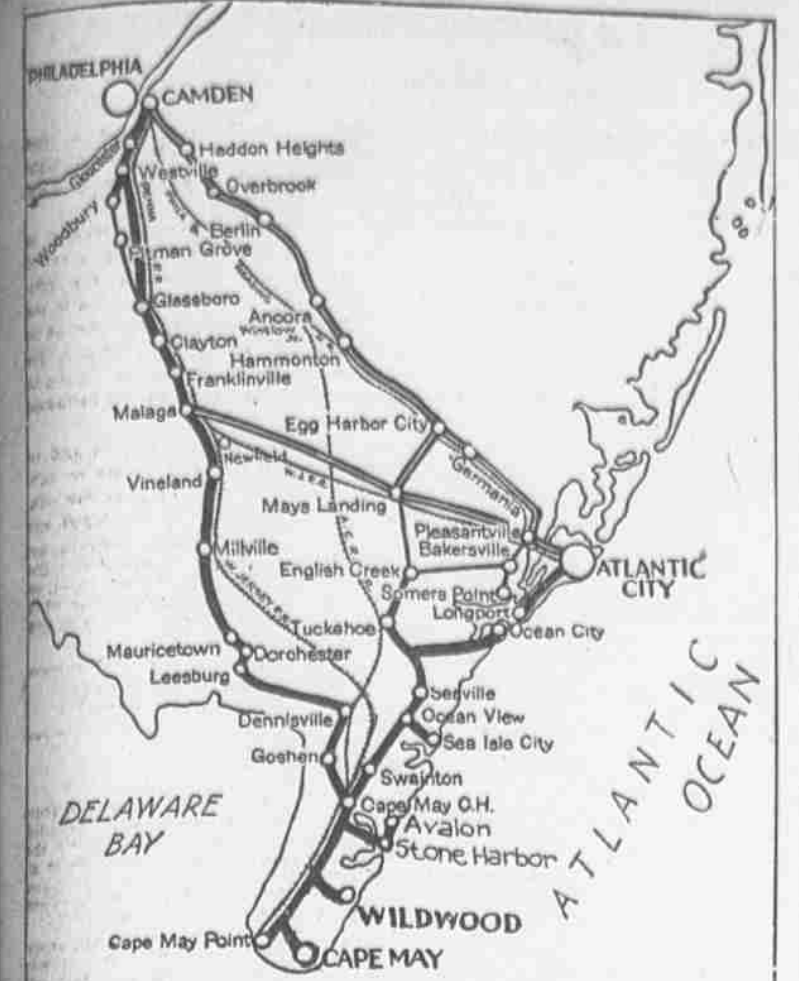


CAPE MAY AND WILDWOOD LURE CITY FOLKS TO ATLANTIC SHORE



Thousands of men, women and children in Philadelphia are denied an opportunity to get away from the heat and dirt of the city during the summer.

Many owners of automobiles also are kept at home during part of the summer, and for their convenience the automobile routes through the same territory are given along with the trolley trips.

The lure of another \$1 excursion trip to New Jersey's delightful shore was not easily to be resisted, so our eighth "vacationette" took us to Cape May and Wildwood.

Cape May is situated at the extreme southern end of New Jersey on an upland island just off of a peninsula that juts out into the Atlantic Ocean.

Wildwood presents the chief attraction to the "vacationette." Frankly, we would rather spend the entire season at Cape May, but a short vacation at Wildwood.

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COST OF VACATIONETTE

Philadelphia to Cape May and Wildwood and return: One-day excursion \$1.00, 10-day excursion (steam) \$2.50, unlimited excursion (auto) \$3.50.

Because of the ruling of the New Jersey Public Service Commission the railroads are unable to charge the new rates between points in that State.

Consequently, by purchasing a three-cent ferry ticket to Camden and the railroad tickets to the shore and return the price is 25 cents less on the 10-day tickets.

There is no provision in Camden to separate Camden ticket holders from Philadelphia passengers, so that the return trip across the river is made without charge.

The \$1 excursion train will run over both the Pennsylvania and the Reading lines every day, commencing tomorrow, June 18.

An additional \$1 train will be run by both roads on Sundays and holidays.

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beach is so gentle that bathers can go out into the ocean almost as far again. Four large piers extend into the sea from the Boardwalk.

Free concerts are given by two bands every morning, afternoon and evening. We were somewhat surprised at the large number of theatres on the Boardwalk.

There seem to be more than at Atlantic City. A feature of interest to families with little children is that a shallow "sully" in the sand provides a wading place for the young ones.

Continuously fill this depression with fresh water, and as a result a safe place is provided in which the children may amuse themselves.

Yachting and motor-boating, both in the ocean and in Grassy Sound, on the land side, are favorite amusements.

NEIGHBORING POINTS. Anglesea, a neighbor of Wildwood, is at the upper end of the beach.

A favorite resort for fishermen who go out to sea in the sounds, thoroughfares and bays of Delaware Bay.

Part of the route follows Delaware Bay and about 40 miles is along the ocean shore.

The Daily Story

At the Station. The last of the arriving passengers had trooped through the station. Some few seated themselves in the comfortable chairs to await trains from other directions.

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Not on this train! asked the kindly-faced matron, who had noticed him at two earlier trains. Jim shook his head.

"I guess there's been some trouble," he said. "She's delayed along the line and she can't telegraph me, you see, because she don't know what my address is."

"I come up Tuesday from New Mexico with a look on my face. I just wrote her to come on ahead and I'd meet her at the train."

"For her all day now." "There are lots of people who miss their friends," was the sympathetic response.

"That girl over in the chair has been here more than 24 hours and her father here and will not leave the station for fear that he may come and she will miss him."

"Be at risk if I talked to her?" he asked. "Maybe a man would have more show to argue."

The matron shrugged her shoulders. "You might scare her," she smiled, "but perhaps you could do some good."

Burden lumbered across the room, painfully self-conscious. The girl looked up with a flash of hope in her pretty eyes.

But their glance changed to a look of pathetic resignation when she saw that it was not her father. Jim awkwardly took on his hat.

"I got a proposition to make," he began, plunging into the matter without preamble. "I've been talking to that lady, indicating the matron, and she says you're in pretty much the same box as myself."

"You are expecting friends, too?" "A girl," he said simply. "You see I don't know just when she's coming in and I've got to wait. Now you tell me what your pa looks like and go over to the hotel and get some sleep in a real bed."

If he comes in I'll keep 'im here if I have to sit on his neck." "You are very kind," she said, blushing faintly, "but I had better stay. Father wrote me not to leave the station until he came. It is so easy to get lost. Besides, these chairs are very comfortable."

She was Jessie Compton, she told him. Her mother had died in the preceding year and her father had gone West to make a new home, leaving her with relatives in New Hampshire.

He could not break the news. For an hour he paced the floor of his room before he could summon the courage to start.

It was not until the early evening trains had come and gone that he broke the news, after taking the precaution to tell the matron to be ready to revive her in case she fainted.

Jessie made the opening by suggesting that the night train was late again. "There was a wreck down the road," he explained. "Travelin' is mighty uncertain down here."

"You don't suppose that father was in it?" she cried in alarm. He laid his hand on hers. "Little girl," he said slowly, "you won't have to wait any longer."

"Then father was killed in the wreck?" Her face was white but she met the blow bravely. "Not in this one," he explained. "The passenger just ahead of us ran off the track. There was a spill down an embankment and a lot of people were killed."

"One of our boys got a man out of the wreck and he handed him a locket and a watch and it to Jessie." We did not know who Jessie was; his coat was torn off and there was nothing in his vest to show who he was. This is the locket."

Jim pressed the tiny hand. "You're bearing up like a little woman," he said tenderly. "Ain't there something I can do for you? Don't you want to go over to the hotel now?"

"I cannot," she said in a voice so low that he had to lean over to catch it. "I have no money and no one to look out for me."

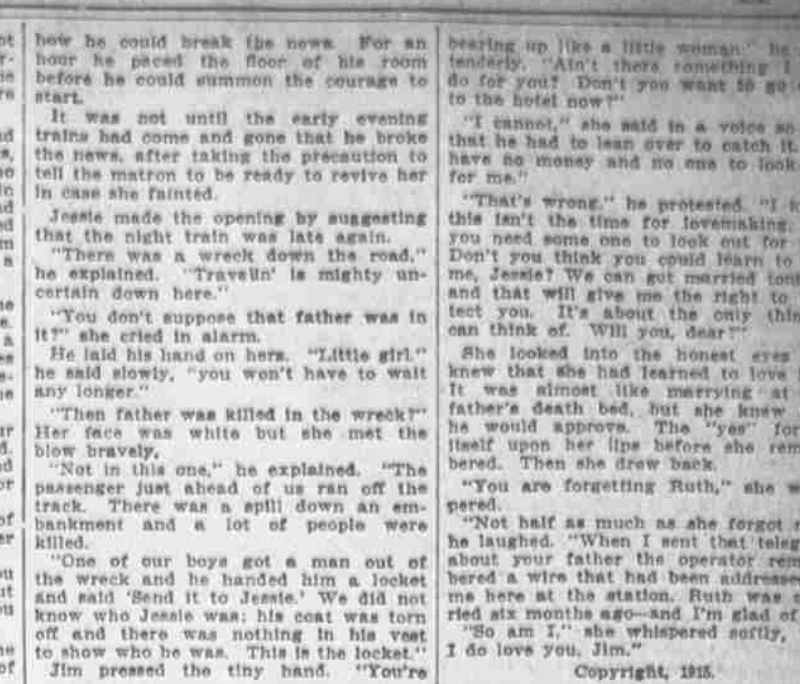
"That's wrong," he protested. "I know this ain't the time for locket-making, but you need some one to look out for you. Don't you think you could learn to like me, Jessie? We can get married tonight, and that will give me the right to protect you. It's about the only thing I can think of. Will you, dear?"

She looked into the honest eyes and knew that she had learned to love him. It was almost like marrying at her father's death bed, but she knew that he would approve. The "yes" formed itself upon her lips before she remembered. Then she drew back.

"You are forgetting Ruth," she whispered. "Not half as much as she forgets me," he laughed. "When I sent that telegram about your father the operator remembered a wire that had been addressed to me here at the station. Ruth was married six months ago—and I'm glad of it."

"So am I," she whispered softly, "for I do love you, Jim."

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