

Cold Old Barn in Georgia "Silent Order" Monastery

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ATLANTA, April 15 (UP) — There are no candles. Two bare electric light bulbs hanging from the rafters cast dim shadows on the rusty wood walls, to which sparse tufts of straw still cling. For incense there is the pungent smell of hay, the faintly acrid musk of aging timber and mold.

It is 2 a. m. The "great silence" is over and the 20 devout men rise from their stall-like cells to worship before crude altars, bare except for the figures of the Virgin Mary which they have brought from "Our Lady of Gethsemane"—at Trappist, Kentucky—on the recent journey to their new home in Georgia.

The day has begun at "Our Lady of the Holy Ghost," the unheated white brick barn, some 30 miles from here, which is the fourth monastery in the United States of the centuries-old Trappist Order of the Catholic church.

Day of Silence
It is a day of silence. Pledged to a life of poverty, chastity and obedience, the monks are not allowed to speak among themselves, may only speak to their superior or issue directions for work. Wordlessly, garbed in the traditional white habit and dark cowl which is worn 24 hours a day, they go about the day's activities; seven hours devoted to psalm services and mass; one hour for two simple meals; four hours for study and private prayer, and five hours of manual labor.

Day in, day out, this routine is observed. No one is permitted to leave the grounds. They may see their families but once a year, write them but four times a year. There is no time for recreation. Their two meals, at noon and at 8 p. m., consist of bread, fruit and vegetables, limited quantities of milk and cheese. Meat, fish and eggs are forbidden to all except the sick.

Newspapers, magazines and radios are banned, but one member of the group keeps in contact with the outside world and informs his brothers of world

events, and prayers for peace are held daily. "A free peace," the Reverend Father James Fox, superior of the group, explained. "The sort of peaceful freedom for which the Allies are struggling. The Allied cause is the cause of Christ—we are not fighting to kill Germans, but the German idea."

Support Themselves
The Georgia monastery was founded as result of "overcrowding" at the mother establishment in Kentucky, resulting from a wartime increase in membership, according to Father Fox, who was a navy ensign in the last war himself.

Looking over the 1,465-acre farm, purchased recently for \$45,000 cash, Father Fox is optimistic as to the development of the Georgia barn-monastery. "We're a self-supporting lot," he pointed out. "We produce everything we eat and sell surplus produce to buy a few necessities. We've already begun cultivation and we're acquiring cattle, chickens and geese—in a few months there'll be quite a change."

Feeling even further into the future, Father Fox says that the barn will be replaced by a beautiful permanent structure "which Georgia will be proud to claim."

Tanker Is Named for Nevada Camp

PORTLAND, Ore., April 15 (UP) — Launching of the Swan Island tanker, SS. "Silver Peak" took place here recently in honor of the champion "tin can" collectors of the elementary schools of the No. 1 Portland school district and of Multnomah county.

The vessel, the 60th tanker to come off the Kaiser ways, is named after the famed "Silver Peak" in Esmeralda county, in the southwestern part of Nevada, and the scene of huge mining operations from 1864 to 1926, during which time more than \$9,500,000 of ore was extracted.

Fewer Drunken Drivers, More Law-Breakers

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CARSON CITY, Nev., April 15 (UP) — There were fewer drunken drivers on Nevada's highway last year than there were in 1942, Raby Newton, head of the drivers' license division of the state highway department, reported today.

Newton's report showed 114 Nevada drivers' licenses revoked last year for drunken driving—revocation is mandatory upon conviction of drunken driving. While the number of drunken drivers on the highways of the state decreased 25 per cent, according to Newton, there was a "three-fold increase in the number of violations of the motor code reported."

Newton hastened to add this increase did not necessarily mean there was an actual increase in violations. He explained "co-operation with this department by courts and all peace officers is increasing materially as they come to understand the importance of enforcement of all phases of the motor code." Newton believes this vastly improved cooperation has resulted in his office having more complete statistics than in previous years, thus accounting for the greater number of law violations shown.

Reports of violations of the motor code during 1943 totaled 1,250 Newton said. In all 140 drivers' licenses were revoked last year, including such offenses as hit-and-run driving; involuntary manslaughter; unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, and making a false affidavit in connection with the motor code regulations.

During 1943, the average penalty for drunken driving in the state, in addition to the mandatory revocation of license was a fine of \$25 and the average time for which the driver was "put on the ground" was one year.

Prior to passage of the drivers' license law in the state the average sentence for drunken driving ranged between \$25 and \$50 in fines, Newton explained. One Nevada judge, according to Newton, has fixed a penalty of \$500 fine, six months in jail and a license revocation of one year for those convicted of drunken driving.

Average sentence for those convicted of driving without a license in the state, last year, was a fine of \$50. One judge had a set penalty of "one year on the ground and a fine of \$120," Newton said.

Newton reported his records show an increase of 4 per cent since 1941 in the number of persons holding drivers' licenses. In addition to the 114 drunken driving cases reported for 1943, Newton said there were 464 cases of speeding, 402 of reckless driving, eight of unlawful taking of motor vehicle; three of hit-and-run driving resulting in personal injury; 109 violations of boulevard stop regulations, and 70 miscellaneous violation.

SHELTON FUNERAL TODAY
Funeral services for Marcus Shelton, who was killed Wednesday in an automobile accident, will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock in Grace Community church, Boulder City, by Rev. Winston Trevor. Mrs. Shelton, summoned from Texas, has arrived in Boulder City.

Your Car Should Be Good For Another Year or Two

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CARSON CITY, Nev., April 15 (UP) — Nevadans, driving automobiles averaging slightly less than six years old, face "no serious disruption" of passenger car transportation for at least a year or two, said Robert A. Allen, head of the state department of highways.

A survey conducted by the planning section of his department covered 60 per cent of all automobiles registered in the state in 1943. A great majority of the 24,509 cars involved were found to be in the comparatively "new car" classification.

Allen's study, made in co-operation with the Nevada department of motor vehicles and the federal public roads administration, disclosed more 1941 automobiles being driven in the state than of those manufactured in any other year.

While only 347 passenger automobiles manufactured in 1942 are in use in the state, there are 3,936 machines built during 1941, and that compared with 3,081 cars of 1940 vintage.

Few Ancient Buggies
Only 227 automobiles manufactured in 1927 or before are still operated in the state. Models manufactured in 1937 ranked second to 1941 with 3,236.

The survey covered only passenger car registrations and did NOT include any trucks, buses or other commercial vehicles. It did include cars used for business

Survey Reveals Happy Parents Big Factor in Happy Marriages

CHICAGO, Apr. 15 (UP) — After a study of 595 couples during the period of their engagement and again approximately three years after marriage, two sociologists have found that most divorces occur because the marriages were ill-advised.

In an article in the current issue of the American Journal of Sociology, Ernest W. Burgess, professor of sociology at the University of Chicago and his co-worker, Paul Wallin, a former Stanford University faculty member, list the factors they have concluded are most apt to build a happy marriage.

Contrary to general opinion, religious preferences, differences in educational level, and differences in the economic status of the parents of the bride and groom are factors which their surveys showed to have little or no correlation with adjustment in marriage.

Family Background
The most important ingredients for marital bliss, they found, are happy marriages of the husband and wife's parents, similarity of cultural and family backgrounds, agreement of the couple in desiring children and a close attachment of both parties to their respective parents.

Length of attendance at Sunday school, moderate income at the time of marriage, age (marriage of the wife before 21 or the husband before 24 is unfavorable according to their study), marriage in church, a high ratio of savings to income and the extent of membership in organizations are all factors which they consider to have only a moderate

purpose, for industrial and occupational uses. Cars manufactured in 1942 were considered one year old, while 1941 models were placed in the 2-year-old class.

Allen said that the big problem of surviving the present crisis with automobiles; now in use depends to a large extent upon good care, proper lubrication, adherence to speed limitations, and periodical checking and correction of minor faults.

Allen's figures show that while the average age of automobiles in the state is only 5.9 years, the average professional man or woman drives a car only 4.6 years old—same average age as used by those in amusement, recreation and related services.

Ranchmen's Cars Oldest
Ranchers drive the oldest cars. In the same classification, with an average age of 6.8 years, are all agriculturists, forestry workers, and those in the fishing industry.

Government workers—the group includes all federal employees except postal service and government-owned utilities—drive cars which average only 5.4 years.

Average age of other groups' cars were: mining and mineral extraction, 6.3; construction and related maintenance, 6.1; manufacturing and processing, 5.7; transportation, communication, other public utilities, 6.2; wholesale and retail trade, including finance, insurance, real estate, 5.4; personal service, 6.2; industry, not otherwise classified, 6.5.

McCarran Radio Speech Tonight

Senator Pat McCarran is in California today and will fill a radio speaking engagement this evening at 9:30, Columbia system. Governors Warren and Osborn, of California and Arizona, and Eric Johnston of Detroit, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, will also be on the program.

Senator McCarran will return tomorrow for further participation in the AVIADA.

Chinese Women Organizing to Make Progress

CHUNGKING, April 15 (UP) The "National Women's Constitutional Society" has been formed here to study women's participation in the post-war Chinese government. The society was formally inaugurated at the headquarters of the Kuomintang (the government political party) with an attendance of more than 400 women leaders under the leadership of Miss Chen Yi-Yun. Miss Chen, a close associate of Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek, is a graduate of Michigan University and is active in the people's political council.

In the opening address, Miss Chen pointed out that the society plans to train the women of China to carry out the principles of democracy as formulated by Sun Yat Sen, father of the Chinese Republic.

Two Hundred Million
"There are roughly 200 million women in China," Miss Chen said. "If we neglect our duties as citizens, it will be tantamount to a 50 per cent loss of our national power."

Formation of this organization brought out enthusiastic editorial comment from Kuomintang's "Central Daily News," which quoted Sun Yat Sen's speeches made 28 years ago, declaring equality of the sexes as one of the sacred principles of the National Revolution. The paper praised the war work done by the women of the various United Nations. It also spoke of the work women in Japan are doing.

What Jap Women Do
"The women in Japan not only undertake all kinds of war work such as medical, making military uniforms, soliciting war funds, and industrial labor in circumstances most unsuitable to women, but also they have organized the so-called 'Women's Corps for the Development of a Greater East Asia,' which function in all the occupied areas. It is engaged even in piloting steamers and salvaging sunken vessels. Japanese women do everything on an equal basis with men, with the exception of actual front line fighting."

Typical Questions
Questionnaires were distributed to the engaged couples who had on the average known each other 45 months, had been keeping company 31.5 months, and had been engaged 13.2 months. Typical questions were whether they liked to stay at home or preferred to be "on the go" in their leisure time, whether they engaged in interests and activities together, whether they confided in each other, whether their finances were demonstrative toward them, whether they agreed on money matters, religion, friends, table manners, philosophies and their opinions of their respective families, whether they ever wished they had not become engaged or had ever considered breaking their engagement and what things they would change about their finances if possible.

When asked similar questions after marriage, their answers correlated with those they had given earlier to a very high degree.

Prof. Burgess believes that use of adjustment tests before marriage could prevent persons marrying who are not well suited to each other and thus could lower the divorce rate.



(USCG photo from NEA) All this seaman aboard a Coast Guard-manned assault transport needs to do is daub a little war paint on his puss and the Japs will think a Comanche Indian is after them. He plans to wear the scalp-lock right through the Victory Parade in Tokyo.

Tito Partisans Fighting Hard

LONDON, Apr. 15 (UP) — Heavy fighting has broken out in the heart of Yugoslavia where German forces are attempting to drive the partisans of Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) from the Fruskaa Gora hills 30 miles northwest of Belgrade, it was announced today. The German attack was designed to surprise the partisan headquarters, it was said.

Other partisan units are engaged in heavy fighting with a Chetnik brigade south of Pljevie, 100 miles southwest of the Yugoslav capital, and swift-striking guerrilla forces are continuing their attacks on German rail communications. An enemy train was derailed in Srem, west of Belgrade, another near Sombor, a Hungarian-occupied town 15 miles south of the Hungarian border, and a third in Slovenia.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, General Land Office at Carson City, Nevada, April 4, 1944. NOTICE is hereby given that Albin Herbert Nay, of Whitney Ranch, Las Vegas, Nevada, who, on September 21, 1943, made Homestead Entry No. 021021, for Lots 5, 4, 8W, 1SW, 1S, 2S, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 27, Township 16, S., Range 71 East Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final 5 year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Marion B. Earl, a Notary Public, at Las Vegas, Nevada, on the 24th day of May, 1944. Claimant names as witnesses: Joe Hammig, Frank Allen, Vernon Banker, Mervyn Fretner, all of Las Vegas, Nevada. Rose L. Day, register. April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7.

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We or the Dunes offer him our booth down here. We are indebted to Pop Squires for the many nice things he said last Sunday in his Col-yum anent the Dunes and some of our Hired Hands . . . true, the Hired Hand is a little burned up 'cause his name was linked with some guy named Winston Churchill, who never forked a bronc or roped a calf in the moonlight. This Churchill hand is no doubt some Johnny-come-lately who voted the Republican ticket, and Pop wants to do the square thing.

But we thank Pop, and are indebted to him . . . Pop Squires takes care of his friends, be they Democrats or Republicans.

And we down at the Dunes take care of the hungry folks, regardless of politics . . . fixin' appetites is our job.

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