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Water Tastes Wonderful After Journey in Desert

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Have you ever realized how good water can be? I am now drinking my sixth glass, because for four days my water supply has come from two canteens which hold one quart of liquid each.

But let me go back and tell you why water can taste most delightful. Thursday afternoon, April 4, we left Cairo, Egypt, for a 500-mile desert expedition to St. Catherine's Monastery at the foot of Jebel Musa (Mount Moses) on the Sinai Peninsula.

After an uneventful trip of two-and-a-half hours, the Port of Suez appeared on the horizon, nestling by the Gulf of Suez where the Suez canal begins.

Friday morning at 5, April 6, found us well into the desert close to Sudr where Sheik Oil has an oil field. This was our last contact with civilization.

For endless miles we drove through utter desert waste. Sinai is not entirely desert because it does have some water but in main it is rock gravel and boulder, gaunt granite peaks, dreary ridges and dry valleys which form a scene of stern desolation.

It was into this very area that Moses led the children of Israel in the wilderness wanderings.

Late Friday afternoon Dr. William H. Morton, Tom Firor, and myself saw in the distance St. Catherine's Monastery. This is a fabulous place.

The monastery is roughly rectangular, 240 feet by 280 feet with four archway towers. Its walls rise 50 feet from a foundation of square granite blocks six feet high.

The Monastery of Mount Sinai where God reputedly spoke to Moses was erected by the very pious Justinian, Emperor of Rome, to perpetuate his memory and that of Theodora, his wife. It was completed in the 30th year of his reign, which would place its completion approximately 525 A.D.

The library of this monastery contains some of the most valuable Biblical manuscripts in all Christendom. It was at this monastery in the 1800's that Count Tichendorff found the manuscript of the New Testament called today Codex Sinaiticus.

It is one of the oldest complete manuscripts of the New Testament and dates back to the fourth century A.D. We had the privilege of photographing to our hearts' content many of the other valuable books of this monastery.

It was at this monastery that Cecil B. DeMille stayed for 15 days to shoot scenes for the motion picture, Moses. The monks were quite delighted by their Hollywood fame and frequently would say, "We helped make the picture Moses."

Now back to the water! Yes, there is plenty of water to be had at Sinai, but for the soft American to drink it is to invite disaster. It abounds with germs which, to the natives are not harmful, for they are naturally immune.

The only safe water for the American in the Orient is that of cities which have modern filtering plants or water which you boil hard for not less than 15 minutes.

Some people might complain about the taste of water on the coast of North Carolina, but we should be thankful that it is clean and pure!

Board

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sufficient evidence, they said, that additional parking space is needed in that area at present.

A request presented by Commissioner D. J. Hall relative to the town's refusing use of the recreation building for an all-night school party was referred to the town recreation commission.

The board approved appointment of James B. Willis as civil defense director for the town and approved payment of \$27.77 as its share in one-third the cost of the transcript in the water rate hearing.

Relative to the town's maintaining a street in the Camp Glenn area, the board said such could not be done unless the property were publicly dedicated as a street.

Marine Scientists Will Attend Estuarine Meeting

Marine scientists from this area will attend the meeting of the Atlantic Estuarine Society Friday and Saturday at Lake Mattamuskeet. Dr. T. R. Rice, Morehead City, is president, and Carter Broad, Beaufort, is secretary-treasurer.

The coming session is the society's 15th annual meeting. In addition to the officers, attending from this county will be members of the staff of the Institute of Fisheries Research, Morehead City, the shellfish lab and the Fish and Wildlife lab, Beaufort.

Jerry Willis, Bill Chalk, C. H. Freeman, Charles Stanley, and Robert Shaw, all of Morehead City, attended a meeting of the New Bern Board of Realtors in New Bern Thursday night.

2,300 Scouts Go to Camporee

Newport, Beaufort, Harlowe, Morehead City Patrols Win Ribbons

Jacksonville, N. C.—Nearly 2,300 Eastern Carolina Boy Scouts "broke Camporee" here Sunday and returned to their homes in the 20-county area covered by the East Carolina Boy Scout Council.

Awarding of ribbons, signifying their rating of the 296 patrols participating in the Camporee, and religious services constituted the final program of the big encampment.

Four different types of ribbons were awarded with the coveted blue ribbon for proficiency being given to an even 100 patrols. The red ribbon for Standard Camping Patrols went to 43 patrols and the white ribbon for camporee camping Patrols was awarded to 37.

Green ribbons, signifying participation in the camporee, were given to 113 patrols.

Carteret patrols winning ribbons were the following:
Newport—Rotary Club, Troop 61, Wolf, Beaver, green ribbons; Rebel, white ribbon.

Beaufort—Rotary Club Troop 51, Eagle, white ribbon; Beaufort, First Baptist Church Troop 201, Wolf, green ribbon.

Morehead City—Methodist Mens Club, Troop 130, Pioneer, green ribbon; Parkview Baptist Church, Troop 334, Flaming Arrow, green ribbons.

Harlowe—Oak Grove Methodist Church, Troop 308, Wolf, white ribbon; Eagle, green.

Seventy-five Scouts from Carteret district attended.

C. E. Knox Speaks To Rotary Club

C. E. Knox, Rochelle Realty Co. spoke on the Morehead City potentialities at the weekly meeting of the Morehead City Rotary Club Thursday night at Fleming's Restaurant.

Mr. Knox stated that a booster committee should be appointed to advertise Morehead City, and show people from other parts of the state exactly what the town has to offer.

H. S. Gibbs Jr. was elected official delegate to represent Morehead City Rotarians at the Rotary International Convention at Philadelphia in June.

George McNeill announced that Morehead City would be the topic of a program Sunday at 1:30 over WNCN-TV.

Guests at the meeting were Jennings Earnslander, Charlotte Rotarian, and Allen Knott, Kinston.

15 Biologists Make Weekend Trip to Beaufort

Fifteen members of the Association of Southeastern Biologists made a field trip to Beaufort Saturday following a two-day meeting at Duke University.

They visited Shaekleford Banks and other marine stations in Beaufort and Morehead City.

Attending the meeting at Duke was Carter Broad, resident investigator at Duke Marine lab. Mr. Broad, his wife and daughter, returned to Beaufort Saturday.

Coast Guard Puts Out Fire on Island Sunday

Fort Macon Coast Guardsmen battled an island brush fire and Morehead City firemen answered four alarms over the weekend.

Two-thirds of Melt Lee Island, better known as the Phillips fish factory island north of the Morehead City drawbridge, burned Sunday afternoon.

The fire broke out at 4:30 p.m. and was not brought under control until 9 p.m. The factory on the island was destroyed by fire several years ago and since that time the island has been inhabited mainly by shore birds which nest there.

Coast Guardsmen waded ashore through water as deep as 4 feet, carrying fire hose. They used two pumps from the Coast Guard station.

It has not been determined how the fire started. Coast Guardsmen who fought the blaze were Julius Taylor, Earl Sells, W. D. Smith, Frank Pearson and Bill Barber, all stationed at Fort Macon.

Morehead City firemen answered four alarms from Friday afternoon until yesterday shortly after 12 noon. At 12:15 p.m. yesterday they answered a call to Atlantic Beach where a small asphalt mixer caught fire on Bogue Boulevard. The fire

was put out before damage occurred.

At 6:30 yesterday morning they were called to the end of the street that leads into Mitchell Village, west of Morehead City. A garage apartment, located behind Cricket Hall and owned by W. E. Brittingham, burned to the ground.

Mr. Brittingham, who lives in a 12-room house nearby, called the fire department, but it was too late to save the structure. Mr. Brittingham had recently purchased the property.

No one was living in the apartment at the time of the blaze. It is not known how the fire started. The apartment reportedly consisted of three rooms and a bath.

The firemen went to 25th and Arendell Streets at 5:30 p.m. Sunday to put out a fire that they say was apparently set among pilings and cross-ties.

The rash of fire calls started at 3 p.m. Friday when the department was called to Mitchell Village to put out a grass fire.

A Norwegian village gets power from a diesel engine salvaged from the battleship Tirpitz sunk in 1944 in a fjord.

Postal Service Chooses Wisely

Even the United States Post-office Department knows a good town when they see one.

A letter addressed: "To Any Fifth Grade in Any North Carolina School," was sent to the Morehead City School Friday.

The letter, asking for information about the Tar Heel State, a fifth grader in an Albuquerque, New Mexico, School.

Miss Jelso said in her letter that she had chosen North Carolina as a study topic and asked for some pictures and other information concerning this state.

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State Highway to Put Additional Tables Here

Mayor Leon Mann, Newport, reports that the State Highway and Public Works commission plans to place another picnic table at the roadside park area, Wildwood.

Mayor Mann said it is also hoped that the state will place picnic facilities soon by the Welcome to Newport sign west of the town.

Couple Escape Injury Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony (Gerry) Willis, Lennoxville Road, escaped injury at midnight Friday when the car in which they were riding overturned on the Lennoxville Road 300 yards from the traffic light at Beaufort School.

According to State Highway Patrolman R. H. Brown, the couple, who were going from the junior-senior prom at Beaufort School, to the American Legion building, were riding in a 1941 Mercury coupe.

Patrolman Brown said that Willis, who is a senior at Beaufort School, was travelling at a high rate of speed, hit a dip and turned over. The driver claimed that he had to swerve to avoid hitting a piece of road machinery.

The patrolman said the car was demolished. Willis has been charged with careless and reckless driving. His wife is a junior at Beaufort School.

Meeting Called

Fishing pier operators, head boat captains and party boat captains will meet at Capt. Bill's Waterfront Cafe tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the summer sport fishing matters.

Practicable cabin air compression for planes flying above 80,000 feet has not yet been developed.

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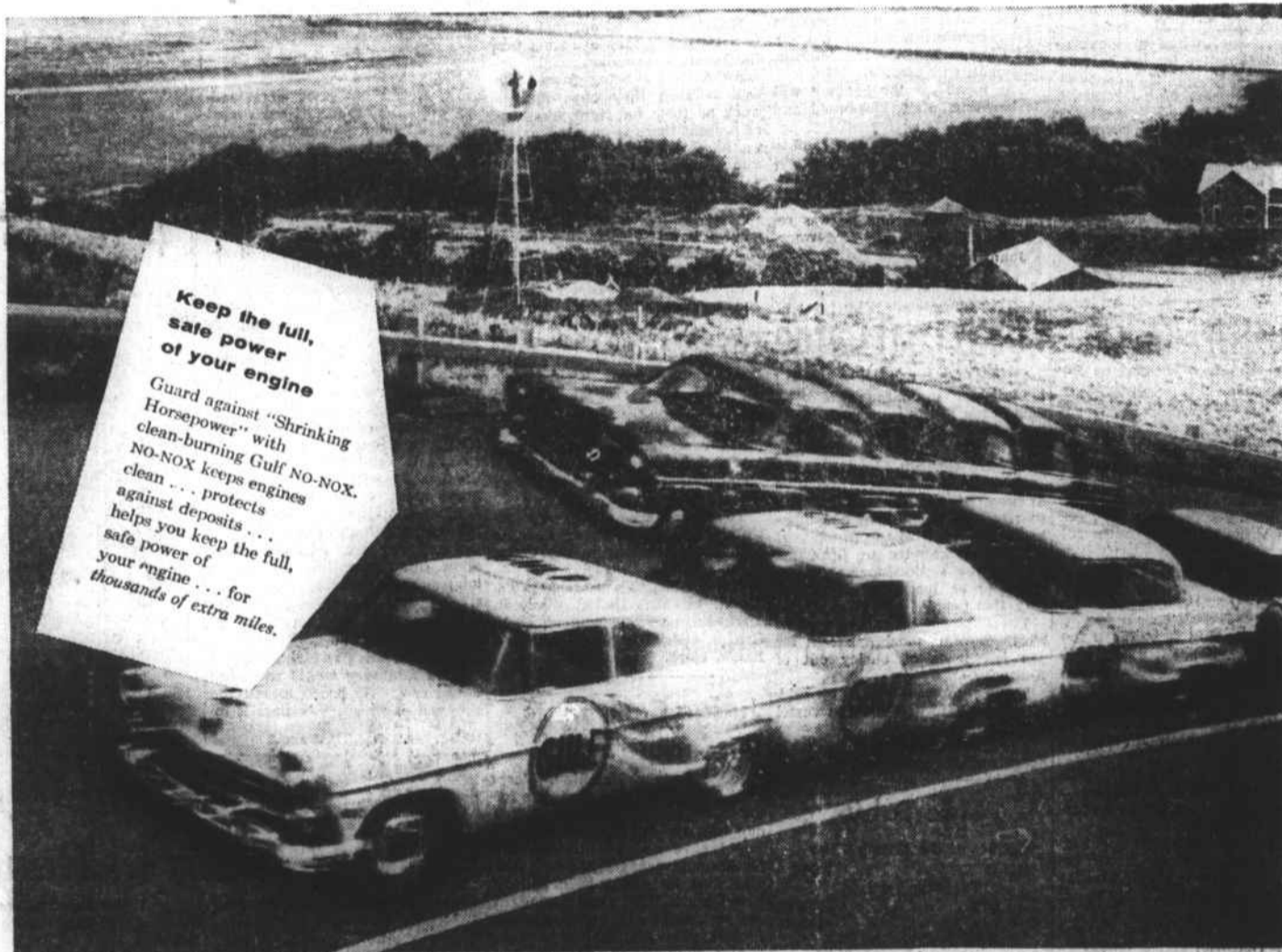
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