

STILL NEED CAMELS IN TRANSPORTATION

Just as Important in Arid Regions as Ever.

Washington.—The camel, although without modern streamline effects, and rather clumsy, is still respected in the transportation field where there are much sand, little water and no roads. Some deserts have been spanned by modern roads, rendering the behumped, ruminant somewhat useless, but until all deserts are so spanned, the camel will remain indispensable.

"Camels are just as important in arid regions of Ethiopia today as they have been in some past wars," says the National Geographic society.

"That camel corps were a part of the armies of the Allies during the World War is common knowledge, but, perhaps, few American laymen are aware that in 1856, 75 camels were imported to form a Camel corps to patrol the southwestern desert regions of this country.

"Prehistoric Arabs perceived the usefulness of the camel, endured his passive viciousness, and made him the chief means of sustaining life wherever they wandered over the desert regions of Arabia and Africa. Thus the name 'Arabian camel,' though he is believed to be an American emigrant, came to identify the tawny, long-necked, long-legged, single-humped 'ship of the desert.' His habitat has isolated him so that he is practically an animal outcast, feared and avoided by the few other beasts he encounters.

Still a Cud-Chewer.

"This disinherited son of the ruminant family was cut off by his relatives, the cattle and deer, without a single horn, without a trace of second and fifth toes, with only the smallest ears, and minus one stomach. But he still clings to the good old cud-chewer family trait of a two-way digestive system in the three stomachs he has.

"Since being on his own in the desert, he has worked hard for a living and has acquired a few little comforts of his own. Callous cushions on feet, knees, and chest have helped him endure hard desert surfaces. He has learned how to close his oblique nostrils against dust and sand. His hump of muscle and fat is a convenient store-room for extra energy. His foot, with its two toes covered with a cushion-like pad of hardened skin, expands under his weight and prevents his sinking too deeply into sand. It can even be hoof-soled; caravan guides and drivers carry a piece of leather to sew over it when he is lamed by wearing the whole skin away. Within his digestive tract he can store a gallon or two of water for future use.

His only claim to beauty, his very long eyelashes, are also a great business asset, for they protect his keen vision against sun glare and drifting sand.

"This adaptation to desert life has made the camel the most important domestic animal in Africa. A census some years ago in Cirenaica, Libya, estimated that the camel population exceeded the human by 20 to 1—5,000,000 camels for 250,000 people.

The Camel Family.

"If camel family history could be handed down from beast to beast, would a weary Arabian camel lament that his antediluvian ancestors had reputedly trekked across the Bering sea isthmus from North America into Asia? Would he envy his distant relatives running wild in Turkestan, either never ensnared by man or freed from him by the fabulous Taklamakan sand storm which buried human beings but could not smother camels with closed nostrils? Those would be the only Asiatic cousins to envy, for all the other members of the Bactrian side of the camel family—those stockier shaggy specimens with two humps—are entirely domesticated. Perhaps he would speculate about his South American cousins, who have no hump at all to show for their camel heritage—the llamas, vicunas, guanacos, and alpacas.

"The life of the Arabian camel is undeniably burdensome. A chief source of income around the Libyan desert is breeding camels to sell to caravans, in some of which as many as 1,000 file along at 2½ miles per hour for 16 hours a day. As a desert pack animal the camel is unsurpassed. One can carry 33 gallons of water in light metal tanks, or a little less in the native sheepskin 'bottles.' His average pack load varies in weight from 250 pounds to 1,000.

"His ability to dispense entirely with water is frequently overestimated. Lacking both water and grazing, the camel can hardly exist longer than a few days. For a long time, however, camels may be gizz, by which Arabs mean 'content-with-green-herbage-so-that-they-do-not-need-to-drink.' A whole herd may be penned up in a waterless valley for two or three months where rain has brought a covering of green growth, and at the end of that time they will emerge fat and sleek, with great firm humps indicating physical fitness. The supreme delicacy on the camel menu is a nose-bagful of tree leaves or thorny shrubs."

Co-eds Fear Pounds

Hamilton, Ont.—Co-eds of McMaster university here are so determined to take off excess weight they have formed a special "before breakfast" exercising club. They meet in Wallingford hall early each morning and do half an hour's bending and kicking.

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WHITESTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. White, Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Winslow and son, Clinton, of Belvidere, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Lassiter.

Mr. and Mrs. Worth Winslow, of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Arba Winslow and son, William, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Winslow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Winalow and children, Lelia Lee and Marshall Allen, of Bagley Swamp, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Winslow Sunday.

Miss Anna Baker returned home Sunday after spending the past week with relatives in Norfolk, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Winalow and children, of Hertford, visited Mr. Winalow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Winalow, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonidas Lane and children, Clyde and Lucille, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Taylor, in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Winslow and children, Dolan and Gale, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Winslow spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Winslow of Belvidere.

Mrs. Jesse V. Rountree is improving after being quite ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Doc Layden, of Belvidere, visited her sister, Mrs. John Lassiter, Thursday.

WEEK-END GUESTS

Mrs. K. R. Newbold had the following guests over the week-end: Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Newbold, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Newbold, of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jarvis, of Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wright and their daughter, Carolyn, of Jarvisburg; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Withrow and their little daughter, Virginia, of Norfolk, Va.

Classified and Legal Notices

CAR FOR SALE FOR REPAIR bill Saturday, May 30, 1936, 12 o'clock M. One Chevrolet Touring Car, Serial No. 9K24478, Motor No.

1862757. Hollowell Chevrolet Co., Hertford, N. C. May 8, 15, 22, 29.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator with Will Annexed of the estate of J. F. White, deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Sunbury, N. C., on or before the 2nd day of May, 1937, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 2nd day of May, 1936.

B. L. WHITE, Administrator of J. F. White, Deceased. May 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrators of the estate of Alphino Pasco White deceased, late of Perquimans County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Hertford on or before the 11th day of April, 1937, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 11th day of April, 1936.

J. L. WHITE, J. O. WHITE, Jr., J. A. WHITE Administrators. Apr. 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

NOTICE

Under and by virtue of the power conveyed to me under the will of John O. White, Sr., which is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Perquimans County in Will Book J, page 83 et seq., and in compliance with item 15th of said will, I will on Friday, the 15th day of May, 1936, offer for resale to the highest bidder for cash, or on terms, at the Court House door in Hertford, "The Coffin Shop and store property and all land belonging to it, situate on Market and Edenton Road Streets in the Town of Hertford, North Carolina" said lot adjoins lot of Lilly Rebecca Harrell and Nellie Virtue Griffin on north, the lot of H. G. Winslow, formerly Sarah Spivey,

on east, Market Street on south and Edenton Road Street on west.

The property will be offered for resale on account of insufficient bid at prior sale and also upset bid. Property will be offered on terms, first cash, second one-half cash and balance in one and two years, deferred payments bearing interest and secured by first claim on property. Right to reject any or all bids is reserved. The sale will be at 12 o'clock noon. This April 28th, 1936. JOSHUA THEODORE WHITE, Executor John O. White, Sr., deceased. May 1, 8, 15

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