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Moon Dust May Show Way To Creation New Garden Of Eden

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MOON DUST . . . This may be denied in official quarters, but N. C. State University could soon find at least a portion of its activity concerned with moon dust and lunar toadstools.

Those on the inside of such things at State report that exciting agricultural developments may be just around the corner as the direct result of the Apollo moon program.

However, it is pointed out that this discovery is linked to items brought back from the moon probe of last summer rather than the recent visit.

Rumors here have it that State will have an opportunity to study in detail, rocks from the November trip and certain items from the July space-step. But the July moon material is expected to relate much more closely to agriculture than the second study.

Behind-the-door, bridge-party conversation in West Raleigh is to the effect that chemicals already found in the moon dust point to the production of bumper crops of all kinds in virtually all parts of the earth.

A scientist by the name of Walter Kemmerer has given at least one report on Nasa agricultural experiments with the moon dust. His statement: most plants that have been grown in earth soil containing the lunar dust tripled in size.

Dr. Kemmerer, who is really a medical doctor working on moon contamination at the Houston space center, says the discovery was by accident. So goes the rumor. The whole project looks so bright that the space center—no doubt with help from various agricultural schools—is going into the test farming business.

Of course, the fly in the ointment is that no nation is able to spend a billion dollars to bring moon soil mixture to earth every six months. This is out of the question. The scientists, however, want to extract the chemicals that make the moon fertilizer so explosive. The next step will be to reproduce these chemicals—if possible—for use in plant food.

This phase of the multi-billion-dollar moon project has the potential to convert the earth into a new Garden of Eden, according to rumors reaching Raleigh from Houston.

SANFORD MAN . . . It didn't reach the press, but the most important person pushing for Dan Moore to be appointed to the vacancy on the State Supreme Court was—you didn't guess it

—Terry Sanford. This is fact, believe it or not, and was the no. 1 rumor in Raleigh after the elevation of Associate Justice William H. Bobbitt to the post left vacant by the death of Chief Justice R. Hunt Parker.

Now former Governor Sanford's reason for wanting former Gov. Moore to get the appointment is another matter.

One hears that Terry is mightily interested in running for Governor next time, thought Dan was also ambitious for a repeat, and figured this would remove a big stumbling block.

Most gossip in these parts, however, leans to the version that Terry Sanford yearns for peace in the Democratic Party of this State and felt that the appointment of Dan Moore to the State Supreme Court would heal some old wounds.

Either way, it turned out to be one of the most popular acts committed by Gov. Bob Scott. Mrs. Moore, too, was said to be "kicked pink" . . . and they have already made plans to enlarge and improve their residential requirements in Raleigh.

BOOSTERS . . . Where do most travelers in Western North Carolina come from? Ohio? Pennsylvania? Kentucky?

A group of Tarheels is already planning to find out—next March—with the Ohio Valley Travel Mission.

To be sponsored by the Travel Council of North Carolina, the trip will have the blessings of Governor Scott. He has tentatively agreed to give the mission a sendoff and to participate in it as his busy schedule permits.

The project will include stops in Pittsburgh, Akron, Cleveland, Toledo, Dayton, Louisville, Cincinnati, Detroit, and Indianapolis.

CONTRAST . . . In October, the Greensboro City Council took up the matter of whether to crack down on Sunday selling in that community. Only one member of the group voted for the crackdown. Now it's wide open.

On Monday night, November 24, the Fayetteville City Council took up the same question. The vote—unanimously in favor of the law cutting down on Sunday selling.

KOSKOT NEWS . . . You will recall that North Carolina's on-the-ball Attorney General's office got a restraining order against a firm known as Koskot Interplanetary, Inc. This was

last spring. The charge was that Koskot was not abiding with the North Carolina securities law. Since that time, other states have taken somewhat similar action—either obtaining a restraining order or a cease and desist order.

Gleem Turner, formerly a sewing machine salesman, and

currently chairman of the board of Koskot, has been charged with bribery by Orange County, Florida, Solicitor Collis White. He has posted bond of \$5,000.

Koskot has its headquarters in Orange County—and various charges and countercharges are filling the court records of that area.

"Make It Yourself With Wool" Contest Will Be Held December 6

The 1969 "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest will be held in the auditorium of Hudson-Belk Department Store, Fayetteville St., Raleigh, on Saturday, December 6. Judging is private for the girls and judges only, but the public is invited to the style show that begins at 1:30 p. m.

According to Harriett Tutorow, extension clothing specialist, North Carolina State University, and director of the event, judging will be in three categories. There will be a sub-deb contest for girls 10-13, a junior competition for girls 14-16, and a senior contest, open to girls 17-21.

Winning fashion ensembles are selected on the basis of

workmanship, beauty of design, suitability to the individual and general fashion values, Miss Tutorow explains.

The state first place junior and senior winners will represent North Carolina at the Southern Council Contest in Atlanta. Junior and senior winners of the Council Contest will compete in the national finals in Denver, Colo.

"North Carolina winners have done well in past regional and national events," Miss Tutorow indicates.

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