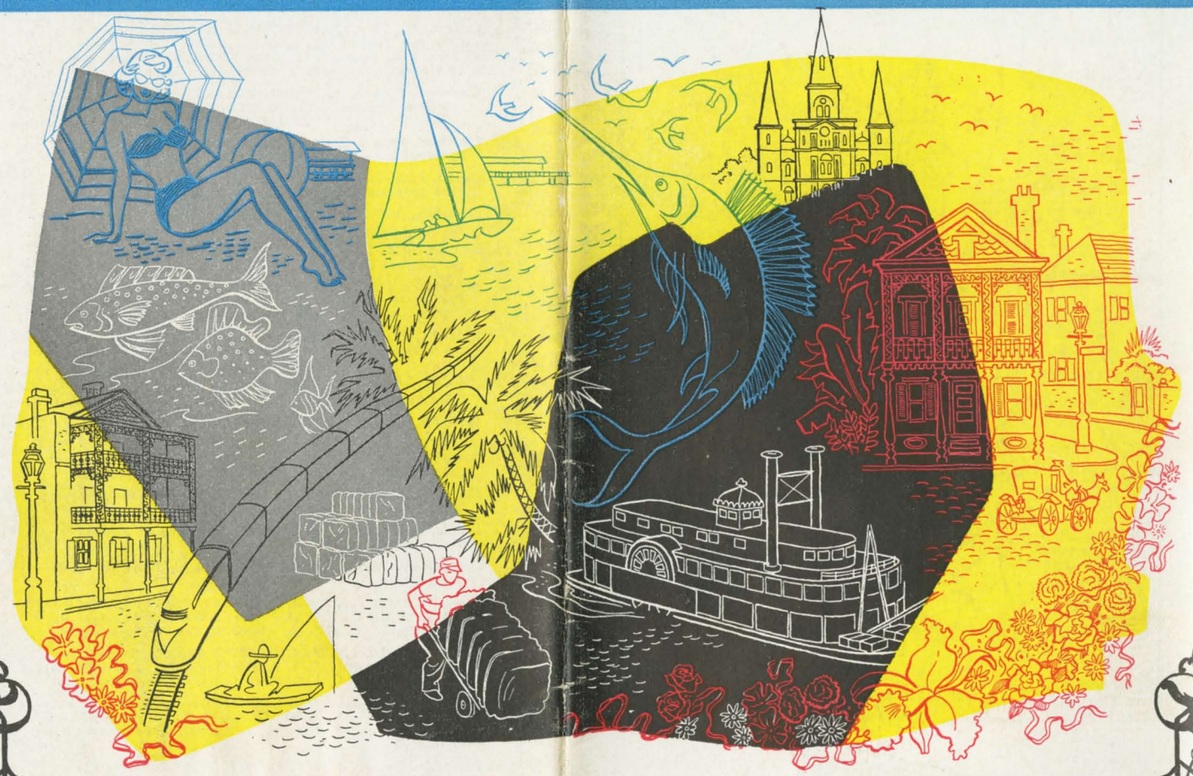

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## *Inviting! Exciting!*

***Your trip to the Gulf Coast can be the finest holiday you've ever known***

In the Magic Land of L & N, America's beautiful Gulf Coast, you'll find almost every kind of vacation pleasure you can name. With it all is the grand hospitality of the Deep South and magnificent scenery unlike any other in the world.

Recreation features notable golf courses, excellent fishing, shooting and horseback riding, swimming and boating in some of the bluest waters ever seen. Hotels and fine restaurants are famous, and a wide range of rates appeals to any travel budget.

The enjoyable climate of the Gulf Coast attracts a regular traffic of friendly people. New Orleans with its rich history, its colorful past still evident in a panorama of modern gaiety, is one of the nation's greatest host cities.

Southern Alabama and Northwest Florida boast some of the world's greatest beaches and smart vacationers are finding more attractions in this area that cause visitors to return for the kind of relaxation and fun that makes the Gulf Coast an all-American playground. Read of these many attractions in this booklet. Let one of the L & N passenger representatives help you plan a trip to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast—and you will enjoy one of the most interesting and delightful holidays you've ever had.

*Quiet intrigue . . . Pirates' Alley.*

## New Orleans

No other city in the world combines so well the romantic air of the Old World with the gay and youthful spirit of the new.

World travelers know there is nothing like this city of glamour and legend. The atmosphere breathes adventure and the beauty of a romantic setting carries you away—into a gay new life, that seems even more lively after dark.

New Orleans is a city of deep beauty. Its architecture, moss-draped oaks, intriguing people, historic landmarks, colorful events, delightful entertainment spots have made it a city of unforgettable character.

*Canal Street in the modern city, New Orleans.*

# MOBILE
## AND THE BAY RESORTS

*Mobile . . . a modern city in the setting of the Old South.*

THE seaport on Mobile Bay with its annual commerce of nearly 200 million dollars is progressive and modern. But its natural charm predominates even though its hotels are business-like in up-to-the-minute service and its broad streets are filled with the hustle of business. In the background is the warm hospitality and quiet dignity of a city where lovely gardens and beautiful homes show prideful care.

The many attractions, wonderful climate and a history you'll find written in the many points of interest offer a refreshingly different kind of holiday. Remarkably, the very center of the business district is interrupted by a quaint park, Bienville Square, named in honor of the founder of Mobile. Great trees shade a simple monument in his honor, bringing recollections of the exiled Bonapartists and British governors who held sway. Many nations have, from the time of the Spaniards who first came here in 1540, played a part in the planning, architecture and spirit of the city. Today Mobile is a large shipbuilding center and its wharves, including the State Docks of Alabama, are busy with a valuable traffic. The great tunnel under the bay is interesting as an example of modern construction.

**Bay Bridge** connects directly with the east shore of the bay, where inviting resorts are nestled among sweeping dogwood, sumac, mulberry and magnolias. **Fairhope,** renowned as one of many year-round resorts, has fine tennis courts, a challenging golf course, and moderate prices for a variety of relaxing pastimes. To the north are the ancient towns of the New World . . . **Daphne,** with thresholds that are hol-

*Point Clear on Mobile Bay, popular resort year 'round.*

lowed from wear, charm that is ageless. **Battles Wharf,** in the opposite direction, offers an interesting hotel. The display of slaves' handicraft is worth any traveler's time. The famous Grand Hotel at **Point Clear** is always inviting and **Bon Secour,** with its excellent harbor, offers another enjoyable haven.

Here among heavy pines is every conceivable outdoor sport. Marvelous hunting and deep sea fishing are part of the area's invitation to you. Saddle horses can be hired to carry you through some of the most picturesque bridle paths known. **Magnolia Springs** is the object of many trips here. Visitors claim great health properties for its sparkling waters. If you are a camera enthusiast, bring ample film. There's material for the lens fraternity on every hand.

Close by are historic interests . . . **Fort Blakely, Old Spanish Fort, Fort Morgan, Jackson Oaks, Dauphin Island, Tensaw River, Fish River,** and the crab, shrimp, snapper and oyster beds at **Weeks Bay.** Much of this wonderland is accessible by boat. You'll want to stay in Mobile, especially when you've seen

## THE AZALEA TRAIL and BELLINGRATH GARDENS

*The unforgettable beauty of Bellingrath Gardens.*

Imagine every vibrant color blended into a burst of mammoth bloom. The miles of azaleas burgeoning through the March-April season are breath-taking. The beauty of this sight leaves the highest praise poor understatement. You must wander here and become lost to all reality.

The flower capital, **Bellingrath Gardens,** has few equals in the world. This spectacle, just minutes from Mobile, is a flower haven that blooms every day of the year. As you stroll the woodland paths you see incredibly lovely gardens: flowers are in rock, on terraces, nestled by Mirror Lake. Beauty seems to exceed beauty and each variety seems more gorgeous than the last. Through rose gardens, tropical water lilies, camelias, flowering vines, trees of blooms, azaleas, and so many lovely blossoms of all kinds and types you wander enchanted, for the beauty is more than fancy can contrive.

## ALABAMA GULF COAST

There's a great vacationland along the Alabama Coast. From Bayou La Batre east to Alabama Point on the Florida state line a rapid development of new play spots lures travelers. Some of the world's most beautiful beaches are on this ocean-front.

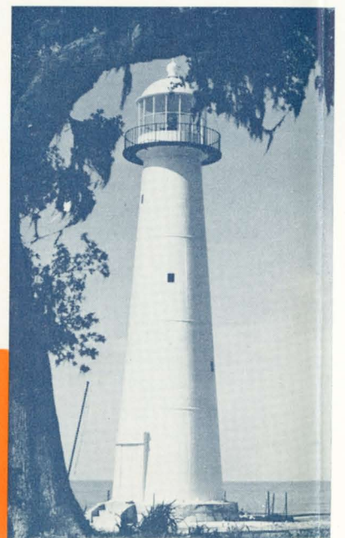
This tarpon fisherman's capital is well stocked with good boats. Also abundant are mackerel, redfish, ling, cavella and jackfish.

Parklands in the recently-completed Gulf Shores area include wide beaches and modern roadways. Among the palms and oleanders are new and modern-styled cottages of exceptional comfort. Fine hotels and golf courses are open summer and winter.

## BILOXI

This first capital of Louisiana, founded by d'Iberville in 1699, is now a national capital for water sports. The Summer Sports Carnival and Yacht Club Regatta are widely known and increasing in popularity.

Much of the social life of the town is built around the Yacht Club, but there is every kind of facility for recreation in the many resort hotels that offer all-year pleasure for visitors.



*Landmark for more than 100 years . . . the lighthouse at Biloxi.*

Having immense seafood fisheries and being the largest shipper of shrimp and oysters, you find specialists in the preparation of these delicacies to please even the most discriminating connoisseur.

Large wooded parks and drives that stretch along the well-developed waterfront make interesting scenery en route to **Beauvoir,** Confederate Shrine, originally the home of Jefferson Davis. The sweeping port entrance is marked by the trim lines of the U.S. Coast Guard Station. When you are sailing on the Sound, stop at Fort Massachusetts on **Ship Island,** just 12 miles offshore.

There is history and legend in Biloxi and you'll meet interesting people in any of the many activities of this unusual resort city.

## GULFPORT

*East Beach Drive at Gulfport.*

Founded in the later decades of the last century and newest of the Mississippi Coast's "Seven Cities by the Sea," Gulfport is a delightful resort and important seaport.

Characteristic of the spirit of this booming coast city is the roof garden and glass-enclosed swimming pool of one hotel that affords a sweeping view of the Gulf. Recreational attractions are excellent here every month of the year. Magnificent lawns, huge palms and inviting golf courses, with plenty of tennis courts, keynote this smart resort as a fun center of the South.

Excellent boating is aided by a deep harbor and a mile-long pier, which was built at a cost exceeding a million dollars. The Gulfport Yacht Club, one of the largest on the coast, is a half-mile off shore, connected by a broad highway.

Gulf Park College for girls and the Gulf Coast Military Academy provide youthful, stimulating educational facilities.

You'll find a wide choice of pleasantly modern hotels and events to make your visit here completely enjoyable.

## PASCAGOULA

has subsided from its roaring wartime activity but is developing substantially as a seafood capital and as a center of shipbuilding and many small industries. Rich lumbering, shipping and trade in seafood, pecans, Satsuma oranges and oysters never interfere with relaxation of visitors who are welcomed by the hundreds each winter.

## OCEAN SPRINGS

is famous for its Shearwater pottery. Paper-shell pecans were first developed here. Artists praise the beautiful old houses and giant moss-draped trees. Its excellent resort facilities invite you to a pleasant stay.

## EDGEWATER PARK

offers a famed hotel right on Mississippi Sound, and with a beautiful swimming pool in use the year 'round. Its bridle paths, golf course and beautiful scenery are more enchanting in a rich tropical setting.

## LONG BEACH

has the gentle, warm climate and rich soil to make it a rich garden-truck producer. But it is notable to tourists for the warm hospitality and rich treasure of entertainment. Lovely beachfront homes close to the water look out upon sailing and water sports in a marvelous southern clime. Rent a cottage for your visit.

## PASS CHRISTIAN

Cooks in this town pride themselves on their oyster dishes and seafood plates. Since its French founders arrived, this peaceful village has guarded its original unsullied simplicity and natural beauty. Regular winter-season residents have added attractive lawns and gardens. You'll enjoy the sporting golf course at nearby Pine Hills.

## BAY ST. LOUIS

is in the midst of majestic live oaks and flowers. There are many fine places to stay here, and New Orleans people have made this a popular retreat.

## PENSACOLA

HERE in northwest Florida's largest city are miles of beautiful beach and wonderful parks where thousands find pleasure every year. In the bay, **Santa Rosa Island** protects the harbor entrance from storms, offers a lookout to the gorgeous city that rises gently on the heights above the bay. The 17th Century **San Carlos** and **Redoubt** forts, with their underground passages, still stand.

Pensacola is a naval air capital. Young officers make the town lively and colorful uniforms furnish part of the bright spirit of this modern city.

Miles of parkway take you through pine and palm-lined parks where acacia, oleander, magnolia and azaleas keep the air sweet, the land wondrous. The bays and bayous have deep clear water. Sportsmen gather here for deep sea fishing, quail, duck, turkey, and other game shooting. The dense forests inland make this a great haven for the hunter.

Important fishing and lumbering and paper industries and shipping of cottonseed oil, added to a healthy number of businesses, give this area a commercial vitality that has brought steady growth.

*Inspection party, Naval Air Base at Pensacola, Florida*
*(Official U. S. Navy Photograph)*

*One of the most important parts of the Gulf Coast . . . the waterfront at Pensacola.*

As a playground Pensacola offers everything. Its hundred-thousand-dollar casino and the marvelous white beaches make sports activity and recreation more inviting. The many boats on the bay, good golfing, tennis and bathing offer good times on the land or water. A choice of fine hotels or cottages, open twelve months of the year, is available. The restaurants and entertainment spots are a favorite of visitors.

You won't run out of recreation and you can relax by the sea. Just nine miles west is the

## PERDIDO BAY DISTRICT

This area is known as a pleasant holiday point. Nearby **Caswell** and **Orange Beach** beckon. Not far away on Blackwater Creek is the Seminole Country Club, a smart colony where luxury and leisure abound. Excellent seafood and comfortable places to stop help you enjoy its many sporting attractions.

*One of the world's most beautiful beaches, near Pensacola.*

*Northwest Florida offers the finest in fresh water fishing.*

## NORTHWEST FLORIDA

Dotting this **"Santa Rosa Sound"** area are a number of notable places. **Florosa** with its attractive Inn is on a 16,000 acre tract near the Choctawhatchee National Forest. **Mary Esther** and **Bacon's-by-the-Sea** offer the best in boating, sports and ideal conditions for complete relaxation.

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**PANAMA CITY** offers a selection of modern hotels, good fishing and golf. You'll like the scenery and the water is wonderfully blue, the air bracing.

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**ST. ANDREW'S BAY** is a photographer's dream. The shoreline is graced by palms, magnolias, oaks and pines. The bayous and lagoons urge you to explore their mysterious splendor. Fishing is always good and the excellent harbor lures all kinds of pleasure craft.

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**PORT ST. JOE** is another big attraction for those who like hunting, fishing and fine food. Its fame for natural beauty makes it a restful haven.

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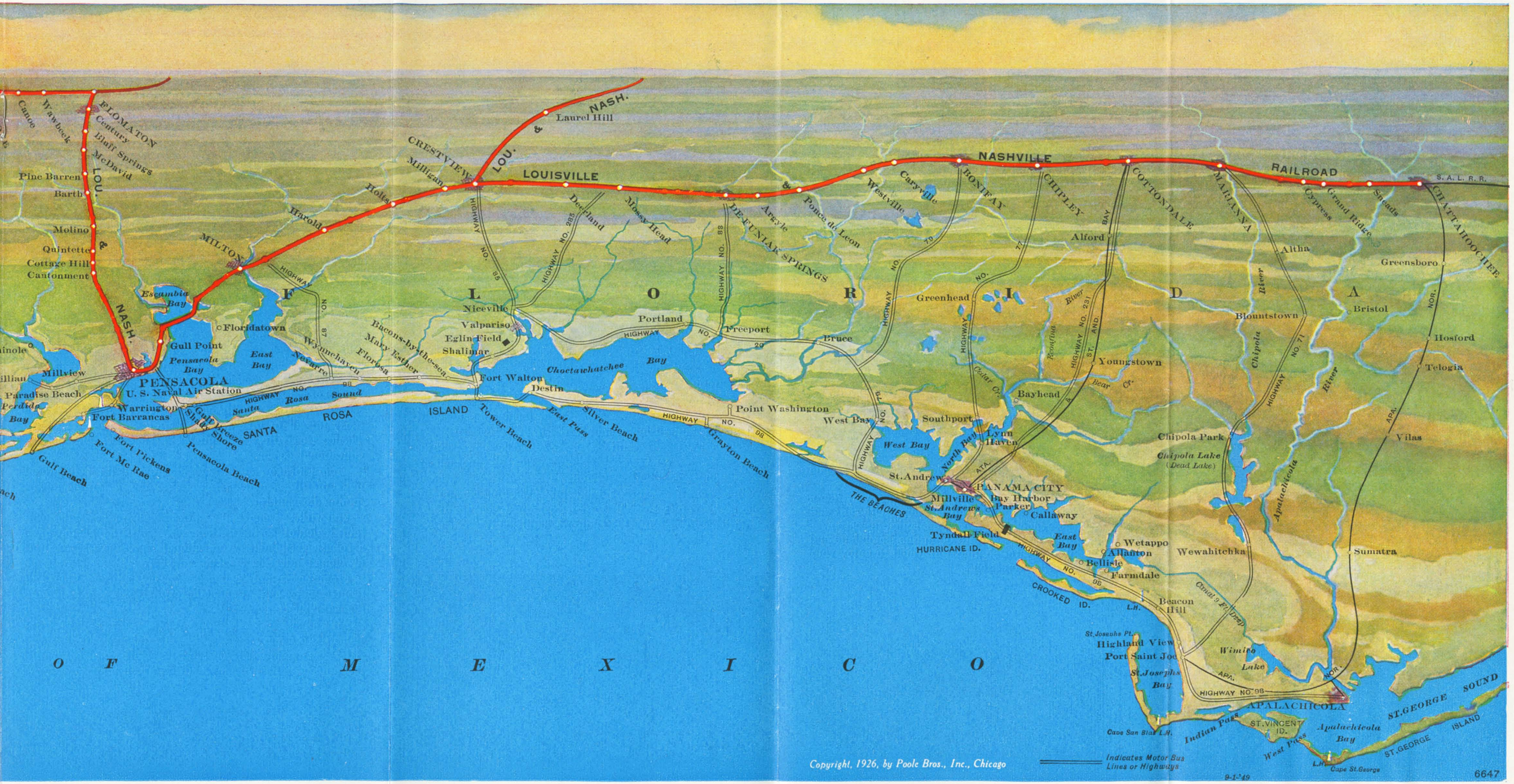
**APALACHICOLA** on the mouth of the river offers seafood specialties in a style which has become traditional to its many visitors. Shrimp, crab and oyster fishing is great enough to be called an industry. A modern hotel and full calendar of events await your pleasure.

Nearby **Chipola Lake** is a low lake filled with cypress stumps where fish feed in great numbers. A variety of moss-draped hardwoods provide great beauty, and plenty of camps nearby make this a sportsman's paradise.

**Fort Walton, Choctawhatchee Bay** and **Valpariso** all have their individual attractions, making the selection of one or the other a mere traveler's choice.

The Beautiful Gulf Coast—




—"The American Riviera"

# Sports and Recreation

IT MATTERS little how you choose to relax —"The American Riviera" affords you the choice from bold hunting trips in the marshes to the less adventuresome action of moving your deck chair to a better view of entrancing scenery.

Golf has a leading place in Gulf Coast doings. It's a year 'round sport and the courses in or near every resort are among the best in the world.

Tennis and shuffleboard are popular in most areas, and boating—whether it be sailing or by power—is always pleasant.

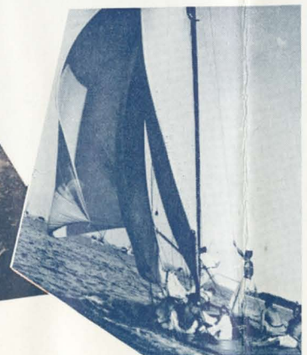
If fishing meets your fancy, then there's no better place to visit. Inland streams and clear salt water have a never-ending finned population ready to battle your tackle, test your lures.

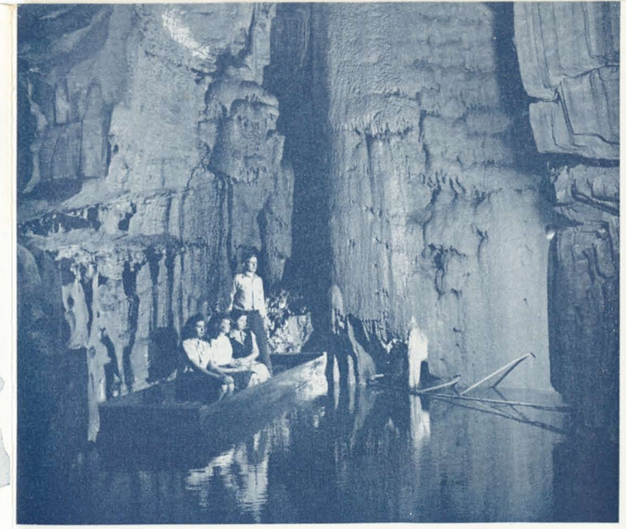
The hunter finds wild game here, for the forests are deep and the food supply keeps the game at good increase. Deer, fox, and smaller game abound. In the hard-to-hit class, turkey, dove, geese, duck, woodcock and quail test your eye.

There's water-skiing, bathing most seasons (both in the gulf and fresh water, and in fine pools) and horseback riding.

Ample material for photo-fans is everywhere, and those who like horse-racing, field trials and skeet shooting can have their pick in season.

There's so much to do in this magic land and pleasant are the places in which to enjoy your favorite recreation.





*Mammoth Cave, Kentucky . . . product of Nature's own handiwork.*

THE L & N is the only railroad traveling the water's edge along the beautiful, scenic Mississippi Gulf Coast, directly serving the important resorts of this year 'round pleasure land.

Many fine through L & N trains provide service to the Gulf Coast and New Orleans. From Cincinnati, Louisville, Nashville and Birmingham, THE PAN-AMERICAN, THE HUMMING BIRD and THE AZALEAN offer choice schedules and service. Through cars from Chicago and St. Louis on THE GEORGIAN join THE AZALEAN at Nashville. From New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Atlanta, THE CRESCENT (to be streamlined early in 1950) and PIEDMONT LIMITED afford double-daily service. Recent addition to the L & N fleet is THE GULF WIND, fast overnight service between Jacksonville and New Orleans.

Adding to the enjoyment of the trip south are interesting cities, important commercial centers and points of intriguing historical interest.

From Cincinnati and Louisville the route is through Kentucky famed for blue grass and white fenced horse farms. Thence Nashville, the capital of Tennessee, and ranking educational center.

From Chicago and St. Louis the route is through verdant fields of Illinois and Indiana thence into western Kentucky, joining the main line at Nashville.

You will see wonderful country flash by in the Sand Mountain Region of Northern Alabama. Then Birmingham, where a robust steel industry of national importance serves well developed industries of Southern cities.

From the Eastern Seaboard the route is through the Piedmont country and Atlanta, the capital of Georgia, joining the main line at Montgomery.

All trains stop briefly in Montgomery, the capital of Alabama, before arriving at Mobile in another world of charm. After leaving Mobile, you see other Gulf Coast cities with magnificent natural beauty and historical points of interest

# Pleasure Route to the Magnificent Gulf Coast and New Orleans

*Blue grass provides rich stock farms in Kentucky.*

*State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama*