

Ex-Businessman Starts Trial Of Monastic Career

COLLEGEVILLE, Minn., Jan. 11 His old world shut out by the walls of St. John's abbey, Donald D. Foster today started the voluntary religious seclusion for which he forsook his wife and a successful business career.

Foster, 50, arrived yesterday from San Francisco, expressing determination to spend the rest of his life in the monastery and to "dedicate myself to a life of quiet humility."

The former California hobby shop owner conceded that his future depends on the next 18 months. In that period he must decide whether he can adapt himself to the rigid monastic life. Religious instruction will occupy the first six months. After that, Foster will serve in the novitiate for a year and then take the Benedictine vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. He may withdraw from the order any time within three years.

Foster's daughter has been a Presentation nun in San Francisco since 1932. A sister is in the cloister at Maryknoll, N.Y., and his wife is considering entering a convent.

There are 1933 priests and 40 lay brothers in this remote community, which consists of the abbey and buildings of St. John's university. Most of the personnel has teaching duties at the college.

Foster said his most difficult task was parting from the wife with whom he lived for 24 years. If Mrs. Foster does enter a convent, that act will make her husband eligible for the priesthood. Otherwise he will remain a lay brother.

Higher Appropriations For National Parks Asked

WASHINGTON —(AP)—Record use of national park areas last year has increased requirements for their management and protection. President Truman told Congress in asking a \$9,000,000 increase in appropriations for the

Gamble Against Time Pays Off In Ship Salvage

VANCOUVER, B. C. —(CP)—A gamble against time and pounding seas has paid off for Victor M. David, director of food Dehydrators Ltd.

The 1,134-ton coastal steamship Chelohsin, impaled on rocks off Stanley Park since she grounded in heavy fog Nov. 6, has been refloated.

David has purchased the vessel from Union Steamship Ltd. for \$1,600. Refloated, mariners say, the Chelohsin is worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

Divers and welders battled more than a month—the last few days in bitter cold—to do what waterfront men said was impossible.

They, and insurance underwriters, had described the veteran ship as a total loss.

David said he plans to use only the hull and superstructure of the ship as a floating plant for up-cast operations of the Dehydrating firm.

When the 175-foot Chelohsin grounded, 51 passengers and the 35-man crew walked safely to shore over 500 yards of barnacled ocean bed. The passengers then scaled cliffs leading up to Stanley park at the entrance to Vancouver harbor.

AMERICANS TO STAY

TAIPEI, Formosa —(AP)—Americans in Formosa are not alarmed about their chances of getting out of this Nationalist Chinese bastion if the Communists decide to attack it.

In fact, many of the approximately 230 still here do not even feel the Chinese could take Formosa this year if they tried. Probably the only Americans who will remain once the red attack gets under way are the missionaries.

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Snow Doesn't Kill Off Bugs

STILLWATER, Okla., —(AP)—Wheat farmers have received some bad news—the snow and ice doesn't kill off green bugs.

Green bugs are those insects which thrive on wheat and damage the crops.

Farmers have been led to believe that below freezing temperatures put the crimps to green bugs.

Now Charles F. Stiles, Oklahoma A. and M. college extension service entomologist, says all cold weather does is to stop the life of the wheat renegades. Stiles made a thorough investigation.

He found a lot of bugs all bundled up in a pack of ice in the wheat fields. He took the ice hunk back to school to thaw out along with himself.

He said the bugs were prancing around long before he was able to recuperate from the six above zero temperature.

And what does that mean? Stiles says it proves that temperatures below freezing, putting it

"Propaganda" Label Required On Soviet Magazine

PORTLAND, —(AP)—High school pupils here can go on reading a Russian magazine—its clearly labeled "propaganda."

That was the decision of the school board, after superintendent Paul A. Rehms asked the board for its opinion. He said the Russian government's magazine USSR had been available, marked propaganda, for years, but that he had grown "sensitive about its being in libraries since the cold war began."

The directors agreed that they should not attempt to copy Russia's classes studying propaganda problems.

ILLINOIS VETS PAID
SALEM —(AP)—The Illinois veterans bonus has brought \$481,487 to the 1,187 veterans who left Illinois to live in Oregon, the state veterans department said. The average payment was \$405.

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Oregon Traffic Deaths In 1949 Drop For Third Year

An estimated 50 traffic deaths last month brought Oregon's 1949 death toll to 357, according to preliminary figures reported by Secretary of State Newberry.

This represents a 14 percent drop from the 419 fatalities recorded in 1948 and marks the third consecutive year in which Oregon traffic deaths have shown a decline, Newberry said.

December's toll was the highest of the entire year, and exceeded the death figure for December of 1948 by 18. Second most lethal month in 1949 traffic was August, when 46 persons

were killed. The least deadly months were February, when 11 persons met death, and January with 13.

Injuries in Oregon also decreased, the secretary reported, dropping from 12,000 in 1948 to an estimated 10,500 last year. Total accidents will be down about nine percent, the first reduction to be noted since the end of World War II.

Four Years Given Widow In Rifle Death Of Husband

PENDLETON, Jan. 10 —(AP)—Irmarrilla Wanda (Sally) Sperry, 34, Monday pleaded guilty in circuit court to a manslaughter charge in the death of her husband George Sperry, and was sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary.

In passing sentence, Judge Homer I. Watts said that "bad whiskey" was in a large way responsible for the shooting.

Sperry was shot to death at their quarters on the Jack French ranch near Gurdane with a .22 caliber rifle. Mrs. Sperry had previously maintained that the rifle was fired accidentally. She first testified that her husband had snapped the rifle at her and then handed it to her, whereupon she duplicated his action—but it exploded.

Plausibility of her story was questioned by a coroner's jury at the inquest when it was learned that the rifle, after being disassembled, had had the empty shell ejected a cartridge put in chamber, and was cocked. Mrs. Sperry, denied cocking it and could not account satisfactorily for the condition of the rifle when found near Sperry's body.

She and other witnesses testified that she and Sperry had been drinking for several days before the shooting.

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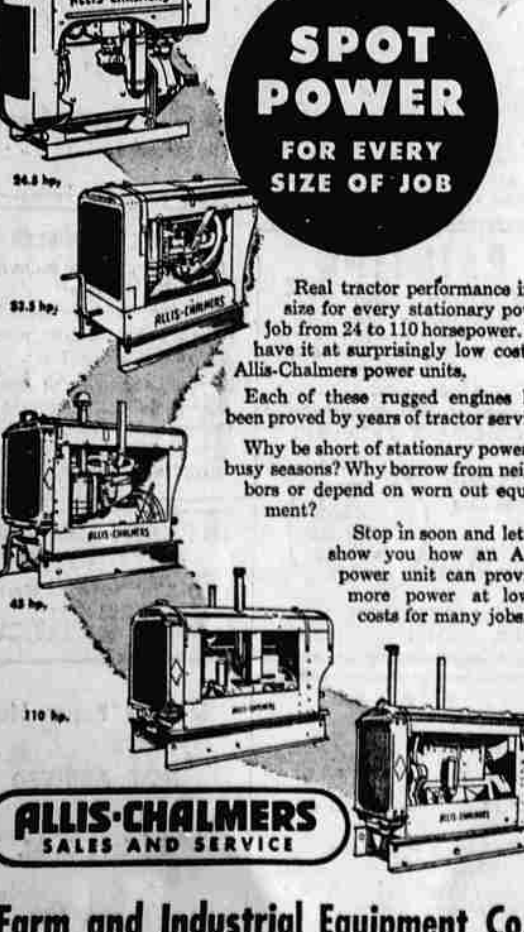


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