

# Travel and Resorts

## Revive Steamer Days on Ol' Man River This Fall

France has the Seine, England the Thames, Germany the Rhine and Russia the Volga, but few of these rivers have ever gripped the popular imagination as has the Mississippi of the United States.

The most colorful and romantic chapter in the river's history was undoubtedly that of the steamboat, but steamboat life was believed to be dying even in the days of Mark Twain, whose "Life on the Mississippi" is the most fascinating book ever written about the river. The traditions of that life, however, were kept alive by showboats, which took their place on the broad river waters.

### Prepare Steamboat Trip

Today the show boats are fewer, but steamship companies still maintain the role of the Mississippi in American life. As another effort in that direction, this fall the American Express Travel service will cooperate with the Greene line to send a steamer down the waters of the Ohio, down the Mississippi to New Orleans, following the river route of old.

The steamer Gordon C. Greene will make the voyage, leaving Cincinnati October 1, stopping at Louisville the next day and on the fourth day navigating the Mississippi itself. Natchez, in the heart of the Old South, and Baton Rouge, capital of Louisiana, will be visited en route and at New Orleans four days will be allowed for sightseeing before the Gordon C. Greene begins her homeward journey.

### In Mark Twain Country

"Not only the ports of call but the Mississippi and the life on the steamer are expected to be highlights of the cruise," states J. R. Willey, Cincinnati manager of the American Express Travel service. "The steamer will pass the landmarks of which Mark Twain wrote; it will follow the path of Evangeline to the bayous of Louisiana; it will pass the old Colonial homes of the South, the little river landings where cotton once began its voyage to sea, the old sugar plantations and the rich rice fields of the Creoles and the Acadians."

### Southern Cooking

Southern cooking, supervised by one of the owners of the steamer, will be served throughout the voyage, says Mr. Willey. Beaten biscuits, Southern style chicken, Kentucky ham, and corn bread will grace the dining tables, and fresh green vegetables will be taken from the surrounding countryside and prepared in traditional steamboat style.

Entertainment, too, will hark back to the days of Mark Twain. While there will be such activities as bridge, shuffle board and horse racing, the old-fashioned dances each evening are expected to be the highlight of the cruise. The Virginia Reel, the Paul Jones and the square dance will be revived and the simpler pleasures of other days will be enjoyed, as the Mississippi welcomes home this group of true, old-fashioned river steamboat travelers.

## Scene at Owakonze



Camp Owakonze on Baril Lake, Ontario, Canada, W. L. Childs, director, has a large number of North Shore Boys this year, as usual. The camp is divided into Junior, Middler and Senior camps, and includes boys from 8 years through high school age.

Every boy has been on canoe and fishing trips through the beautiful lakes and rivers of Ontario. On a recent fishing trip Donald Ickes of Winnetka caught a 14-pound northern pike. His fame was short-lived, however, for David Wallace (nephew of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace) landed a 15-pound lake trout. Fishing has been exceptionally good this year at Owakonze. Many large catches of wall-eyed pike, lake trout and northern pike have been brought in by the various camp groups.

### Dining Hall Popular

The boys are enjoying the use of their new dining hall which is pictured above. A huge new basketball floor has just been erected. Many of the future North Shore basketball stars at the various high schools will undoubtedly be Owakonze alumni.

John Coleman, Allan Talbot, Bob Meyers, Owsley Hill, and Tek Konsberg of the North Shore are busy making plans for their next canoe trips which will carry some of them though Quetico National park, and others as far north as Sioux Lookout. These trips are carefully planned by "Duke" Childs, the director, and his experienced staffmen. Memories of their trips and campfires, and fun in camp will always stay with these boys.

### HOME FROM NORTH WOODS

Sergeant Joseph F. Steffens, Mrs. Steffens, and Virginia Novak of 1525 Wilmette avenue, Miss Carol Engels, their niece, and Tommy Joe Hebson, the Steffens' grandson, have returned from a two weeks' trip in northern Wisconsin. The last week of their stay the Steffens' had as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. John Corrigan and family of Wilmette, their daughter, Marguerite Steffens, and Morris Paour of Danville.

## Return From Motor Journey in East

Mrs. Walter P. Bermingham and her son, Francis, have just returned to their home in Wilmette after a trip of about five weeks' duration. They left in Mrs. Bermingham's car and drove through the Alleghenies, and then to the Adirondacks, to Lake Placid, Saranac, to Lake Champlain, where they stopped at the Champlain hotel, and then went as far as Rouse's in Canada.

They then motored back to New York, to spend many days there, seeing the Fair, and to visit at Bay-side, L. I., Mrs. Bermingham's former home.

They also were guests of the Max Eitels, former Wilmette residents, at Great Neck.

Mrs. Bermingham and her son returned home on the large lake liner, the See and Bee, stopping at Mackinac Island and Sault Sainte Marie.

### HOME FROM FISHING

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Miller and the latter's mother, Mrs. J. H. Glass of 322 Greenleaf avenue, Wilmette, have returned from a two weeks' trip through Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. They fished in Wisconsin on Bone lake and in Minnesota on Battle lake, and report excellent luck.

Carol Andersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Andersen of 615 Harvard street, returned last week from a trip to Canada and eastern United States. She visited friends at Long Island, and also attended the New York fair. She was gone three weeks.

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