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Vacation Highlights

by
The Old AAA Traveler



Seven Falls and the grave of Helen Hunt Jackson, author of "Ramona", are "musts" in the book of the vacationist going into Colorado, that fantastically beautiful state of mountains and lakes.

Right now high in the Rockies, the breezier are cool and refreshing, mountain streams are alive with trout, and there's scenery which is beyond description in mere black-and-white wordage. In brief, Colorado is a divine spot for a late summer vacation.

Let's take a quick look at that great state of mountains and lush valleys, of interesting points of lore and history rich and lush. It is the state of Pike's Peak and Garden of the Gods, Denver, the "mile-high city," and the old ghost towns of a day when life was cheap and guns blazed on slight provocation. It is the state where "Buffalo Bill" Cody sleeps his eternal sleep and where you still find a great herd of buffalo roaming as they roamed before he and his hunters moved in to gather meat for the railroad builders.

There's Denver, with its magnificent state capital built in the Cornishian mode with its ground plan done in a perfect Greek cross. Its dome is of lead taken from the Colorado hills and the top of the dome is covered with pure lead gold, also mined within a few miles.

Then Colorado Springs, the hub of Pike's Peak region. The most popular entrance to this mountain beauty is famous Ute Pass, the Indian trail of bygone days. The Garden of the Gods, within the

city's park section, has the most fantastic rock formations in the world. One of the most impressive things in America is the Easter Sunrise Services at the foot of Gateway Rocks.

In South Cheyenne you find magnificent Seven Falls, a great waterfall which breaks into many separate and distinctive falls as the water pours forward. A stairway leads to the top of the falls and the grave of Helen Hunt Jackson, beneath a huge cairn of stones brought from all over the world in accordance with her expressed wish that her friends might bring to her resting place two stones and take away one. That cairn has increased through the years until it is, I think, one of the most impressive memorials in the country.

Grand Lake, 8,000 feet above sea level, has a yacht club, a club which holds regattas through the summer. One of the trophies for which they race was presented by the late Sir Thomas Lipton.

Just out of Leadville is Ivanhoe Lake. That Leadville was another of the great mining camps. In 1850 the placer mines in California Gulch were opened and then came the finding of silver. Many Colorado pioneers began their quest for fortune in and around Leadville, notably the fantastic H. A. W. Tabor, the picturesque "Haw" Tabor, immortalized in song and fable. When you are in Leadville bear in mind that the two great peaks towering above the town are Mount Elbert—14,431 feet high—and Mount Massive—14,419 feet high—the two tallest peaks in Colorado. Of course you'll see Mesa Verde, a plateau rising from 1800 to 2000 feet above the valley, in which are the best preserved cliff dwellings in existence. Scientists will tell you that two groups of prehistoric Indians inhabited the mesa—the first the Basket Weavers—back about the beginning of the Christian Era, and then, after many centuries, the Pueblo Indians. On Mesa Verde have been found many examples of that early civilization and it's an entrancing place to explore.

Go into the mountains before dawn and see the sun rise in its almost ethereal loveliness. Sit high on a peak and watch the moon float overhead in a sky filled with stars you can almost touch. Then thank your Creator that you have an America which includes such near approaches to paradise.

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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Taylor, son Henry and daughter Joy, have returned home after touring through northern Michigan last week. They visited at Higgins Lake and Osego Lake, and spent three days in Marquette.

The word of the death of Henry Sallow of Nine Mile Road, on Sunday, was received with sorrow by his many friends. Mr. Sallow had been ill for some time.

Mrs. D. C. Ports on Farmington Road entertained friends and relatives at an open house on Sunday in honor of Mr. Ports' birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Esther Catellier and children have returned to her home on Shiawassee after spending the summer in Empire, Michigan.

Mrs. Agnes Cairns on Lakeway is spending the coming two months with her daughters, Rosetta, Mrs.

Robert McCardie, in Compton, California, and Ellen, Mrs. Hugh Blakey in Belittower, California.

The Donald Bachelors on North Farmington Road spent the week end in Tawas City.

Norman Barrons on Oakland Road, who has been at the Henry Ford Hospital for medical observations, is expected home this coming week.

Mrs. Sarah Hopkins on Lakeway has been appointed secretary for the 5th District of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. Mrs. Hopkins plans to attend the 5th District meeting to be held in Howell, on Sunday, September 21.

Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson on Oakland entertained relatives from Fowmierville, Alabama and St. Clair Shores, who attended the wedding of their son, Jack, to Miss Clara Billing on Friday evening.

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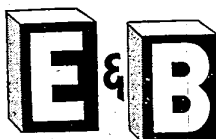
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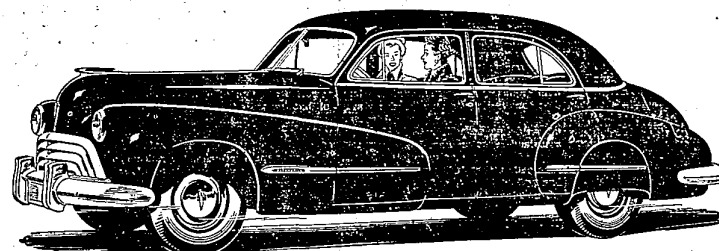
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