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CONGRATULATIONS

We hope that many Sherman countians will make an opportunity to congratulate the Richelderfer family, as we are doing herewith, for winning the county "conservation man of the year" award.

There have no doubt been congratulations and praise for that feat but the regard of neighbors, friends and fellow-countymen will be appreciated.

The material requirements for winning were of greatest importance in the eyes of the judges who viewed the deep well used to irrigate clover and alfalfa for cattle, the rolling acres of trashy tilled summerfallow, the newer tillage tools designed to keep the soil in place where it will be useful to this generation and the following ones. These material and physical things are of importance and the award was made on them.

But residents of Sherman county can look to another achievement that is in the realm of the spiritual. By which we mean the keeping of the family together as a unit. Mother-in-law, brother in law, sister in law and even brother and brother are not always able to work together in accord as has been successfully done by the Richelderfers.

This second victory is as important as the first for it has helped to prevent erosion of the family spirit. And the erosion of human spirit through dissension can be as damaging as the erosion of soil.

THANKSGIVING

This week with turkey and trimmings residents of the United States celebrated another national holiday. Back in 1621 when the Puritans beheld their harvest and found it satisfactory they declared a day of thanksgiving as a time for giving thanks to the Almighty who had made their crops produce, the game nunt plentiful and their relations with the Indians peaceable. It was a day of humility, of prayer, of reverence.

A different spirit prevailed Thursday when Americans gathered about the well laden tables for a family dinner. We are less inclined to ascribe to the Almighty our success at providing turkey and maize and cranberry. We feel that much of this success at obtaining victuals in goodly quantities comes from our own prowess and with little direct aid from the Deity.

The Pilgrims who trod the forests of rocky New England to hunt the turkeys for the first feast or who planted the original crop of corn were ever mindful of the need for divine guidance. We suspicion that he might feel that the modern descendant of that group be a little of a swaggerer and in need of some form of chastisement sufficient to bring a touch of humility.

Be that as it may, a time for feasting is a happy time, for the sourest of dispositions sweeten remarkably in the presence of food and the aroma of pungent viands sometimes causes the worried to smile. If we do not appreciate our food as much as did the Pilgrims it merely means that it is easier to get, which, we must admit is a comfortable situation. Odd, isn't it, that the more people have the less inclined they are to be thankful for it.

LET CITIZENS SPEAK

There is a controversy going on within the membership of the county court and the five man board named by voters to advise the county court. Neither body seems to be unanimously on either side. Question that has aroused the controversy is whether or not Sherman county should buy a portable rock crusher.

Purpose of this editorial on the subject is to stimulate those who have information and opinions on the question so they will advise members of the two groups in the hope that a settlement, when reached, will be in accord with public thought.

Sherman county used to have a rock crusher. It was big and heavy and hard to move. In re-

cent years contractors have been hired to crush the rock needed for roads. Small portable rock crushers are not made and sold although the price is pretty high for a small county. Cost of operation would need to be considered.

Experience of similar counties is that a crusher operated part time is rather expensive and capable men are not easy to find to operate the machine. Rock crushing is not the bottle-neck in the road program as grading and hauling are of equal importance. The county now has more rock than it can haul in several months although the distribution is not equal.

These are some of the arguments and nearly everyone will think of others.

Certainly every member of the two groups will listen to any reasoned opinion or argument about the matter which should be decided. The county has some \$50,000 to spend from the special tax fund and must decide soon whether to spend a share of it for a crusher, buy crushed rock, hasten the hauling program or do something else.

ADIEU, MR. KING

A Mr. King of Texas, a Mr. Sheppard King III in fact, which gives intimations of snobbery, has gone back to Egypt to marry a native of that nation, a girl whose occupation has been given by the American press as that of belly dancer.

That is a form of dancing with which we are not familiar although Mr. King's actions are evidence that it is intriguing. We know something of square dancing and round dancing but both are feet dancing. Use of other portions of the body in dancing is, with us in these parts incidental to the whole exercise and not sufficiently marked to be named for a portion of the anatomy.

Mr. King came back from Cairo to divorce a Texan wife whose legal attachment to him it was necessary to remove before attaching himself to the Egyptian with the terpsichorean turnings. Texans have succeeded Californians as boasters of their favorite state. It therefore seems a pity that Mr. King has to forsake his state in order to enjoy his lady. The two together might though have been too much; even for a Texan.

Well, we hope he has a good time, that his beloved with the active abdomen remains slim and youthful forever, for surely he is a man of simple tastes demanding little from this troubled world, delighted with the twitch of a muscle, happy with the toss of a torso. Joy be to him.

MacARTHUR AND POLITICS

The position of General MacArthur as to politics is keeping the political nervous Nellies all stirred up. Members of both parties suffer from the ailment.

Republicans fear that MacArthur will cut in on their favorite candidate and Democrats fear that he will get a lot of popular votes, if he runs. So far MacArthur has merely said that he was not in politics and considering that he is capable and accustomed to saying what he thinks, it appears that he isn't running for anything.

There are those who think that anyone who publicly expresses an opinion on foreign affairs, or about the nation's office holders must be running for something. That just naturally isn't true. Any street corner (in summer) and any bar (in winter) is frequented by people who express opinions about public matters. Their words are often just as definite as those of General MacArthur—and in the same vein.

People, like monkeys, love to talk. A sea of anxious faces is enough to start the words flowing from almost any public character. To have people actually come to listen is a challenge few can resist—and fewer try. MacArthur, for all his uniform and dignity and military achievements, is no doubt as impressed by adulation as any high school athlete. So he talks. He says what he thinks. The crowd cheers and the old gentlemen has a nice time. Who wouldn't?

He will be a factor in the 1952 presidential race but we think he meant it when he said he wasn't in politics. A citizen in this country surely has the right—even duty—to express opinions about government, about office holders, about policy. If he happens to do it well and people like to hear him, so much the better.

Whoever is bossing the power business in the northwest is afraid of a power shortage. He has to make a new decision about it every few days. Even now, with water running everywhere he is thinking about a brown-out. Reservoirs are full. My gosh, does it have to rain all the time to keep us in electricity?



FAIR WEATHER . . . The time for state and county fairs and fall festivals is with us again with its fair weather and ladies fair, and the Los Angeles county fair in Pomona, Calif., is following tradition in this picture with its display of beauty and fine livestock. Just to be sure a blue ribbon Suffolk lamb will look its best, Bett' Wilson adds a few final touches to its grooming.



AUSTRIAN RAIL DISASTER VICTIMS . . . Laid out in a makeshift morgue in the gymnasium of the Langenwang, Austria, high school are the victims of the crash of the Rome-Vienna express that rammed into a stationary freight train, killing 20 persons and injuring 40. All of the dead were Italians on their way home from a sightseeing trip. The disaster was caused by a signal error. Railroad authorities said it was the worst rail accident in the history of Austria.



'AFFRAY' SKIPPER . . . Lt. John Blackburn, skipper of the royal navy submarine, "Affray," trapped in the mud at bottom of English channel, is a hero of World War II, and a winner of D.S.C. for daring submarine patrols.

Mrs. Ross Ornduff came up from The Dalles Thanksgiving day to have holiday dinner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Cyphers. Mr. Ornduff and Mr. Cyphers also attending.

Mrs. Maggie Barnum entertained Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. John Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barnum, Mrs. Ora Peetz and Mr. and Mrs. Giles French at Thanksgiving dinner.

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Wedding Party Dine On Wedding Eve

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BANDIT FROM MARS . . . Unmasked by death is the Los Angeles man-from Mars supermarket bandit. A reporter poses in garb worn by Ray Colson, Colson was fatally shot while holding up a market recently.

Want Ads
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
Notice is hereby given that Floye Coleman, admx. of the Estate of Pernilla A. Sissel, dec. has filed her Final Report and Account, petition for distribution and discharge, in said Estate, and that Monday the 24th day of December 1951, at the hour of Ten O'Clock A. M. in the County Court room, in the County Court House, at Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account, and the settlement thereof.

Floye Coleman Administratrix
John M. Stapleton Attorney for Admx. The Dalles, Oregon 2-5c

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her final Report and Account as Administratrix of the estate of Kenneth P. Walker, deceased, and that Saturday, December 1, 1951, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the County Court room, in the Courthouse, at Moro Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.

Owletta Walker
Geo. G. Updegraff, Attorney for Administratrix. 11-2,9,16,23,1951

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