

Wacks Ride A Jeep



Wacks in training at Fort Des Moines, Ia., got their first jeep ride in this one furnished by the army war show. Lillian Garrick, the driver, an auxiliary from Hollywood where she operated a conditioning school for movie stars, drove an ambulance for the Chinese government in 1932. Riding with her are Mrs. Miriam Hawthorne, Miami, Fla., (left) and Mrs. Ollie Hutto, Columbia, SC, both officer candidates. (Associated Press Telemat).

Vacations of Full Solitude Still Popular

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DENVER—War has had little effect in increasing or decreasing the number of people who want to get so far away, on vacations, that no hint of world affairs can reach them.

That is the conclusion of western dude ranchers and of officials of the American Forestry association who plan vacations-in-solitude for tired American business folk.

Despite travel restrictions and inconveniences, about the same number of people are participating in these "get-away-from-it-all" vacations this summer as in a normal year.

One of the most popular ways of gaining solitude is to join a wilderness horseback riding group. These trips, non-profit, are conducted by the Trail Riders of the Wilderness and are sponsored by the American Forestry association and the national park service.

Doctors, lawyers, school teachers and stenographers participate. Singing, "Give Me My Boots and Saddle," just like old cowhands, they swing astride horses and ride away into some of the most primitive areas in the west.

For ten days or two weeks, with only the guides and other members of the party for companions, they poke along mountain trails, snow covered in high places along the continental divide, or through valleys dotted with mountain wild flowers.

Radios are banned. There is no contact with civilization where newspapers may be had. It's an unwritten law that conversation shall center around such things as the technique of making a diamond hitch, an art of the pack horse trade, and of cinches and saddles.

The first rides were organized in 1923 and several are scheduled for each summer. In nine years about 800 men and women participated in 43 expeditions to the major wilderness areas of ten states, riding 6000 miles of wilderness trail.

"There probably will be about 10 per cent fewer people on the rides this summer than usual," says Eric Kauffman, of the forestry association. "General interest in the rides is about the same as the average in past years."

"The tendency seems to be to remain on the job or on call this summer and reservations have been on a tentative basis. People are unable to plan very far ahead because of the uncertainty of travel facilities."

Sailors Enjoy NY Symphony Concerts

Wide World Features

NEW YORK—The fleet was in, but the boys weren't whooping it up. They were sitting very quietly, instead, at Lewisohn stadium, listening to symphony music.

This has been going on in New York every summer for 25 years—ever since the last war, when the stadium concerts were begun on June 23, 1918, as a morale measure, with service men admitted free.

Seed Crops Ripe For Harvesting

HAYESVILLE—Farmers are putting in long hours trying to get their work done. Albert Wulfmeyer is pulling flag, C. J. Stupfel and Berns Christopherson are running combines, Charles Andresen and Carl Stettler finished threshing parsnips and started cutting onion seed Thursday, David Greig, George Christopherson and W. Ray have started picking blackberries, Alvin Frey, Oscar Noren and Marc Saucy are picking pears.

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