

## League Leaves Navy, Tries "Stowaway" Trick; In Paris

Shelby Youth Works For Time As Free Lance Missionary In China.

(By TED LEAGUE.)

As mentioned before, I had been ordered home for discharge, but since my request for duty on the Yangtze river had been granted, the days had been decreased until I had only one month, three days to do until I would be a "free man" again. But glory be, I was having a marvelous time, and since I had just begun a study of Chinese religions and their superstitions and the various beliefs I was sorry to see the time slipping away so quickly; however there was to be a remedy for that.

My chaplain noticed that I was studying the religions of China and wanted to further the study along by helping me all he could, so he asked me if I would like to go to work for the YMCA as a free lance missionary. I told him that I would gladly go to work for them providing I could be discharged over there in China and so a cablegram was sent to the bureau of navigation requesting my immediate discharge while on foreign duty. The request was signed by the admiral of the fleet and was granted.

After my discharge in Shanghai, the YMCA life was too tame and I

will not go into that other than to say that I learned enough about the Chinese religions to want to see a real honest-to-goodness Baptist preacher again.

Ships were coming and going at all times—men were leaving the service of the shipping board and I saw a real chance to see more of old mother earth by signing up for a cruise with the U. S. shipping board.

But before telling you when and where we left on that cruise, I will tell you how I got to the ship. The ship was in Hongkong and I was in Shanghai, over a thousand miles away, and I was sadly in need of funds. To make it short, I stowed away on a tramp steamer going to Hongkong and set into one of the life boats on the boat deck. There was ample water and hard tack in that boat and I can tell you that when I had been on that ship for three days and night that was the best tasting food I had ever eaten. We would have to open those cans of hard tack at night and also get a supply of water for the day; wouldn't dare strike a match for fear of being found. I say we because there was another "bum" along with me. He was headed for Hongkong also but had no reason for going there other than just to be there.

Just before we figured the ship

should arrive in Hongkong, we stole out softly one night and went to the cook shack to try to find something to eat. We found it in the form of dried beef and crackers. After consuming everything in sight and getting ready to make some coffee, the cook, a Filipino, came in and wanted to know where we came from. We told our story, got more to eat and a promise of help from the crew.

The cook routed out some of the boys and they donated some clean clothes, cigars, a real Lucky Smoaks, at three and offered to help us get to the beach. The ship anchored next morning at three fifteen and we were in the forecastle waiting for daybreak when who should come in but the "boss"! Great guns but we were in for it then. He threatened us, did almost everything possible to make it hard for us and finally told us to leave the ship immediately. We did, via a sampans river taxi. Landed in Hongkong just about daylight and headed for the "Sailors Rest," where we knew we would be welcomed as long as we had money. I went at once to the office of the American consul, told him how the situation stood, he gave me ten mex (dollars) and I started for a barber shop, got cleaned up a bit, and started for the shipping board to find out when my ship would be in.

The officer in charge notified me three days later that my ship was in and I was to go on as a "wiper." Nothing more or less than a flunky, so to speak. However, I went and glad of the chance. The salary was to be \$54 per month and board. Not so bad when one knew that one was also going around the world on that same boat.

I went aboard the ship and got acquainted with some of the crew, found where I was to sleep and pretty soon the ship got underway, headed for the United States, via the Suez canal.

After three days on board I was assigned to the engine room as an "oller" (promoted so soon, by heck). A Portuguese had been caught putting waste in the oil boxes to keep from having to re-fill them so often and I was to replace him. However, to go on with the story.

We sailed due south headed for Sidney, Australia, as the first port of call. And boys, I'll never forget those happy days spent in Sidney. Girls everywhere—just as pretty as pictures—but not as hard to "draw" and all of them seemed to be warm, weak and willing. I bought a nice suit of clothes, in fact a complete outfit, and started out to strut. Met a "nice girl," talked her into inviting me up to the house that evening; met her folks and they promptly retired. Well, it's just the same old story over again. The hospitality was so keenly appreciated until I accepted an invitation to stay for breakfast. She really want-

ed to come to the United States with me (or anyone for that matter) and I faithfully promised to come back for her—some day.

After leaving Sidney, en route for Karachi, India, we were given another thrill with a typhoon and when you are on an empty oil tank and a typhoon comes up it's just too bad if you're bothered with seasickness. That was another terrible experience I will always remember.

Next came Karachi, Bombay, Calcutta, on to Constantinople and through the Mediterranean sea in the very hottest part of the summer and if the lower regions are anything like that when it comes to heat, I am going to be a good Baptist from now on. Boy but that was hot! And we couldn't just give up and say "It's too hot to work, I quit." We just had to stand that watch or pass out of the picture. Temperature ranging from 126 degrees to 130 degrees F. all during the day and night was a relief when it came.

Constantinople only long enough to load again, and headed for Brest, France. The ship was to stay in Brest, for only thirteen hours and I wanted to go to Paris. Arrived in Brest early one morning and I promptly "jumped ship" (A. W. O. L.). Got my pay before going, however and had three months pay coming to me.

Well, I've heard the soldiers tell about Paris and the sights to be seen but I was too busy looking at the ground to see the "sights" as you might call them. It was a real sight to note the Americanized dresses being worn by the French girls. Short? Huh, just like a one piece bathing suit in California. That was what kept my eyes on the "ground" most of the time.

However, here I was in Paris, money going faster and faster every day. None coming in and no chance to make more because I didn't speak French. Made the acquaintance of one Gerald Ward, an American, stranded there like myself who had cabled his dad for money. He got it and we lived like kings for another few days and then both of us headed for Brest again; made a ship bound for Denmark and then to Cape Town, South Africa.

Gee, that sounded good—in fact too good to be true but we will hear more about that later.

(The next installment will contain adventures in the interior of Africa on a hunting expedition as a "secretary" to an English Lord, and whether you believe this yarn or not, I came near being boiled in a "stew pot" for supper!)

### Zion Community News Gleanings

Rev. Sylvester Jones Preaching. J. W. Irvin To Entertain Teachers, Personals.

(Special to The Star.) Our farmers are busy planting their crops this fine weather. Rev. Sylvester Jones preached for us Sunday morning giving us an inspiring message.

Our Sunday school is growing this fine spring weather. Glad to have Mr. Crowder of Polkville with us Sunday.

Glad to have our pastor, Rev. D. G. Washburn and wife and daughter, Sara, with us in our teachers and officers meeting last Thursday evening. Mr. J. W. Irvin will entertain us next Thursday evening at 7:30. We are expecting a large crowd. We realize these meetings mean much to our school.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Simmons has returned from a weeks visit to Rocky Mount where they visited their sons, Tom and Laurence.

Mrs. T. P. Cabanis and daughter, Minnie, visited Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Moore of Charlotte last week. Sorry to know Miss Josie Wilson is sick. Hope she will soon be out.

Mrs. T. P. Gold is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Champion of Gaffney, S. C.

Miss Reba Lee of Lattimore spent the week-end with Miss Thelma Cabanis.

Misses Ruth and Janie Irvin of B. S. H. S. spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Spangler visited Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Cabanis Sunday.

Large number of our people attended the State college glee club at Lattimore last Friday night.

Misses Nina, Thelma and Beatrice Cabanis motored to Charlotte last Wednesday.

Mr. Philip Martin of Shelby visited his brother George Martin Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cabanis, Misses Georgia and Kansas Cabanis visited in our community Sunday.

Mrs. J. W. Irvin and Miss Ruby Irvin visited Mrs. Irvin's daughter, Mrs. McCarter of Gastonia last Friday.

Mrs. Omie Smith one of the teachers in the Lattimore school visited Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Simmons last week.

ANTICIPATING FARM RELIEF. HOOVER'S TAX INCREASED Kansas City, Mo.—The Nodaway county board of equalization met last week to consider the valuation of President Herbert Hoover's eight-acre farm. Last year the board assessed it at \$85 an acre. "Well, with farm relief in sight, the president's farm ought to be more valuable," a member said, and the valuation was hiked to \$125 an acre.

### Baseball Stars Known Here In Heavy Slugging

Young baseball stars, natives of or well known in this section, are attracting considerable attention at the season's opening this year.

Last week when Wake Forest defeated High Point, Ralph Gillespie, former All-State catcher with Shelby high, now catching for the Baptists, was at bat five times and secured two doubles and a home run.

Last Saturday Pat Crawford, former Gastonia coach and Davidson star, was at bat four times for the New York Giant Yammigans and secured three home runs and a single, the homers coming in consecutive trips to the plate.

In Greensboro this week Dick White, young first base recruit, was released, leaving Tommy Harrill, Shelby boy and former State college star, to fight it out with Molly Cox, a first-batter with many summers behind him. The Greensboro News sportswriter says that Harrill can have a job with most any club in the Piedmont even if the veteran Cox does beat him out at Greensboro.

### Trinity Community Personal Gleanings

(Special to The Star.) Mrs. J. L. Butler of Forest City spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. P. Z. Harrill.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Z. Harrill, Misses Bettie and Eva Beason took Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Green of Mooresboro.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Harris, Jr. of Mooresboro, were beautifully entertained at the home of B. H. Harris, Sr., at dinner on last Sunday.

Miss Mollie Sue Beason and Annie McSwain of the Mooresboro high school were at home for the week-end.

Miss Sara Harris of the Lattimore high school was also allowed the pleasure of being home for the past few days.

Mrs. Ellis McWhirter and children of Shelby were pleasantly entertained for the past few days at the home of Mrs. Furman McSwain.

We had a number of friends from the Sandy Plains church with us Sunday and aided us very much in carrying out the B. Y. P. U. program which was very much enjoyed by all present.

### None Better Than Home In This U. S. A.

In remitting for another year's subscription to The Star, Major Evans McBrayer, formerly of Shelby who is in the medical department of the United Press Army and is now stationed at Portland, Oregon says, "Let me congratulate you again on your paper. It is both a credit to you and to its clientele—than which I know none better in the United States."

Major McBrayer has gone back to Portland from the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he underwent an operation on March 5th.

### DISSOLUTION NOTICE

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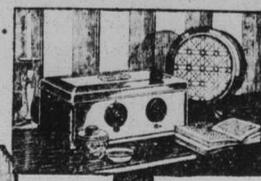
Ex-Sheriff Suffered From Constipation and Felt Very Bad Until Relieved by Black-Draught.

Ardmore, Okla.—Mr. W. N. McClure, for several years a resident of this city (111 Third Ave. N. W.), formerly was a political leader in Pike County, Arkansas, where he served as sheriff and county judge. "I used to suffer with sick headaches," says Mr. McClure. "These spells would come on me and I would feel very bad. I would get bilious and upset. "My trouble was constipation, and after I found it out, I began using Black-Draught. This quickly relieved the cause, and I got all right. "I began using Black-Draught in my home, shortly after the Civil War, when I lived in Pike County, Arkansas. I came out of the war, like many other soldiers, with bad digestion. I suffered a lot from sick headaches and dizziness. I would get constipated, and for a while I would feel very bad. "I found this medicine brought quick relief for constipation, and removed the cause of my headaches and dizziness, so we have always tried to keep it in the house. "After I take a course of Black-Draught, I feel fine. My system is rid of poison, and my appetite picks up." Sold everywhere. Try it. WC-203

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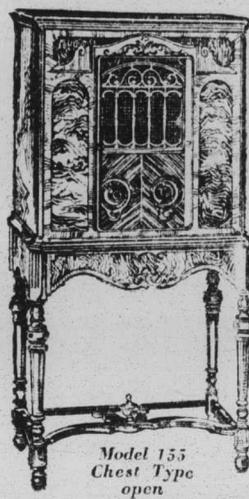
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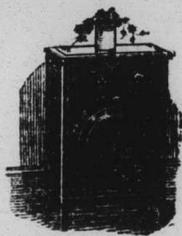
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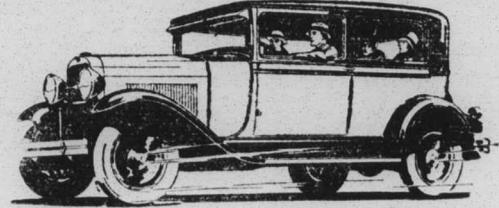
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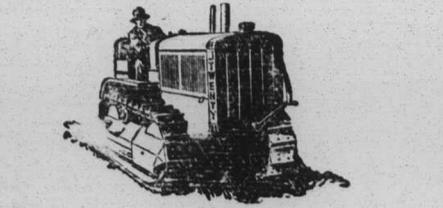
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### SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a decree of the superior court made in special proceeding entitled, "J. T. Ramsey, administrator of the estate of S. L. Gantt, dec'd., et al., vs. Pearl Gantt et al" I, as commissioner, will sell for cash to the highest bidder at the court house door in Shelby, N. C., at public auction on Saturday, May 11, 1929, at 12 o'clock M., the following described real estate:

Situated in No. 9 township, Cleveland county, at Belwood, N. C., and bounded as follows: First: Beginning at a stake in road... corner, and runs thence with said road N. 79-40 W. 240.8 feet to a stake, a new corner of the dower, thence a new line of the dower tract S. 8-50 W. 131 feet to a stake, a new corner of the dower tract, thence with the line of the dower tract N. 81-35 W. 217 feet to a stake, the dower corner in the old line, thence with said line S. 9-40 E. 159 feet to a stake, thence S. 4 W. 371.2 feet to a stake; thence S. 84-30 E. 89.6 feet to an iron stake, thence N. 2-30 E. 311 feet to a stone; thence S. 81-20 E. 381.5 feet to a stake, thence N. 8-50 E. 332 feet to the beginning, containing 3.38 acres.

Second: The remainder in the dower tract awarded to Cordia Gantt and the homestead allotted to the minor defendants, the same being sold subject to the dower interest and the homestead interest as follows: Beginning at a stake in the road and runs thence with the road S. 82-20 E. 167.5 feet to a stake in the road; thence with the road S. 79-40 E. 93 feet to a stake in the road; thence south 8-50 E. 131 feet to a stake, a new corner; thence N. 81-35 W. 217 feet to a stake in the old line; thence with the old line N. 9-40 W. 138 feet to the beginning, containing 0.75 of an acre.

This April 9, 1929. J. T. RAMSEY, Commissioner. Ryburn & Hoey, Attys.

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