

Make Sure Youngsters Have Fun

By SAUL PETT

The best way to amuse children during your vacation auto trip is to leave them home and send them funny postcards. If you must take them along plan in advance your campaign for keeping them reasonably happy and out of your hair.

First thing, in starting out, don't be timid. Ask that certain question. Be sure of the answer. Cross-examine them. Make them

tell you the exact time they allegedly did what all kids should do before starting a trip. It's important. For nothing is more annoying than to have to stop 10 minutes after you've started.

You're on your way. The sights begin to pale. All the candy you were saving for that emergency, when boredom first sets in, is gone. Now is the time to start playing games. Some of the old-fashioned ones are still good, like

Twenty Questions or Ghost.

Try to make the kids share responsibility. Give them an extra road-map and make them navigators. Now and then ask about the next turn. But don't take their word for it or you'll find all roads leading to the nearest cowboy movie.

There are many other games you could play. Reason I know is I just read a book, "Tourplay," by Winfield C. Higgins (William-Frederick Press, \$1.50). He suggests, for example, collecting states. The first contestant to spot a license plate from another



■ Playthings bring smiles.

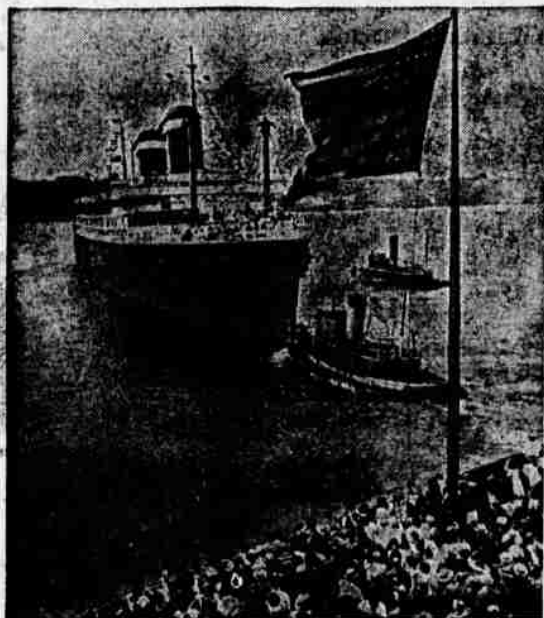
state yells, "I spy Kansas," or whatever the case may be. Then he circles the state on his map.

Higgins recommends that the first to circle all 48 state be given honorary title of President

of the United States. Thirty states gets a kid vice presidency. If I were you, though, I would retain the portfolio of the Defense Department. Also Supreme Court.

By the way, Higgins wouldn't start a trip without enough equipment to amuse the kids. Among others, he suggests two kinds of loaded cameras (movie and still), colored crayons and pencils, scissors, pocket knife, mouth harp, ocarina and other small musical pieces, small song books, telescope, compass and Scout books, cards, checkers, cross-word puzzles, diary and boxes for captured butterflies bugs and trophies. You, yourself might think of a few other things.

Visitors Invited Aboard Liners on Sailing Dates



■ Crowds line the balcony at the United States Lines pier as the liner America starts a trans-Atlantic crossing.

By SYD KRONISH

WHEN my Uncle Harry and my cousins from Kalamazoo come to New York, I take them on a simple sightseeing tour that never fails to delight them. We go to the steamship piers to watch luxury liners sail to vacationlands abroad.

First we check sailing dates in the morning papers. Having chosen the ship we want to see, we journey to piers along the Hudson.

Visitors are not allowed aboard ship on the day of arrival without a customs pass. On sailing dates, however, everyone is welcome. The cost is only a contribution to the Seamen's Welfare Fund—not over 50 cents. Visitors may roam the decks freely.

So many thousands want to swarm aboard the Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary, Mauretania and other large Cunard Line ships, that officials have had to set certain rules about visitors. On sailing day there are no restrictions on the number who may visit, but you must be a friend or relative of someone who has booked passage.

When the ships sail at midnight, the number of evening visitors is limited to two each for tourist or cabin class passengers, and four for first class passengers. To watch the huge Queens shove off, always a thrilling sight, you need only stand along the shore. Thousands come to see each sailing.

The United States Lines permit visitors aboard the America and the Washington on sailing day, without restrictions. When the ships are about to leave, you may go to an upper level balcony from which you can obtain a perfect view.

For large groups or special parties who wish to see ships on days other than "embarkation day" (but not arrival day) a telephone call to the offices of the steamship company usually will arrange everything.

All lines welcome visitors. One hour before the ship sails—funny how everybody still uses

the word "sails"—all non-passengers leave the liner.

The little tugboats, with ropes firmly tied to the sea giant, begin to tug and push. Slowly the liner moves. With whistles tooting, the ship, like a mother and her little ducklings, moves out into the river and then towards the open sea.

We often wish we were aboard. But like Brooklyn Dodger fans our motto is: "Wait Till Next Year."

"Charming" Idea

By DOROTHY QUINN

Charlotte and Ann Marie are back from a wonderful tour of Europe bubbling over with their experiences. Best of all, dangling from their wrists are charm bracelets with carefully selected mementoes gathered along their way.

We started them off at a Bon Voyage luncheon, presenting them with the bracelets and a telephone charm. (They decided the trip over the phone.)



Yes, the charm bracelets are wonderful conversation pieces, and constant reminders of what fun they had finding them. I'm sorry I never thought of starting one. There are so many possibilities, too. Flags of different countries, coins, etc.

Of course you can bring them back as gifts, too, and they needn't be expensive. Every place you go, at home or abroad, you can get attractive charms.

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