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After the chill (or cold) of winter, we are now able to enjoy the warmth and festivities only summer can bring. Let the fun begin! Should we celebrate the season as previous generations of Americans did or should we start new traditions? I expect we will do some of both. Accessible Archives databases provide us with an in-depth understanding of what life during the summer was like many generations ago.

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Summertime Fun

When the founding fathers penned the Declaration of Independence, they included the phrase “pursuit of happiness.” During the 19th century, American workers took this to heart and fought for better, safer conditions, higher wages and reductions in work hours. As progress was slowly made, they found more time for leisure with their families and friends. With good weather, summer was prime time for some enjoyment.

Before the Civil War travelling was not considered an appealing adventure but a means of getting where you needed to be. After the war, people developed an appreciation of spending some free time exploring new places like the mountains and beaches. The annual family vacation was born to become a much awaited tradition.

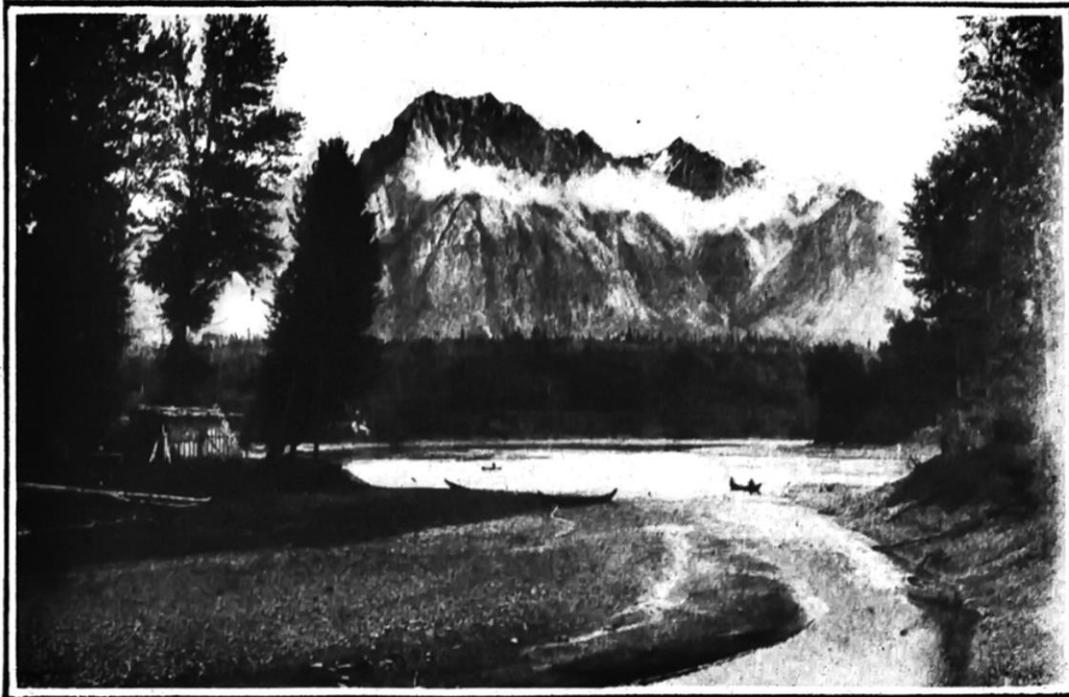
An article, “The West – A Wonderful Vacation Land,” from **Frank Leslie’s Weekly**, July 5, 1917 suggests a number of destination options for its readers to contemplate. If you are hoping to book some tickets now, be warned - prices have increased substantially since it was written.

DON'T FORGET YOUR VACATION

NO MATTER how long the war lasts, business must go on. The world must be fed, so the farmer will find plenty to do. The world must be clothed, so many of our industries will be busier than usual. Thousands of industries will grow, even if some diminish. The world cannot stand still, even for so great a conflict as the one we are engaged in. Business, if not pleasure, demands travel, so the railroads must run. Health must be conserved, and the best way to do this now, as at any other time, is by taking an occasional vacation.

With the vexations, trials and the worldwide unrest of the present day, everyone needs a vacation this year more than ever to fit him for the part he is to play in the world conflict, no matter how small the

part may be. If loved ones have been called to the colors, it will not lighten the burden to stay at home and face terrors that are often greater in imagination than in reality. On the contrary, it will be better for all if one will seek diversion and entertainment to lessen the tug at the heart-strings. What better or more educational way to accomplish this purpose than by traveling?



THE WEST A WONDERFUL VACATION LAND

Throughout the Rockies, in Colorado, Montana and Wyoming, in the valleys of California, Oregon and Washington, scenes of beauty greet the traveler everywhere. The call of the west is on. It's vacation time.

The cost of pleasure, strangely enough, has not advanced as has the price of necessities. The railroads, tourist companies, hotels and resorts, are all making greater efforts to make the vacation season attractive at prices that are nominal. If one cannot spare the time or afford a long vacation or a journey to distant parts, there are in every locality places that offer amusement, recreation and diversion commensurate with the amount that one can pay for them. The limitations of space prevent our giving a complete list of America's vacation attractions but a few suggestions may be welcomed:

A round-trip ticket to San Francisco from Chicago costs only \$75.

A six-days trip through Yellowstone, including all expenses, can be made for \$53.50. The round-trip ticket from St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth to the Park costs \$32, from Puget Sound Points \$33.15, from San Francisco \$70.40, from Chicago \$47.50, from New York \$89.70, and from Atlanta and points south about \$56 to \$60.

Trips through Glacier Park range from one to four days and from \$8 to \$22.

A Four-In-One vacation, including visits to three national parks and Colorado, is one of the best on the summer vacation bargain counter. The circle tour ticket from Chicago costs only \$89.75.

For those who enjoy water tours nothing is more attractive than a Great Lakes trip. A 2,200-mile journey in large comfortable steamers, on four lakes, lasting a week, with meals and berth included, can be had for \$40 up. Twelve day cruises, 3,600 miles on the five Great Lakes \$75.

Attractive 1,400-mile trips on the Mississippi between St. Paul and St. Louis, with meals and berth included, cost the vacationist only \$35. Coastwise journeys too numerous to mention are still available from a meagre sum to \$75. Steamers have not as yet been requisitioned for war service, and the danger from submarines is hardly a factor to be considered.



AUTOING AT THE FOOT OF A GLACIER
In Sylvan Pass on the beautiful Cody road to Yellowstone, a panorama of natural wonders and the most picturesque way to reach the Park.

In the mountain districts of North Carolina, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, in the Ozarks of Missouri and Arkansas are hundreds of beautiful vacation points readily accessible by rail where one can procure accommodations within the limitation of the humblest purse.

Quaint old Nova Scotia the land of Evangeline, and eastern and western Canada must not be forgotten in the inexhaustible list of summer vacation grounds, while faraway Honolulu and Alaska, grow nearer and nearer each year as better steam ship accommodations and low rates are offered the tourist.

The seacoast resorts along both the Atlantic and Pacific are so famous that one need not particularize. All of them are most charming and delightful and all offer inducements and enjoyments to persons of moderate means.

Considering another summer institution, we know baseball has long been considered America's national past time. Since its introduction in the 1840s, American families have spent much time watching or playing the game regardless of what else is happening around the nation. Pandemics, wars, or depressions have not totally stopped baseball teams from playing. Civil War soldiers participated in games to distract them from the horrors they were experiencing in battle. Armed forces in World War I saw many professional



players in their ranks as soldiers. They did what soldiers do to relax on their days off - "batted up" with the other enlisted men as discussed in *The Camp Pike Carry On* dated April 10, 1919. (American Military Camp Newspapers, Part II.)

Little Rock Team Will Play Other Big League Clubs in Camp Sundays

Camp Pike Athletic Association, Through Co-operation of General Traub, Closes Agreement to Have Southern Association Teams Play All Sunday Games at Miller Field—Many Town Players Were Soldiers—Camp Team to Play Professional Stars in Practice Game Here Sunday.

By Hilpisch.

Through the efforts of the Camp Pike Athletic Association, and the co-operation of General Traub, soldiers of Camp Pike will be given an opportunity to witness some real league baseball games this summer. These games will be between the Little Rock team and other clubs of the Southern Association and will be played at Miller Field, in Camp Pike, on Sunday afternoons

Besides these games, the Little Rock club also will be brought here for some games with a Camp Pike team. At the present time, the athletes are being organized into the strongest team that can be picked from among the stars in camp. Every outfit in the cantonment that has a ball club is trying its best to get in shape for the first practice game with the Travelers.

Yesterday, President Bob Allen of the Little Rock Club, and his club manager, Kid Elberfeld, were at Camp Pike, and consulted with the athletic authorities preparatory to making some changes in the plan of the diamond at Miller Field. These will be necessary to make the games a success. It is expected that the diamond will be laid out and put in shape for the first game Sunday afternoon.

The Little Rock officials are anxious to have a camp team go down town for an opening practice game Saturday afternoon, and then come to Camp Pike Sunday. The Saturday game, if closed, will be played at Kavanaugh Field. This will be a great aid to the camp tossers, because while they have had considerable practice here, this opportunity to get some hard work on a smooth, fast diamond, will put them in better shape to take on the league outfit Sunday afternoon, for the benefit of the soldiers.

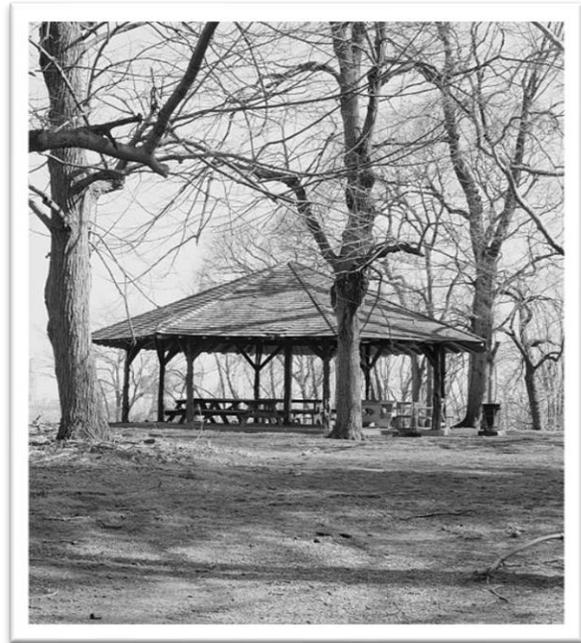
Picnics represent a quintessential summer enjoyment because they can be enjoyed by young or old, rich or poor... and you gotta eat! It just takes some good food, the company of others, and a warm, sunny day. Nonetheless, some people still get hot under the collar even at an annual Sunday school picnic as noted in an article entitled "Sunday School Picnics", published in *The Christian Recorder* dated July 7, 1866. (Anatomy of Protest in America: Newspapers, 1729-1922):

Sunday School Picnics . - The Sunday-schools of Central Presbyterian and Shiloh Baptist Churches had their annual picnic, July 2nd, leaving Philadelphia at nine o'clock, and arriving at Diamond cottage at ten. The appearance of the schools was fine, each school numbers about two hundred scholars. Many did not march in procession but joined the schools at the ground. They spent their time in the innocent amusement of playing ball, jumping, swinging, &c. There was said to be, at one period of the day, four thousand persons on the ground, of all ages, sexes and sizes. Until the trumpet sounded, and the time came to depart, nothing had occurred to mar the festivities of the occasion. About six o'clock P.M. the little ones started for their homes and arrived safely.

We are pained, however, to state what we have learned to be a fact, that after the little ones retired, a sad affair occurred; a man whether white or colored, we know not, got a drink from the inn keeper and refused payment, whereupon he was arrested by the police - his friends rescued him - the fire bells were rung, large and boisterous crowds assembled, and there were indications of a seriously extensive melee.

There was much indiscriminate fighting - several arrests were made. Mr. Isaiah White, son of our esteemed fellow townsman Mr. Jacob C. white Sr., was seriously injured, though he was in no way connected with the affray. A son of Mr. Francis was also badly beaten, simply because he was near the scene of disturbances.

If we cannot have picnics without these riotous and disgraceful disturbances attending them, we had better not have them at all. There are a set of rowdies who will follow the Sunday School children, and it seems that however much pains the teachers, scholars and parents may take to have a quiet and peaceable time, these parties will always cause some painful attending circumstances.



This particular ending is unfortunate because the goal of summer is to recharge and relax so we may be ready for life's next challenges. May your summer be calming, joyful, safe and full of travel, baseball and picnics.

New Product Announcement

America and World War I. American Military Camp Newspapers, Part II.

Eleven additional titles in the **American Military Camp Newspapers series** have been fully digitized. Previously available as an image only collection, Part II has been upgraded to include full-text searchability. This delivers an unparalleled research experience for students and faculty who would otherwise be unable to access materials formerly held in microform. Users may complement their coursework in many areas including American history, social history, political science, military history, and more. Part II comprises a diverse collection of military newspapers from various camps located in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, and New Mexico, many published under the auspices of the National War Work Council of the Army and Navy of the Y.M.C.A. They provide news on the growth of a national army consisting of soldiers from all states and included articles on the arrival of the soldiers, scope of their training, entertainment activities, effects of the camps on the local home fronts, perceptions of the war, and life on the battlefield and in the trenches. These newspapers also include non-war related advertisements, poetry, short stories, memoirs, jokes, and cartoons. Photographs and sketches portray life in the various camps, on the home front, and at the battlefield.

Included in the collection:

- Afloat and Ashore, May 29, 1918 - July 31, 1918
- The Bayonet, October 05, 1917 - January 11, 1918
- Camp Dix Times, October 08, 1917 - November 01, 1917
- Camp Meade Herald, September 23, 1917 - December 06, 1918
- The Camp Pike Carry On, November 14, 1918 - August 15, 1919
- The Fly Paper, July 12, 1918 - December 31, 1919
- The Fort Bayard News, October 23, 1918 - November 21, 1919
- Issues and Events, August 24, 1914 - July 13, 1918
- The Marine, September 20, 1918 - December 31, 1919
- The Oglethorpe Barrage, October 08, 1917 - June 16, 1919
- The Right About, December 18, 1918 - July 17, 1919

Learn More at [America and World War I: American Military Camp Newspapers, Part II](#)

New Product Announcement

The AMAROC News, 1919-1923

In April, Accessible Archives announced the open access, image only, publication of *The AMAROC News*. *The AMAROC News* was a daily American military newspaper that appeared in Coblenz from 1919 through 1923. It was a highly colorful newspaper that provided its primary audience – the American doughboy -- a blend of the concerns of most young American men of the time – sports, jobs, family, travel, and education. But it also provided more -- soldiers who read this newspaper came away with an expanded sense of the world's events and of America's changing position in the international picture.

In addition, to daily news reports and articles, the newspaper published letters to the editor, short stories, and poems regarding American-German social relations, and expressed the concerns of soldiers that were plagued by homesickness and a lack of understanding for their stay in Germany, even though the war was over.

Learn More at [The AMAROC News: America's Occupation of the Rhineland, 1919-1923](#)

Also of interest, new databases added in 2020

Anatomy of Protest in America

This database offers a unique opportunity to investigate the people, places, events, organizations, that exercised their rights, took action and stood up to protest. From colonial exploitation and revolution to slavery and abolition, political rights, suffrage, and economic and industrial disturbances, this series of newspaper articles, editorials and books will guide the user through almost 225 years of American protest history.

Learn More at: [Anatomy of Protest in America Series](#)

Quarantine and Disease Control in America

This database will give researchers an unparalleled look at administrative and community responses to diseases devastating to public health as found in the press from colonial America through World War I.

This database provides a vivid picture ripe for essential historic exploration to compare past outbreaks, civilian and governmental reactions, and disease control practices to what is happening today.

Learn More at: [Quarantine and Disease Control in America Series](#)

American County Histories

Digitization of the final volumes of County Histories has now been completed and the full 50-state plus Washington DC collection is available for searching. These encyclopedic publications produced between 1870 and 1923 allow searchers to find a wide range of detailed local historical materials relating to genealogical, governmental, medical, legal, school, and church topics from the entire country. American County Histories is currently divided into nine groupings: Central, Mid-Atlantic Part 1, Mid-Atlantic Part 2, Midwest, New England Part 1, New England Part 2, Southeastern, The Southwest, and The West.

Learn More at: [American County Histories](#)

Coming Soon

- **African American Newspapers, Part XIV: The Canadian Observer, 1914-1919**
- **Invention and Technology in America**
 - **Part I: American Inventor, 1878-1887**
 - **Part II: The American Inventor, 1898-1907**

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