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THE AMERICAN NORTHEAST

A TOUR OF NEW ENGLAND AND
FRENCH CANADA

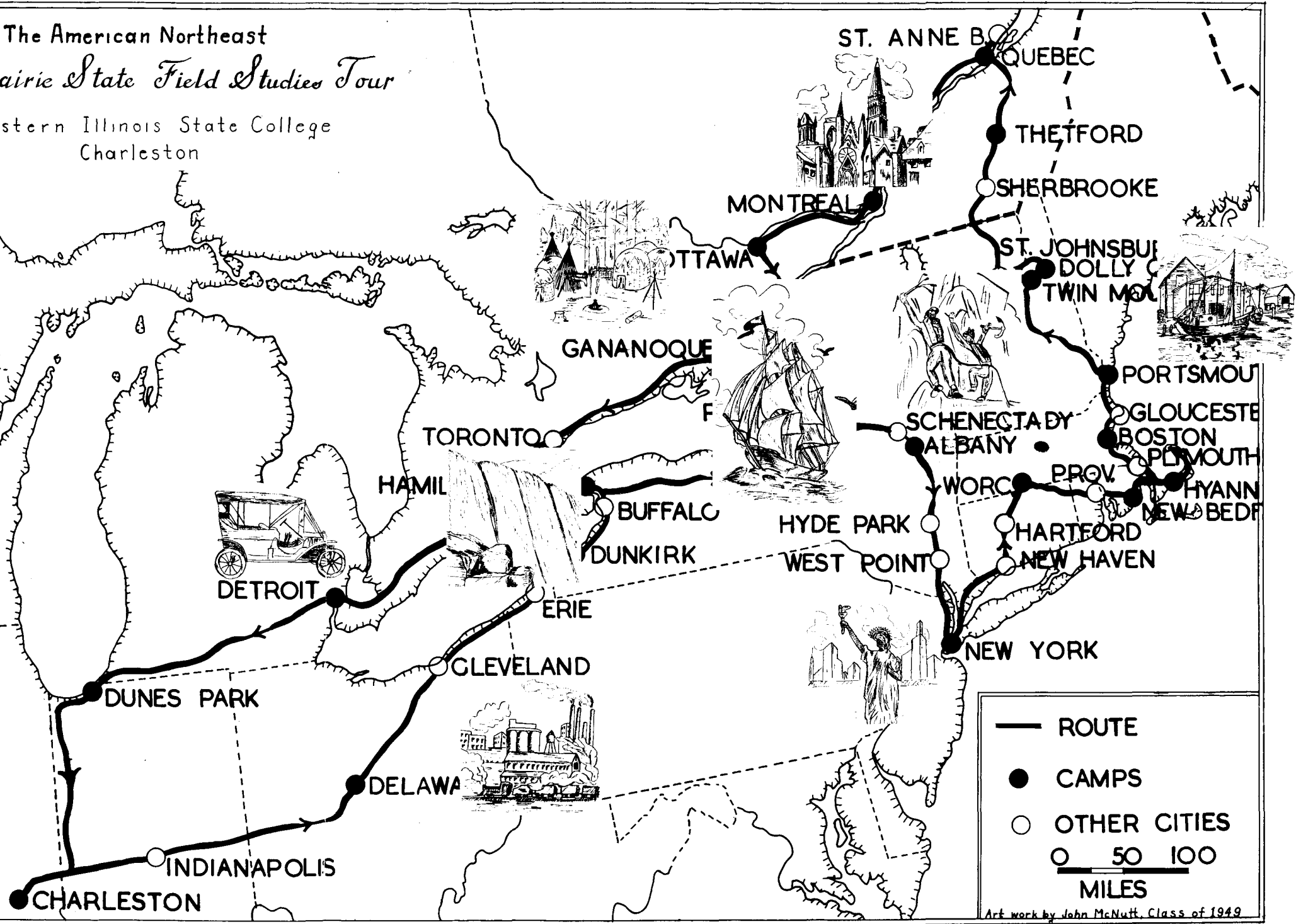
Summer Session, 1948, June 14 to August 6
4,000 Miles—43 Days in the Field—12 College
Credits in Geography and History

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The American Northeast

A Prairie State Field Studies Tour

Eastern Illinois State College
Charleston



— ROUTE
 ● CAMPS
 ○ OTHER CITIES
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Art work by John McNutt, Class of 1949

SCHEDULE AND ITINERARY

(Minor changes in itinerary and location of camps may be necessary.)

Monday, June 14-Wednesday, June 16—Preparatory work on campus.

Thursday, June 17—Field Trip begins at 8 a. m., Indianapolis, Delaware (Ohio).

Friday, June 18—Cleveland, Erie, Dunkirk (N. Y.).

Saturday, June 19—Buffalo, Niagara Falls.

Sunday, June 20—In Niagara Falls area.

Monday, June 21—Finger Lakes Region, Richland Springs (N. Y.).

Tuesday, June 22—Erie Barge Canal, Mohawk Turnpike, Schenectady, Albany.

Wednesday, June 23—Hyde Park, West Point, New York City. (Visit to Republican National Convention at Philadelphia may be arranged.)

Thursday, June 24-Monday, June 28—New York City and vicinity.

Tuesday, June 29—New Haven, Hartford, Springfield, Worcester.

Wednesday, June 30—Providence, New Bedford.

Thursday, July 1—Martha's Vineyard boat trip may be arranged, Hyannis.

Friday, July 2—Sight-seeing on Cape Cod.

Saturday, July 3—Plymouth, Marshfield, Quincy, Boston.

Sunday, July 4-Tuesday, July 6—In Boston area.

Wednesday, July 7—Gloucester, Newburyport, Portsmouth (N. H.).

Thursday, July 8—Lake Winnepesaukee, Old Man of the Mountain, Twin Mountain.

Friday, July 9—Through White Mountains to Dolly Copp Camp near Gorham.

Saturday, July 10-Sunday, July 11—Hiking or resting in camp in White Mountains area.

Monday, July 12—St. Johnsbury, Sherbrooke, Thetford Mines (Quebec).

Tuesday, July 13—Quebec.

Wednesday, July 14-Thursday, July 15—Quebec and St. Anne de Beaupre area.

Friday, July 16—Trois Rivieres, Montreal.

Saturday July 17-Sunday July 18—In Montreal area.

Monday, July 19—Ottawa.

Tuesday, July 20—In Ottawa area.

Wednesday, July 21—Prescott, Gananoque.

Thursday, July 22—In Thousand Islands area. Boat trip may be arranged.

Friday, July 23—Toronto, Hamilton.

Saturday, July 24—Windsor, Detroit.

Sunday, July 25-Tuesday July 27—In Detroit area.

Wednesday, July 28—Indiana Dunes State Park.

Thursday, July 29—Charleston.

Friday, July 30—Friday August 6—On Campus.

PRAIRIE STATE FIELD STUDIES ENABLE EASTERN STATE STUDENTS TO TRAVEL, LEARN, EARN CREDIT

YOU'RE INVITED:

You can enjoy both a grand vacation and an exceptional opportunity for learning if you join the Prairie State Field Studies in a tour of New England and French Canada during June and July of 1948. The class will spend forty-three days in the field and travel approximately 4,250 miles over a carefully planned route through ten states and two provinces.

The trip will be conducted by the heads of the geography and social science departments of Eastern Illinois State College and the instruction offered in these subjects will carry twelve quarter hours of credit, the amount commonly earned during a full summer session at the college. An invitation to apply for enrollment is extended to students and teachers who desire to earn college credit while traveling and who are eligible to enroll at Eastern Illinois State College.

WHERE WE GO:

The field study class will cross Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Quebec, Ontario, and Michigan. The greater part



Dr. Elton Scott, Geography Department Head and Tour Director, addresses a class on his subject amid the natural splendors of the American Southwest. Dr. C. H. Coleman, Tour Historian, sits in right foreground.



It's wash day for part of the group which took a 7,500 mile Southwestern tour under the auspices of the Prairie State Field Studies last summer.

of the time will be spent in New York, New England, and French Canada. The map and itinerary given here suggest the many places of unique interest that will be enjoyed. The current material elements of civilization in America represented by the huge steel mills along the shore of Lake Erie and by Radio City, Wall Street, and the port of New York may be contrasted with tiny French-Canadian agricultural villages overshadowed by their church, more like seventeenth-century France and France itself, and with the religious mysticism of Sainte Anne de Beaupre's sacred relics and reports of miraculous cures. Natural wonders such as Niagara Falls, the Palisades of the Hudson, the sand dunes of Cape Cod and of northern Indiana, the White Mountains, and the Thousand Islands will be visited. Such attractions as Admiral Perry's flagship on Lake Erie, a tower reputed to have been built by the Norsemen, Plymouth Rock, Bunker Hill, Chateau Frontenac and the Citadel of Quebec will bring life to the pages of history. One or more days will be spent in New York, Boston, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, and Detroit. It may be possible to arrange for seats at the Republican National Convention and spend a day in Philadelphia. There will be a boat trip to Martha's Vineyard or among the Thousand Islands, perhaps both. There will be opportunity for swim-



The 1948 field study group will visit this greatest of American natural phenomena, Niagara Falls, on Sunday, June 20. This photo was taken after the recent damaging rock fall.

ming, hiking, mountain climbing and other recreational activities. Every Sunday will be spent in camps accessible to churches and any activities scheduled for those days will be optional.

HOW WE TRAVEL:

The field party travels in a comfortable insured passenger bus, accompanied by a kitchen-utility truck. The group lives in well-equipped camps, four persons to the tent. The camps are set up by a crew of stewards in state parks or private tourist camps. Meals are served by a capable camp cook. Members of the class need bring only their blankets and personal equipment. Each applicant will be supplied with a suggested list of clothing and other necessities. Ordinarily, the tourist will need few things he does not already have.

LEARNING AT FIRST HAND:

The emphasis of the trip will be on seeing, doing, and enjoying things. The courses for credit in geography and history are designed to give increased enjoyment through understanding of the places visited. A considerable part of the instruction will be through informal lectures and directed observation in the field. Lectures and guided tours conducted by local experts will be arranged for some of the places. Students will be aided in selecting and carrying out field projects along lines of personal interest that are correlated with the courses offered. There will be a choice small

library of reference books and maps useful in interpreting and appreciating the features visited. The instructors in charge of the courses will offer scheduled lectures on the campus before the trip starts, at some of the camps along the route, and on the campus at the end of the trip, to integrate and interpret the results of the field study.

ALL THIS AND CREDIT TOO:

At the same time you are enjoying a fine vacation, making new friends and enlarging your contacts with America, you can gain twelve quarter hours of college credit, the same number that could be earned on the campus during the eight weeks. The courses may be counted for either junior or senior college credit as electives in any curriculum, or may be used for re-certification. The six quarter hours course in **Field Studies in Geography** may be substituted for certain required courses for a major or minor in geography. The The six quarter hour course in **Field Studies in American History** may be substituted in like manner for certain of the required courses for a major or minor in social science.

SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE:

The Prairie State Field Studies trips are operated on a non-profit basis. Eastern Illinois State College furnishes the instructors, makes the arrangements, and supplies some of the equipment and facilities without cost to the student except for the regular registration fees. Detailed advance



No one can see the New York skyline and the Statue of Liberty without thrilling both to the material and spiritual greatness of America. Student tourists will take the famed Staten Island ferry trip late in June. The above photo is taken from Brooklyn Bridge.



New England's rich historic interest is epitomized in the painting "Pilgrims Going to Church." Prairie State tourists will have three centuries of history spread before them in the New England states.

arrangements for camp sites, admission to points of interest, special guide and lecture services and other arrangements assure many economies and other advantages over individual travel. Camp living, camp food, and chartered buses also help keep expenses at a minimum.

The over-all cost for the trip will be relatively low, but college authorities hesitate in these days of rapidly changing prices to promise, over six months in advance, exactly how much will be charged. It is believed that the cost will be between \$250 and \$300. You will not be expected to make a final commitment to go on the trip until a more exact quotation can be made. The over-all charge will include transportation, meals, camping facilities, and admission to scheduled points of interest. However, such items as souvenirs, non-scheduled entertainment, lunches in some of the big cities, living expenses for eight days at Charleston, and the usual college registration fees, totaling perhaps \$50 in all, will be extra.

YOU'LL BE IN GOOD HANDS:

The faculty members in charge of the field party are the course instructors. Both are competent teachers of the subject matter and have taught it in the field. They are experienced in conducting study tours of this sort and worked together in the successful 1947 Prairie State Field Studies trip of 7,500 miles to the American Southwest. A hostess will supervise the social activities of the group and render first aid when minor ailments occur. A full time cook will serve big camp meals and provide materials for a mid-day sandwich lunch on travel days. A camp manager and stewards will ride the utility truck and the camp

will be set up and waiting when the day's activities are over. The bus will be operated by a selected professional driver.

As a good camper, you will look after your own bed and baggage, help yourself at the table, perhaps wash your own plate when you have finished, and serve your other personal needs, but there will be no arduous camp duties to interfere with more desirable activities.

EDUCATION WITH A MEANING:

The Prairie State Field Studies tours offer a genuine service to students and teachers who must face the sometimes difficult choice of whether to take a vacation or earn credits at summer school. Travel, particularly where most of the troublesome details of arrangements are left to someone else, can be highly enjoyable. Coupled with camping and daily association with new friends, it does, in the words of one tourist, get a person out of any rut in which he may be trapped.

The field study courses are academically sound. The study of both geography and history is notably brought to life by actually seeing and understanding the areas involved. Each subject complements the other, especially when studied together in the field where each instructor knows exactly what the other has done and said. Directed observation, selected readings, and oral explanation and discussion combine to give vivid impressions that can be carried into the classroom to improve the quality of your teaching. Teachers may also learn the techniques of field study and adapt them to their work through local trips.

WE CAN'T TAKE EVERYBODY:

The 1948 field studies class will be limited to approximately 25 students. A congenial group is desired, individually competent to enjoy the trip and profit from the study. You should judge for yourself whether you fit into the plans that have been outlined here. As minimum requirements, tour authorities demand that you be eligible to enroll at Eastern Illinois State College, that you present a health certificate from your physician, and convince the instructors that you have the necessary background and seriousness of purpose for the two courses you select. If you are interested in joining the class, you should write, as early as possible, to:

**Prairie State Field Studies,
Eastern Illinois State College,
Charleston, Illinois.**

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