

Mail Tribune Writer Discovers Cape Cod Vacation Worth Trip

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Cape Cod, Mass.—Most westerners haven't "discovered" this vacation resort which has long been the darling of Bostonians and New Yorkers, but this reporter's finding is that Cape Cod is worth every mile of the trip.

To one who prefers the refreshing grandeur of the West as a vacationland, it is quite an achievement to find an eastern resort that doesn't seem a bit "stuffy" by the scenic comparison which the westerner inevitably must make.

The Green Mountains of Vermont and White Mountains of New Hampshire, for example, get lots of tourist attention in these parts; but the westerner who has gloried in the Cascades is in for a disappointment in New England's "mountains."

Cape Cod, however, is different—delightfully quaint, very proper, but most informal, wonderfully hospitable and well equipped for all seashore sports from sunbathing on its endless white beaches to swordfishing in nearby deep waters.

It was because of Capt. John R. Peterson, owner of the cape's largest hotel and president of its chamber of commerce, that we came here to see for ourselves. Capt. Peterson had been horn-boggled into a radio network debate with Sen. Richard Neuberger in June on the respective attractions of New England and the Pacific Northwest for travel-minded Americans. As one of several Washington correspondents who helped give the debate a hard time with free-for-all questioning, we later accepted the invitation of Capt. Peterson to splash and sail in Cape Cod's sunny waters.

We found that for Cape Cod, the proof is in the vacationing. Cape Cod juts out into the Atlantic in the shape of a weightlifter's hefty arm, an appendage covered by scraggy pines which give it a wilderness appearance despite its 200,000 summertime population.

Its towns, from Falmouth to Provincetown, are neat tourist villages, each with its New England antique shops. Artist colonies abound there, with carefully rendered seascapes on exhibition by artists who are available to sketch your portrait in their "sidewalk studios."

The cape's ragged coast offers natural boat harbors for those who love to sail and fish its

waters. But sandy beaches are everywhere, too. Out near the end of the cape stretch miles of soft, rolling sand dunes which give way to a wide sloping beach that is pounded by the raging surf. By hiking down the dunes, lovers may have just as exclusive beach privileges as the rich employ to obtain in front of their mansions.

The surprise of the cape is its several hundred fresh water lakes—or ponds, as they are called here—which dot the landscape from end to end. Ponds are now being developed for lakeside living by those who prefer them to saltwater. Miles of water front property is undeveloped.

Resort operators here love the guests who every summer return to Cape Cod for their vacation, as they've been doing for years, but this regularity dictates some customs that are about as exasperating as they are quaint. The hotel dining rooms by custom open for breakfast on the stroke of 7:30 a.m., and there are always some oldtimers waiting for

the doors to open then. Our hotel manager allowed as how the hour should be later, but custom is custom.

Nor is it possible to keep the dining room open past 9:00 a.m., much less continuously open all day, restaurant-style. Custom again. It opens and closes like a time-lock for each meal. And since American plan dominates the hotel business here, the opening of the dining room becomes one of the looked-forward-to events of the day for the senior citizens who take their sun in the wicker rocking chairs on the broad hotel porches.

But despite this arbitrary regulation of life at Cape Cod, the living is easy and most informal. Our hotel manager, Miss Phyllis Spooner, greeted us gaily in Bermuda shorts. Yet is mustn't get too informal, warn some, including the local editor who editorially chided a local group for sponsoring a beauty contest, which he said might lead Cape Cod into honky-tonk way of life that would violate its charming esthetic atmosphere and the sensibilities of its patrons.

The Soo canal on St. Mary's river was built in 1855.



IN THE BAG—These kittens seem to be as snug as bugs in a bag. Liv Aasheim in San Francisco from Denmark bought that California saddle leather gadget bag for herself but you can see who's taking it over.

Insect Spray Killing Bats In Famed Carlsbad Caverns

Carlsbad, N. M. —(U.P.)—The bats at Carlsbad Caverns, a top tourist attraction in New Mexico, are dying by the thousands, presumably because farmers in this area are spraying their crops against insects.

Bodies of the bats have been found scattered in nearby fields and inside the caverns, where they have made their home for years.

R. Taylor Hoskins, superintendent of the caverns, said the furry little creatures probably are dying because they eat the poisoned insects. But, he said, there isn't much chance the entire colony of bats will be wiped out. There are more than 100,000 at the present time—even by the most conservative estimates, he said.

Hoskins said the farmers' plans to destroy plant-eating insects by spraying their crops with poison may backfire, especially if the insecticide continues to kill the bats.

The bats pour out of the mouth of the cave every night to hunt down insects. It was one of these nightly flights that led to discovery of the caverns in 1901 by

a cowboy, Jim White. He spotted the long stream of little creatures and wondered where they were coming from. He investigated and found the cave. Subsequent explorations discovered massive caverns with tunnels, rooms and corridors, extending for miles underground.

The bat colony arrives at the caverns early in the spring and remains until the first frost in fall when they migrate, at night, to Mexico. They return a year later, their numbers increasing during the wet "growing" years when insects are numerous, and diminishing in the dry, cropless years.

This year has been a good one for insects and the bat population at the caverns probably stands as high as it ever has in modern times.

The "flight of the bats" has become a major attraction at the caverns over the years. The caverns themselves offer a picture of spectacular formations and colors.

During the day the bats cling to the roof of the caverns in darkened areas not opened to the public.

Timber Sale Slated To Alleviate Shortage

Portland — (U.P.)—Some 12,000,000 board feet of federal timber will be put up for sale in the Molalla area to temporarily alleviate a serious log shortage, the Bureau of Land Management announced Friday.

V. T. Heath, state BLM supervisor, said the timber was released for sale after a delegation of 25 Molalla residents conferred with him in Portland.

However, he said the release did not guarantee that successful bidders would come from a Molalla operator, in which case the timber would not benefit the area.

The timber, Heath said, would probably keep mills in operation

U.S. Accused by Reds Of Unlawful Measures

Tokyo — (U.P.)—A Communist Korean Central News Agency report Saturday accused the Americans of imposing unlawful restrictions on the activities of the neutral nations inspection teams in Korea.

It charged that teams were prevented from conducting "normal inspections" because of "so-called security measures" imposed as a result of recent South Korea demonstrations against Communist inspectors.

for little more than a month, and that it was "extremely doubtful" that other timber would be released when it was harvested.

U.S. Schools 250,000 Rooms Short of Needs

Washington — (U.P.)—The nation's schools will be short more than 250,000 classrooms this fall despite a record building boom last year, office of education officials said Saturday.

Since last autumn, 60,000 new public elementary and high school classrooms have been made ready—the most ever built in one year and 5000 more than were constructed in 1953.

But, said Ray L. Hamon, chief of the school housing division, they will not make a dent in the backlog that has accumulated through the years even though they will absorb the expected increase in enrollment this fall.

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Iowa Police Seize Four Boys; Solve Mystery of Masks

Davenport, Iowa — (U.P.)—Police seized four youths Friday night and cracked the mystery of a band of white-masked men who prowled Davenport streets for the past week.

At first, it was thought the prowlers might be connected with the Ku Klux Klan.

But the youths, ranging in age from 15 to 18, said all they wanted to do was "scare neckers in the park and have a little fun."

They said they became frightened when police warned publicly that the band might be "shot on sight."

The youths were seized while roaming the city wearing white shorts, adhesive tape crosses on their chests and masks.

They named the other members of the band.

None of the youths was charged but police ordered all four to appear before a probation officer next week.

The break in the case bore out Police Chief Harvey A. Smith, who said earlier he felt the masked men were "just a bunch of teenagers having some premature Halloween fun."

"I don't think it's anything like the Klan," Smith had said.

Were On Lookout
Nevertheless, Smith had warned his force were "definitely on the lookout" and "it would be too bad if someone were killed."

The weirdly-masked youths had ignored Smith's "shoot on sight" order Thursday night and circled a house where a party was going on. The seized teenagers, however, denied any implication in the circling procession.

On two other nights this week about 10 members of the gang surrounded groups of young men and girls and danced about them, but did not molest them.

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Atomic Scientists Announce Useful Exchange of Data

Geneva — (U.P.)—Key atomic scientists from both sides of the Iron Curtain Saturday announced completion of a "useful exchange" of nuclear information in secret atoms for peace talks here.

Delegates from the Big Four atomic powers, and uranium-rich Canada and Czechoslovakia, made the disclosure at the end of a week of meetings behind closely-guarded locked doors.

The session was suggested by the United States. The purpose was to consult on the problems of "safeguarding or guaranteeing the peaceful uses of atomic energy against diversion of materials."

Means of making certain that atoms for peace fuel would not be used for atomic bombs was a key hitch to establishing the international atomic pool first proposed by President Eisenhower two years ago.

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Pearl praised Callard's services and accepted his resignation regretfully.

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Mother of Seven Gets Life Sentence

Cedar City, Utah — (U.P.)—Mrs. Milda Hopkins Ashdown, 35-year-old mother of seven children has been sentenced to spend the rest of her life in prison for following the example of her sister.

Mrs. Ashdown was sentenced after a jury of eight men and four women found her guilty of first degree murder for the poison-lemonade slaying of her husband, Raymond, on July 5, 1955.

Mrs. Ashdown's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Lottie Lacey, is in the Idaho State prison for the 1949 strychnine slaying of her husband, Vivian Ashdown — a brother of Raymond.

Mrs. Ashdown will probably be confined for life in the Colorado State prison at Canon City under an agreement whereby Colorado imprisons females convicted of crimes in Utah, which has no women's prison of its own.

Police Vice Squad Raids Night Club

Portland — (U.P.)—Portland vice squad officers raided an after-hours night club Friday night, arresting 43 persons.

Lt. Carl R. Crisp said the raid, one of the largest on record, was held at 3:40 a.m. The after-hours club was located at 1510 Northeast 1st avenue.

Dora Johnson, 27, was arrested for the unlawful sale of liquor and released on \$500 bond. Doris D. White, 22, was charged with conducting a poker game and released on \$250 bond.

Forty-one other persons were booked on charges of visiting a gambling establishment. Crisp said a large quantity of gambling equipment was seized in the raid.

The Flemish language is spoken more than French in Bruges, Belgium, though both are official tongues. Most Flemings speak French as well as Flemish, but few French-speaking Walloons have a command of Flemish.

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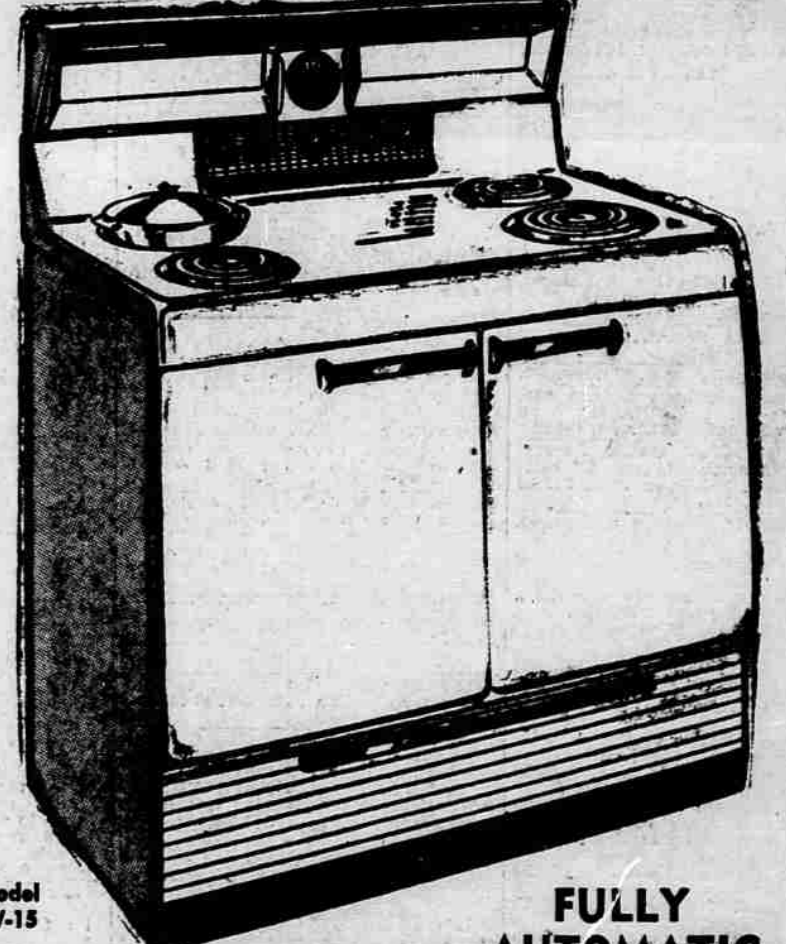
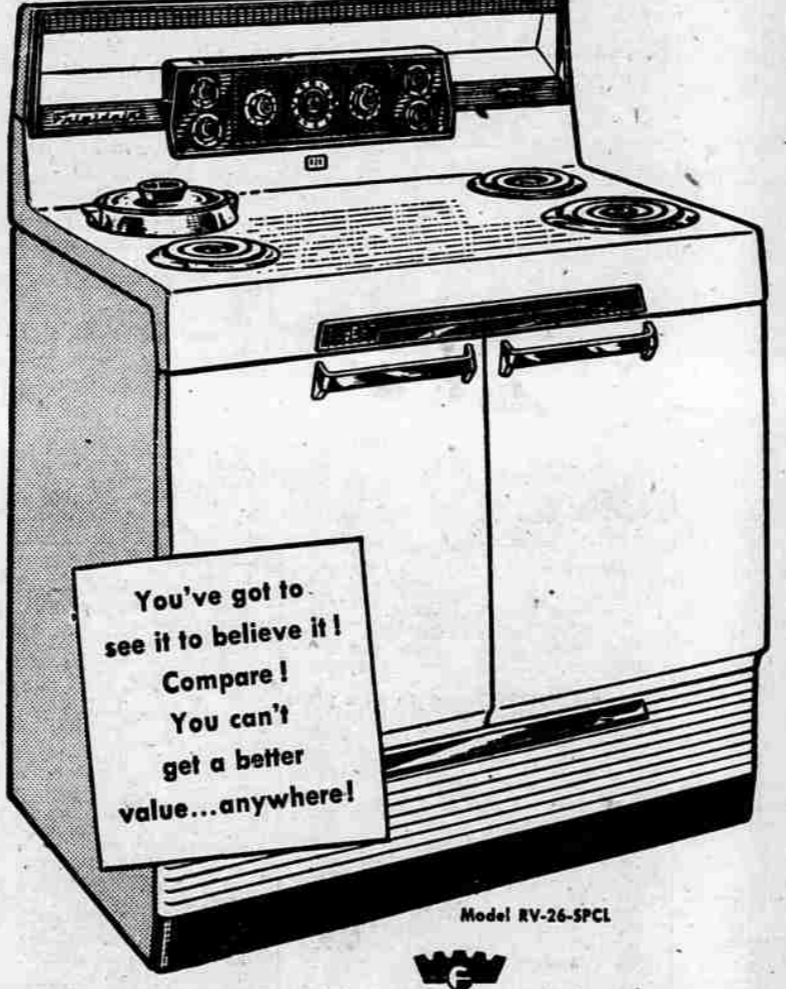


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