

King Quits Ham but Not Drinks for His Romance

HOUSTON, (P)—Red-headed Sheppard King III came home bubbling over love on a moon-kissed desert and not too concerned at the wrath of his socially prominent mother.

The husky Texan who wooed and won the hand of a beautiful Egyptian belly dancer in just three hours time said he was going to start divorcing his wife immediately.

The intriguing love story of the 26-year-old ex-marine and dancer Samia Gamal entered a new phase when Sheppard closed the door of the imposing family home shortly after midnight.

QUET "Mother says shut the doors and turn out all the lights so we won't be bothered by reporters," he explained to reporters. Then he went back into the house to see her.

Mrs. Bonner King, his ailing 31-year-old widow, mother, has threatened to disinherit him if he didn't "get rid of that woman."

"She can't disinherit me," said Sheppard, admitting his family is "very wealthy." "I'll take it to court."

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Samia she was disinheriting him. She didn't mind his becoming a Moslem.

Sheppard said he was glad of this because he was going to insist on her calling him "Abdullah," the name he took when he became a Moslem.

He said he was serious about his conversion, prayed five times a day, but admitted that as a Moslem he had the "modern concept" that is, he is not off liquor, but not liquor," he said.

BANS "I don't mind giving up ham, Devout Moslems neither drink alcoholic beverages nor eat pork."

Sheppard indicated champagne and romance blended beautifully. He raved about romance, Egyptian style.

"You take about six bottles of champagne, get on a camel and ride off across the desert. There's nothing like the desert in the moonlight. Then you get off at some sand dune and the camel driver brings you champagne every time you clap your hands."

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(above), 15-year-old baby sitter, was picked up by police in New York City after some \$22,000 disappeared from the home of her employer, Dr. Albert Covner, Nahant, Mass. Roberta told how she and two girl companions had found the money in a closet of the Covner home and decided to take a trip to the big city.

A comprehensive dictionary of agricultural terms is being prepared at Michigan State college. The project is the idea of a student from Turkey who found that regular dictionaries don't have definitions for many American words for farm machinery. Fifteen thousand agricultural terms have already been collected, and the dictionary committee will continue its work for four more years before publication date in 1955.

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Wheatgrass Seed Class Plan Ready

All wheatgrass plantings under Oregon's certification program will now be classified as either foundation, registered, or certified. H. E. Fennell of Oregon State college has announced.

The seed certification specialist says this means growers who are making new plantings in the spring of 1952 for certified seed production must use registered or foundation seed.

By way of further explanation, Fennell adds that foundation seed planted in a field will produce registered seed. Planted registered seed will yield certified seed. Certified blue tag seed is no longer eligible as planting stock for further certification.

Fields now in production and which have been passed previously for certification will not be disqualified as a result of the new ruling. Intermediate and pubescent wheatgrass plantings in the state's 1951 certification program have all been classified as certified. This means seed from these acreages will not be eligible for further certification. Present Oregon certified stocks, according to Fennell, are not planting stock quality and should not be used as certified stocks.

It will necessitate a wait until some grower comes along with superior seed, the specialist affirms.

Seed stocks used from outside sources must also be either registered or foundation seed. During the 1951 crop year, distribution of certified seed growers was general throughout eastern Oregon. Wheatgrasses included in the certification program were intermediate, primary slender, pubescent, tall, and whitman bearded. Fennell believes there is too much variation and a general lack of uniformity in all certified blue tag wheatgrass stocks, regardless of their origin.

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'It's War Against an Unseen Enemy'

By WARREN S. LOCKWOOD

Director of the Natural Rubber Bureau WASHINGTON (NEA)—"I'll call for you at 8 a.m. to go out and have a look at the estate," the rubber planter had said.

And promptly on time, he arrived with his home-armed car, with Malin driver and Gurkha guard armed with a Sten gun in the front seat.

The car was converted by the simple substitution of cast iron for glass windows. The addition of an iron windshield, which could be lowered when advisable, and which had just enough of a hole in it for the driver to see out.

Pieces of iron sheet were tacked on the outside at strategic points but somehow it seemed extremely vulnerable at other strategic points, such as the tires.

DISTANCE The estate was only 16 miles from Kuala Lumpur. Sir Henry Gurney's death ambush was 60 miles north of the Malayan capital and I was reassured that the first eight miles were entirely O.K.

After the O.K. hit, we came to a piece of road with jungle close by on the left, and as we approached, the driver stepped on the gas and my escort said, "I think we'll just raise these windows on the left. This is a bit sticky for a few miles here. It is perfectly all right on your side."

With that Gurkha also raised his window part way, got his gun ready, and my escort opened his briefcase and pulled out a revolver.

The driver speeded up and a mile or two later, as we came to a sharp right turn ahead, lowered the iron windshield, and I was advised to raise my steel window also. "Probably all right here, but you never know," I was informed.

CHANGES And so we proceeded to the estate, with raising and lowering of windows—and more speed—as we passed jungle patches.

Just at the entrance to the es-

tate, I was shown a spot where a new assistant was ambushed the previous month, and we drove up to the office where our home-armed car joined two other real armored cars with a private "army" of special police and guards.

(Sir Henry Gurney had been traveling with an armored car escort, too, but it did not prevent Communist guerrillas from ambushing him.)

There was obviously an air of tension around the place, because word had been received earlier that a bandit attack was expected that morning, and an unusual number of Tamil tappers had not reported for work.

Word had been relayed to the police, and they were waiting—as a surprise reception committee—for the expected attack in the expected area. Actually, nothing happened that day, but something does happen all too frequently.

HINTS We proceeded around the estate, however, as though everything was

in order, and only the armored car, the guards and the undersurface of alertness of the estate personnel told you that there's a war on.

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'Gold Coast' Gambling Hit

BILOXI, Miss., (P)—A blistering attack by a member of the senate preparedness committee added to the worries today of crippled gambling along Mississippi's "Gold Coast."

Winding up an investigation into gambling, liquor, and prostitution conditions around Keesler air force base, Sen. Lester Hunt, (D-Wyo.) said Monday "a highly critical" report would be turned in.

Before reading a summary report at a hearing, the senator told Maj. Gen. James F. Powell, "But I do criticize your limited action to stamp out gambling and I am discouraged by your attitude about what happens to the boys off the base."

Hunt's report said the voluminous testimony taken at yesterday's hearing would be turned over to the seven member preparedness committee and the senate armed services committee, and that "proper corrective measures will be evoked."

The report said that gambling interests had so entrenched themselves as to "virtually control the economic life of the area."

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