

'Y' UPLIFTS TO SOLDIERS SEEN BY JAMES ELVIN

Salem Pastor Writes of Thrilling Experiences "Somewhere in France"

SALEM BOYS ARE MET

Warm Quarters and Good Food Preclude Necessity for Worry, Is View

The following letter was written by James Elvin, pastor of the First Congregational church, who is now "somewhere in France," to Oscar B. Gingham, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. Mr. Elvin is one of the famous Salem trio—Elvin, Watson and Halvorsen—now engaged in war.

"Dear Ging: Well, here I am hard at work on the job. In between times at the best I am trying to find time to drop you a line. If I had an idea that the 'Y' was tackling a big job that day we went to Portland, I want to tell you that we did not get even a little idea of what it is trying to do. I just wish I could turn loose now and tell folks what I have seen since I left home. It would surely open their eyes.

When we reached New York, we were taken in hand and passed from one department to another and I never met a kinder or more courteous bunch of men. Everything was done that possibly could be done to help us. We were supplied with English and French money before leaving New York. We had first-class accommodations coming over and everything was done for our comfort. There were many affairs

in the first cabin and the most pleasant relations were maintained between them and ourselves. The major in command was a prince.

Meeting Soon Under Way.

Our ship left New York on a Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock. By three we had a fine meeting under way and I delivered the address to the cabin full of officers. All that was left I delivered to the ocean the following day. Monday evening we arranged a lecture given by ex-Congressman Lantz of Ohio, who gave an elegant, patriotic address that pleased the crowd. You may be interested to know that Mr. Lantz was a member of a party of these prominent Moose carrying half a million dollars across for any Mooses sick or in need. Wasn't that fine? One of our party gave two lectures on Germany's war aims that greatly pleased all those who heard him. Tuesday evening we arranged a grand concert and used some excellent talent found among the men. On Friday evening we arranged another grand concert, with printed programs and the collection taken for the Seaman's charity amounted to nearly one hundred dollars.

"Eagle Hut" Is Visited.

The last night of the voyage, Monday evening, we held a big farewell meeting and the three majors on board delivered the speeches. Major Murphy, of Red Cross fame, delivered a dandy and all the speakers had a good word for the 'Y.' When we reached London we were especially interested in visiting the great Red 'Eagle hut' and, believe me, it is some hut—a big restaurant with a corps of 'Y. W.'s in charge, big billiard room, an entertainment hall that accommodates almost eight hundred with a stage and foot lights, and big writing room, a room with 200 beds and an addition going up for 100 more, showers and bath, and the whole plant running from early in the morning till midnight seven days in the week, and the place crowded with soldiers and sailors from all over the world. They even have one big corner reserved for drunks. They pick them up on the streets and carry them to the 'Y' where they are sobered up and where they get opportunity to talk to the secretary. It was a great pleasure to witness the construction work done, classes, entertainments, service lectures all are carried on from day to day.

5000 Daily Cared for.

When we landed in France, we saw a real hut in action. We visited this place at ten o'clock Saturday morning and found it so crowded with soldiers we could hardly wend our way through. The secretary in charge was a fine fellow from Hartford, Conn. He said it was nothing unusual to draw 600 cups of tea in an hour and that they took care of five thousand soldiers every day. Some family, that, to look after.

Writing, entertainment, billiards and eating rooms were provided. Coffee, and a nice cake, something like a doughnut, were served for nine cents and baked by their own bakers. In the town proper one of the biggest places has been converted into a hut and at night it is jammed to the doors. In Paris they have huts and hotels galore and everything is done to make it pleasant as possible for both men and officers. We stayed at one hotel in Paris used for secretaries only, who are going and coming all the time. Fine accommodations are provided for about two dollars a day. Only a millionaire can live in Paris in these times.

Watson and Halvorsen will not have their headquarters for some months in Paris. I left there nearly

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Rich Women Busy.

For the benefit of some of the card fist aristocracy of Salem, let me inform you that some of the richest women in America are here doing all they can for the boys, and I am a better American after seeing their work they do.

Mrs. Vincent Astor runs the dining room in our center, and she is sure a dream. She is restless wherever she is needed.

Meeting Is Described.

Sunday afternoon I had a fine auto ride of sixty miles. We stopped at a little camp of sailors in a lonely forsaken spot and the only trace of home there is the 'Y.' A secretary lives with them and runs a canteen and shares all their hardships with them. I gathered about fifty sailors about me and talked and sang for them. Thirty miles further, after a speedy ride through a most beautiful and picturesque country, with giant stone houses and barns, little donkeys hitched to big wagons, men and women in curious head-dresses and wooden shoes, we came to a place run by two girls and it was jammed to the limit with sailors and soldiers. It is the only trace of home they have and what a Godsend! Those girls are girls used to every comfort. Prisoners in the penitentiary are better off by far than they are here. The room was over the room was arranged for a meeting. We whistled, sang and then I talked to them. The room was crowded.

Social Life Enjoyed.

When we started home at ten o'clock we found that one of the girls had taken down with measles during the evening. We rushed back to our base and talk about speeding! That machine was almost turned in to a flying machine. I reported to dusty and he rushed me right back early Monday and so here I am. Worked till twelve last night and was on the job six thirty this morning. This is sure a busy place but it is great the way the boys appreciate it. Its social life is just what they like. I am to attend the little girl gets better when I am to have my permanent hut in a new camp and my associate will be a prominent business man of Walla Walla, Wash. It will be several weeks before they are ready for us.

Mr. Elvin Meets Salem Boys.

Attorney Randall Esteb, Russell Brooks, Ed Rowland, one of the Salem boys I have seen and talked with and Salem can well be proud of such boys. There are no letters to be found anywhere. I took dinner with Louis Compton. Wish you could see the look on his face when he saw me and the joy and fine time together and he asked all about the news and I told him how well everything was going when I left home.

"And now, Ging, I must close. This place is filling up fast and I must give all by attention to the job."

"Tell the folks at home that the climate here is similar to Oregon, that all the boys are happy and contented. They have warm, comfortable quarters, they have good food and are not in as much danger here as when they were in Salem. So tell the folks not to worry."

"When the next drive comes on I could hold a crowd and get the moon. I am sure, and you and the governor can have me. I am sure, for the asking."

"I would be tickled to death to come back and tell the story. Hope all is well. Give my love to all the boys and tell them I think of them more often."

"Write me a line, whenever you get a chance. Good-bye, Ging, and God bless you. Thanking you again for all you have done for us. I remain, your old pal, JIMMY."

MARION LEADS STATE OUTSIDE OF MULTNOMAH

Thrift Stamp Sales in County Now Show Total of \$77,345

MERCHANTS WILL HELP

Over Forty Firms Consent to Make Stores Selling Stations

Marion county leads the state outside of Multnomah county in the sale of thrift and war saving stamps. Marion's sales to date total \$77,345. Our next nearest competitor is Clackamas with sales of \$55,197.

The stamp campaign is in full swing. The workers in many districts are reporting much success.

Within a short time every school, lodge, church or other organization will have organized a war saving society to promote regular and systematic saving by its members. Several such societies have been organized and are doing good work.

Over forty of the merchants of the city have agreed to become selling stations for thrift and war saving stamps, thus giving the public an opportunity to buy stamps at the same time they buy groceries, dry goods, etc.

Following is a list of the selling stations:

March 13—W. P. George.

March 13—Salem Bank of Commerce.

March 13—Hauser Brothers.

March 13—Central Pharmacy.

March 13—J. L. Busick & Son.

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March 13—Adolph Brothers.

March 13—Crown Drug Store.

March 13—A. J. Schel.

March 13—The Price Shoe company.

March 13—Opera House Pharmacy.

March 13—E. J. Ruff & Son.

March 14—E. L. Kapphan.

March 14—U. G. Shipley company.

March 14—Hartman Brothers company.

March 14—Western Union Telegraph company, B. H. Linn, Manager.

March 14—Salem Electric company.

March 14—Spencer Hardware company.

March 14—A. W. Woolworth & Co.

March 14—Red Cross Pharmacy.

March 14—George C. Will.

March 14—Scotch Woolen Mills.

March 14—Gardner & Keene.

March 14—A. W. Schrunck.

March 14—E. C. Cross & Son.

March 14—H. W. & M. L. Meyers.

March 19—Otto Klett.

March 19—Kafoury Brothers.

Miss Viola Hoover of Richmond school has the honor of making the largest sale accredited to a pupil in the schools of Salem. She has sold \$505 worth of stamps. When the

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Price fixing and price juggling. Our prices on merchandise are determined by market conditions and cost of merchandise and priced to you at the lowest possible margin of profit.

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Ladies' New Coats

The best and Smartest Assortment of Ladies' Coats and Suits are now here. New express shipments direct from the fashion centers of New York and Philadelphia are arriving. We do not depend on any one or two houses in this line but are today buying Coats from twenty different New York firms which give us the best assortment possible.

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COATS, \$6.90 to \$27.50

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Most Times Good Some Times Great And Always Goes

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EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

BLIGH THEATRE

SHAVE THAT LAWN

One of these nice new easy-running lawn mowers will encourage you in keeping your lawn neat and trim.

"NEW PACIFIC" Lawn Mowers, 14 inch, sturdily constructed, a bargain.....\$4.25

Ball bearing.....\$7.00 and \$8.00

16 inch, ball bearing.....\$9.50 and \$11.00

"GOLDEN GATE" Lawn Mowers, 14 inch, modern in every respect, ball bearing.....\$9.50

Same, 16 inch.....\$11.00

"BONITA" LAWN MOWERS, 14 in., ball bearing \$13.50

Same, 16 inch.....\$13.75

"ECLIPSE" Lawn Mowers, 14 inch, ball bearing \$11.75

Same, 16 inch.....\$14.25 and \$15.50

"STILETTO" Lawn Mowers, 14 inch, ball bearing, a high class machine.....\$16.00

Same, 16 inch.....\$16.50

Same, 18 inch.....\$17.00

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GIRLS! GIRLS! TRY IT!

STOP DANDRUFF AND BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

Hair Stops Falling Out and Gets Thick, Wavy, Strong and Beautiful.

Your hair becomes light, wavy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Danderrine hair cleanse."

Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Danderrine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in just a few moments you have doubled the beauty of your hair.

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Danderrine dissolves every particle of dandruff, cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few weeks' use when you will actually see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair and lots of it, surely get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderrine from any druggist or toilet counter for a few cents.

Ohio University President Has Conference in Salem

President W. O. Thompson of the University of Ohio was in Salem yesterday in conference with Governor Whytcomb and other state officials. President Thompson is representing Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture in an investigation of cereal production in the northwest, particularly with reference to the wheat crop. While in Salem he visited the state farms and conferred with the superintendents of state institutions.

Forest Grove Man Is Out for Seat in Legislature

Loyal M. Graham, Republican, of Forest Grove, yesterday filed declaration of his candidacy for representative in the legislature from the fifteenth district. His platform is "Apply good business principles and economy to legislative affairs, and will work consistently for just legislation to promote the best interests of Oregon and of Washington county."

JUDGE WEBSTER RECALLS FAIR

Women in Civil War Days Collected \$100,000 in Unique Manner

"Well, yes, perhaps I can think of something that will answer for another War story," said Justice of the Peace Daniel Webster. "This country fair to raise money for the Red Cross reminds me of the great sanitary fair held in Chicago during the fall of 1863."

"There was an organization of men and women known as the sanitary commission, organized for the purpose of rendering aid to sick and wounded soldiers at home and at the front. Their mission was to visit hospitals and furnish necessities and comforts to the suffering."

"The two most prominent women connected with the organization in the northwest were Mrs. Hoge of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. Livermore of Chicago. These women had spent much of their time with the army in the field, ministering to the sick and wounded, distributing clothing and food and such necessities as the government did not furnish, or in sufficient quantities to supply the demand. The society had run out of funds, and saw that much money would be needed for use during the coming winter months, and the women suggested the holding of a north-west Sanitary fair at Chicago, and thought they might raise \$25,000 thereby. The men members of the commission while consenting thereto frankly said they did not think it would prove a success. But the wo-

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SOLDIERS NOT TO HAVE VOTE

Pershing Shows Impracticability of Burdening Military Machinery

WASHINGTON, March 21—A formal recommendation against any attempt to record the soldier vote in France for elections held during the war has been prepared by the war department. After obtaining the opinions of General Pershing and his staff, and of department officials on this side, it was learned tonight, the department has determined that no practical method of taking the votes of members of the expeditionary forces can be devised.

The subject was brought up recently by a western state, which proposed a scheme of its own for obtaining the vote of its citizens in France. While it might be possible for a single state to accomplish this, the army holds that extension of that privilege to all states would impose a burden upon the military for-

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A thrilling western story of life in a hell-roaring gold camp, with Alma Ruebens at her very best

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LIBERTY

Wait Whitman in Triangle Play "The Firefly of Tough Luck"