

Colorful Colorado

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Colorado... Summer and Winter Playground
 Amid the Grandeur of the Rockies

THE WIDE OPEN SPACES are reached easily over Colorado's modern highways. The main roads comprise the State Highway System of nearly 8,000 miles, and almost all are on the Federal-aid System. Nearly half every mile of the State's highway system is paved.

Colorado has approximately 41,000 miles of county roads and 3,900 miles of city streets. All highways on the State Highway System and all the County Connecting Roads (thin black bonds) are shown on the Highway Map and the Better Maps. Colorado's main east-west highways cross from one to three mountain ranges, and state roads lead to every corner of the State.

Travel throughout the State by the Colorado Department of Highways, which constructs and maintains all roads on the State Highway System, County road crews construct and maintain roads on the County Highway System, and highways on the National Parks, built by the U.S. State Highways crew. 26 mountain passes, ranging from 8,000 to 12,000 feet in altitude, and 21 of these passes are kept open for year-around travel by the Department of Highways. Main highways from the State from west to east include U.S. 6, 24, 40, 50 and 34, 36, 85, 67, 243, 261 and 550. U.S. 85-87 is the principal north-south route, paralleling the "foot ridge" of the mountains and serving the larger cities lying just west of the "horshill." Wherever route changes in crossing the mountain crests or the Continental Divide, you cross a series of a local string of scenery and the thrill of the Wide Open Spaces.

SUMMER AND WINTER PLAYGROUNDS. Winter sports are becoming a stream, or in pine-wooded hills. Winter sports are becoming increasingly popular. Improved highways, which add greatly to the pleasure of traveling in Colorado in spring, summer and fall, are called for in skiing, tobogganing and skating on easily accessible facilities have been built or planned for winter resort centers, and add greatly to the popularity of snow and ice sports. Winter visitors to the mountains, whether on foot or by car, can be in a new world of great white mountains, swimming, and in extent and of imposing beauty in their mountain ski areas.

EVERONE TALKS ABOUT THE WEATHER, especially Colorado, because high temperatures here are not oppressive as they are elsewhere. Summer nights are cool, refreshing and sleep-inducing. Winters are exceptionally mild, particularly in the cities and towns lying just east of the front range of mountains which serve as a protective barrier. The sun shines in Colorado more than

300 days each year. Annual precipitation varies from 7 to 26 inches in various sections of the State, with an average of 16.5 inches.

LODGING PLACES are easily found because good accommodations, hotels, auto courts, restaurants and other facilities are available in all Colorado cities of any size. In the production of cattle and calves, and fifthrank in the production of milk. In agricultural products, Colorado leads all states in the production of beets, and is at or near the top in quantity of sugar beets and beet roots. The grazing of cattle and sheep and the raising of hogs and poultry. The State's total farm land covers 38,000,000 acres, of which 3,000,000 are irrigated by waters from the Rockies. Great restoration projects are being developed by the Federal Government. The State's total population is 1,300,000.

IF YOU GET HUNGRY, you may be interested to know that Colorado's high altitude celery, head lettuce, peaches, cherries and other vegetables are raised in the mountains. The State is fourth in the production of sheep and lambs, seventh in potatoes, fifthrank in the production of cattle and calves, and fifthrank in the production of milk. In agricultural products, Colorado leads all states in the production of beets, and is at or near the top in quantity of sugar beets and beet roots. The grazing of cattle and sheep and the raising of hogs and poultry. The State's total farm land covers 38,000,000 acres, of which 3,000,000 are irrigated by waters from the Rockies. Great restoration projects are being developed by the Federal Government. The State's total population is 1,300,000.

THESE ARE JUST A FEW REASONS Colorado's Universities and Colleges attract students from throughout the world. High educational standards combine with an unsurpassed setting for health and recreation in the great outdoors to provide a national laboratory for many kinds of graduate and under-graduate students who combine their studies with delightful vacations.

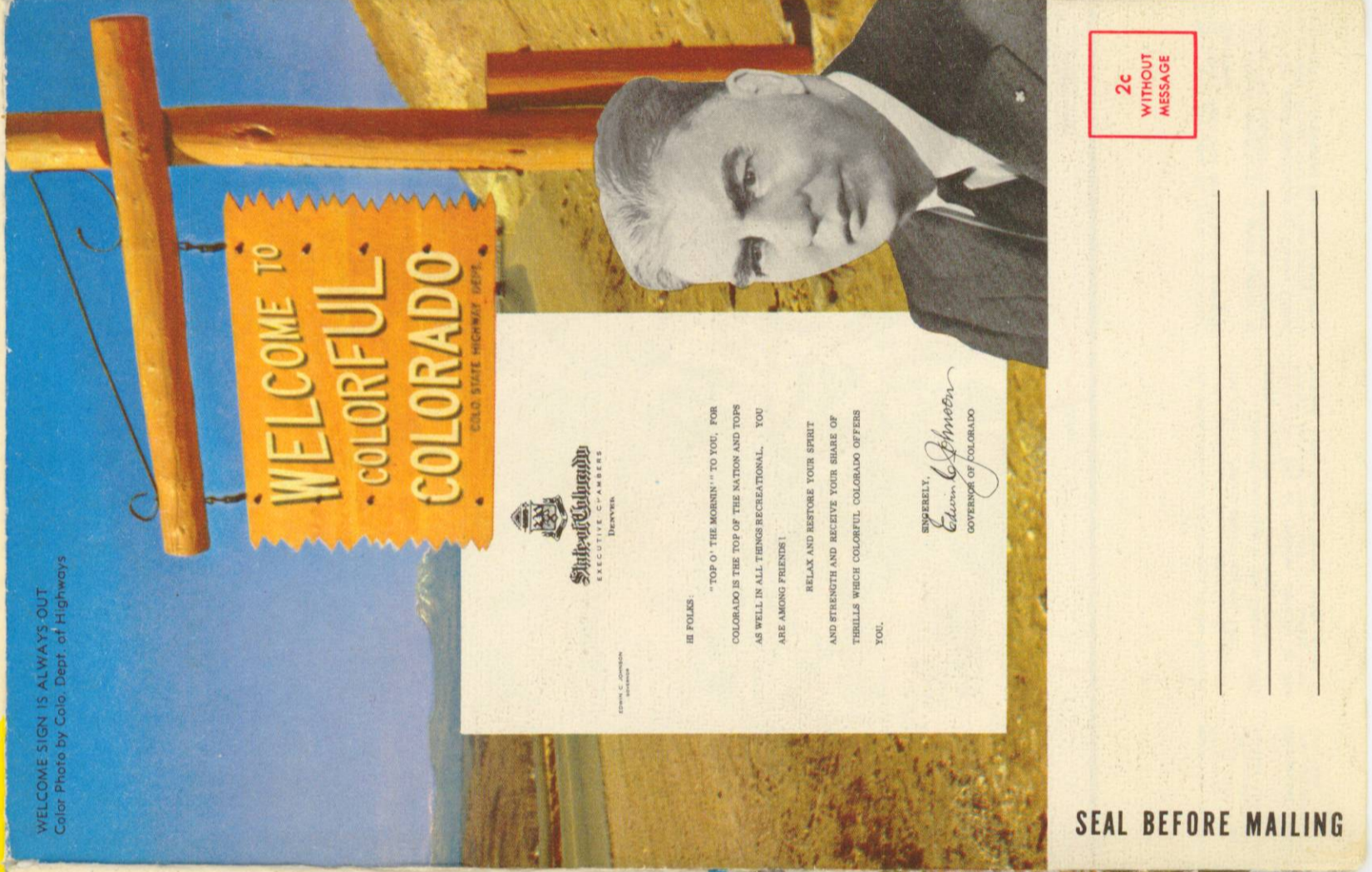
THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY, now under construction on 17,000 acres lying against the foothills a short distance north of Colorado Springs, is designed to be one of the finest educational institutions in the world. It includes many entertainment features with a Western flavor, as well as AAA baseball and horse and dog racing dates.

AND REMEMBER THE CAMERA, because Colorful Colorado is a photographer's dream come true.

THE HIGHWAY MAP was prepared by the Planning and Research Division of the Colorado Department of Highways, and shows the 8,000 miles of the State Highway System plus detail the state mileage of County Primary roads.

THE RELIEF MAP, prepared by Jensen & Co., Denver, shows Colorado as it would appear from 60 miles in the air and graphically illustrates the vast differences in topography.

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colorado Land of Healthful Climate, Spectacular Scenery, Treasure House of Resources

"DELIGHTFUL!" That's what visitors say about the climate, the scenery, the great recreational areas in the mountains, the pure air and water, the sunshine and the friendliness of the people of Colorado. It is truly a marvelous place to play, to work, to dream. Astride the equally wonderful year-around horse trails.

THERE'S LOTS OF ROOM in Colorado's 1,054,247 square miles, seventy-five times as much as the 48 states of the United States and New York State combined. The western half is mountainous, the eastern portion flat or rolling plains. Lowest elevation, 3,385 feet, is near Holly in southeastern Colorado; highest, 14,431 feet, is Mount Elbert near Leadville. Of the State's 66,718,080 acres, 36 per cent is Federal Land, a large portion being with more than 700,000 in the Denver metropolitan area.

UNLIMITED RICHES are stored in the mountainside of the State. More than 250 metallic and non-metallic minerals. Colorado's hills and plains, road culms by the corner, the world's greatest oil shale and molibdenum deposits, gold, silver, huge oil pools, and the nation's greatest coal reserves. Colorado has produced 80 per cent of the world's vanadium and half the world's uranium.

CHARMERS OF COMMERCE and travel agencies throughout the State will provide information and help concerning local scenic trips, activities and accommodations.

WORLD'S GREATEST MOVINGWATER POWER BACKDROP
 Color Photo by Charles E. Grever

TROUT AROUND IN LAKE AND STREAM
 Color Photo by Robert N. Tackey

GIRO DWELLINGS AT ANCESTRAL VILLAGES
 Color Photo by Robert N. Tackey

ALL WEATHER ROADS ARE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
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ABOVE: TRAVELING WORLD'S HIGHEST AUTO ROAD THROUGH TOP OF MOUNT PEARL COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

THE DRIVEWAY THROUGH THE MOUNTAINOUS SCENERY OF THE COLORADO SPRINGS AREA IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THE STATE. COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

NIMBLE LAKE IN GREAT MOUNTAINOUS SCENERY COLOR PHOTO BY JOHN AND BOBBI SHAMBER

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