

Something To Think About

A Speech Not Made

By Bruno Lessing

These are merely a few disjointed thoughts that occurred upon reading an advertisement in a magazine. It was the announcement of a steamship company portraying the wonders of a trip to Algiers, Morocco and Tunis.

"Motor Trips to the Great Sahara Desert! Spend the Night in a Wonderful Oasis!"

It has its comic side. An oasis is a green or fertile spot in a desert. If you have spent the day in traveling across desert and your lungs and eyes are full of sand and dust and your throat is parched with thirst, you certainly will be happy to reach an oasis.

But if you're perfectly contented in your apartment or on your back porch, why go to a desert in order to get to an oasis? Isn't it something like hitting yourself on the head with a hammer because it feels so good when you stop?

At the same time, an oasis is a parable of experiences and situations that are common to all mankind. It is a symbol of happy moments in a drab life. It is a haven of refuge from a stormy sea. It is emblematic of a ray of bright light against a background of darkness.

As we look—if we take the trouble to look—upon the panorama of our own lives, we see, clearly, that from time to time, we reached an

oasis on our journey. And the memory of it gives us happiness.

In some way or other, in some degree or other, we are all of us—rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief—traveling across a desert. A vastly greater desert than Sahara. Because we know just where Sahara begins and where it ends, which is more than we know of life.

The journey, for most of us, is one of toil and trouble. Yet the journey must be made, with hope and fortitude. To all, at some moment or other, comes happiness. We reach an oasis.

Now there comes to the writer's mind the recollection of reading an article, some years ago, about a scheme to plant new oases in the Desert of Sahara. Probably for the purpose of building up the tourist trade. He does not know whether this scheme was ever put into effect and it makes no difference whether it was or was not.

Something must be sacrificed. Time, money or inclination. One must do something for the sheer reason that it is the right thing to do. It makes no difference whether the thing be to build up one's mind or body or character or whether it be to make others happy. The doing of it may be like trudging across a dreary desert.



Field Day at Gastonia April 6th

Saturday afternoon, April 6th, the Boy Scout troops of the Piedmont Council will meet to contest for honors in various scoutcraft exercises. The events, as listed below, are interesting and inspiring and should challenge the attendance of parents and friends of boys in the counties of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Polk, Rutherford, and in the extension territory of the Piedmont Council.

Troops will assemble at council headquarters 105 West Second avenue, Gastonia, Saturday afternoon, April 6, at 2:30 o'clock. Parade will form and march through the business district to Central school grounds. The drum and bugle corps of Gaston Post No. 23, American Legion, will furnish music for the parade and for the field events.

Events will start promptly at 3 o'clock at Central school grounds. American Legion, and a suitable silver trophy cup will be awarded to the troop showing the highest proficiency in the contests.

Accuracy and speed will determine the winning team. Rules as herein set forth or prescribed must be followed:

In case of bad weather, events will be held on the following Saturday.

Event No. 1—Inspection of troops. Troops will form in line. Event to be judged on percentage of attendance of membership as registered at council headquarters, proper uniform and insignia, general appearance, including the proper flags, and discipline while troop is being inspected.

Event No. 2—Rope-throwing relay. Troops to enter team of eight scouts who furnish lariats. One scout on starting line, seven scouts on line thirty-five yards distant in file formation. On signal, scout one runs forward to line 16 feet in front of balance of team throwing lariat over head of first man, drawing it tight about scout's neck (scout who is roped may hold arms sideward to prevent rope slipping down until drawn tight.) Scout one pulls scout captured back to starting line who in turn takes off lariat and follows procedure of scout number one, this in turn is done until entire team is brought over line.

Event No. 3—Signaling. Each troop to enter team of four scouts, one who reads written message, sender, receiver, and scout who writes message for receiver. Morse code is to be used. Teams to furnish standard Morse signal flag. Team completing message first or who has most correct letters at end of two minutes, wins.

Event No. 4—First Aid. Each troop to enter team of eight scouts, three as patients and four as first aiders. Team furnishes own equipment. First aiders form on starting line, patients on line 35 yards distant. On signal, first two first aiders run to patient number one, applying splints to lower left arm, with neckerchief apply arm sling. First aiders then make chair carry and carry patient to starting line. Then, third first aider runs forward toward patient number two who is overcome by gas, it being impossible for rescuer to stand erect within 16 feet of patient. Patient to be rescued and carried back to line. Then, fourth and fifth first aiders rescue patient number three who is lying on his stomach on a live electric wire. Patient is rescued from wire by approved methods and carried back to line in shirt-staff stretcher. Patients must be handled as real cases and bandages must not be removed or touched until judges make inspection.

Event No. 5—Tent pitching. Troops to enter team of two scouts. Shelter tents will be supplied. Teams to furnish hand axes to drive pegs. On signal, tents are pitched. At end of one and one-half minutes, signal will blow to cease work. Tents judged on accuracy.

Event No. 6—Knot-tying relay race. Each troop to enter team of eight scouts. Rope and other equipment will be placed 50 yards down the field. Teams form in file at starting line. On signal first scout runs to 50 yard line, tying binder twine bend (2 short ropes), returns to line touching off next scout who does as first but ties girth hitch through ring, third scout ties hitching tie about stake, fourth scout ties stevedore knot, fifth scout ties barrel hitch about a brick, sixth scout ties carrick bend (2 ropes), seventh scout ties double pipe hitch about small stick, eighth scout ties miller's knot on

small sack.

Event No. 7—Fire-by-friction. Each troop to enter team of three scouts, each equipped with pen-knife. Team will be supplied with piece of Yucca for spindle and for fire-board, block of wood for thunderbird, three foot piece of rope and bag of timber. At signal one scout whittles spindle, one scout knoches fire-board, and one scout makes thunderbird. When completed, one scout holds drill in regular way and other two scouts revolve, spindle by pulling rope. First team to get blaze wins.

Event No. 8—Flint and steel and water boiling. Each troop to enter team of three scouts, two woodcutters and one fire maker. Team will supply hand axes and knife and flint and steel set with scorched punk. Cedar bark tinder two half bricks, quart can soapy water, and piece of 2 by 4 three feet long, will be supplied. On signal, team will cut wood, make fire by flint and steel, and boil water. First team to have water boil out over side of pot wins. Spilling water disqualifies team. Folders containing information about this field day are to be made available to troops within this week.

Officers In Chase For Rutherford Rum

Kings Mt. Herald. Officer H. Greel Ware had the misfortune of getting his brand new Chevrolet car badly damaged Friday morning while driving out the Shelby road.

He started to pass one of the big A. & P. trucks and met a Ford car driven by a negro woman. The cars ran together and the impact threw Mr. Ware against his steering wheel and hurt his ribs considerably, though it is thought that none were broken. One wheel and one fender of Mr. Ware's car was torn off and the chassis was badly bent. The Chevrolet car driven by the negro woman was not damaged as much as Mr. Ware's car.

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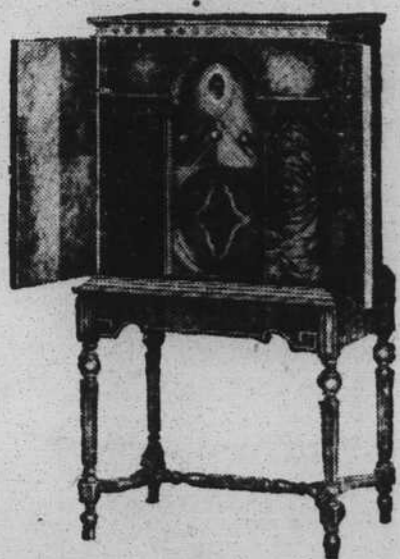
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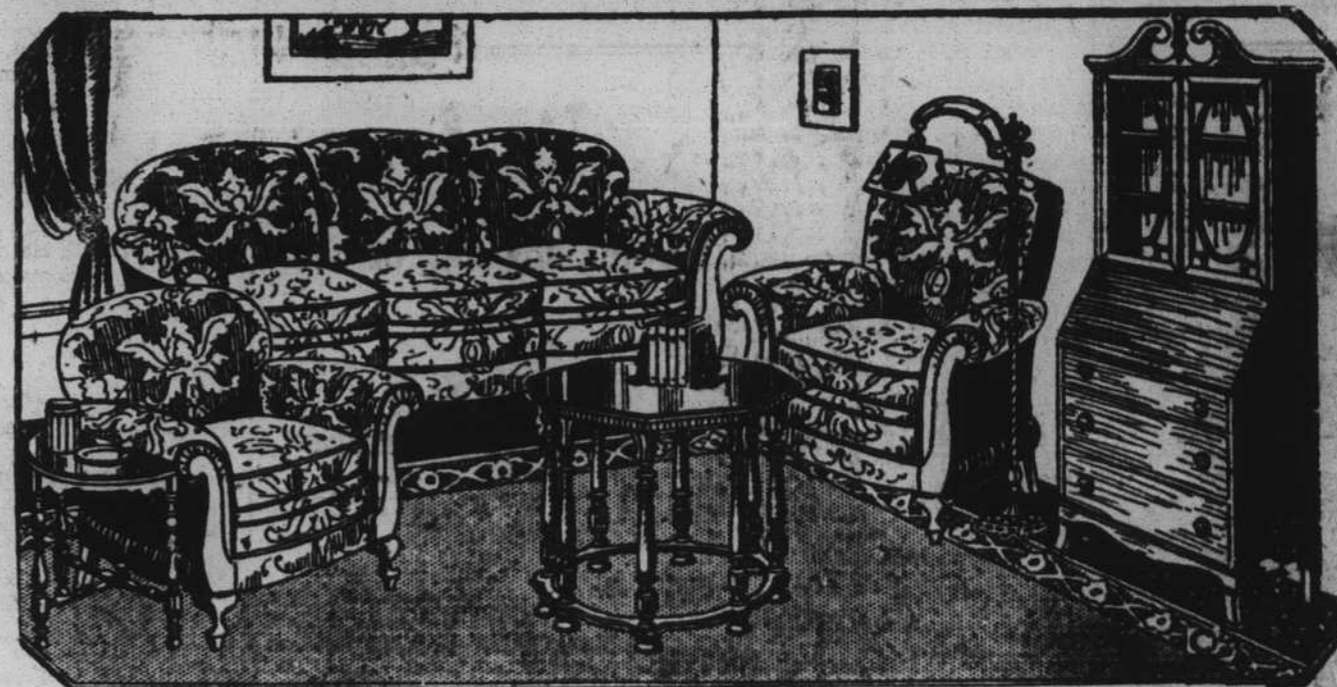
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