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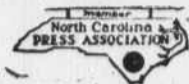
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THE "PRESS" is proud to reprint the following column which appeared in The Atlanta Constitution of June 18 under the by-line of its Editor, Ralph McGill.

**"The Lord Spoke Unto Moses, Saying—"**

This fellow telephoned and said that I was unchristian to be urging universal military service because the Bible was against it and I couldn't justify it by Holy Writ.

He hung up without waiting for an answer. What I was going to say was, "On the contrary, my dear man, it will be easy and a pleasure."

The first known registration for military service was by the ancient Israelites. That is a matter of history. The first registration mentioned in Holy Writ is in Exodus and obviously was for the primary purpose of collecting a poll tax, although the military and tax "numbering" usually was simultaneous. You'll find it in Exodus 30:11-16:

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, when thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the Lord, when thou numberest them . . . this shall they give, every one that passeth, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary; an half a shekel shall be the offering of the Lord . . . everyone . . . from 20 years old and above, shall give."

The military age in Israel began at 20.

Later, in the Fourth Book of Moses, called Numbers, there is a definite description of the selective service boards of that day at work. Numbers 1:2-4:

"Take ye the sum of all the congregation of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls; from 20 years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel; and Aaron shall number them by their armies. And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of the house of his fathers. . ."

**Exemptions**—It goes on to report that 603,550 were "selected" or "numbered." The tribe of Levi, which provided the priests and others charged with religious functions, were exempted, just as ministers are today.

In Deuteronomy it is set forth just what the exemptions were. They were, I must say, much lighter than those of today, although the reporter may have been hurrying when he wrote his story. Still, this may have been early in their selective service system. As an old board member, I recall that, before we got into the war it was possible, to be excused for reasons almost identical with those reported in Deuteronomy 20:5-8:

"What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. And what man is he that hath planted a vineyard and hath not yet eaten of it? Let him also go and return unto his house, lest he die in battle, and another man eat of it. And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? Let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in battle and another man take her. . . . What man is there that is fearful and faint-hearted? Let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart."

Newly married men were exempted from conscription for a period of one year. Deuteronomy 24:5 reports: "When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business (of war); but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken."

**The Lord Spake**—Years later, when the children of Israel were about ready to divide up the Promised Land, a plague struck them, probably typhus. In Numbers 26:11-2 we read: "And it came to pass after the plague that the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saying, 'Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from 20 years old and upward . . . all that are able to go to war in Israel.'"

(This was the one I was going to throw at my critic. The Lord himself ordered universal military service for every man of 20 years old and upward.)

The Lord didn't always approve. When there was warlike ambition and war for the sake of a war the Lord had not approved, then "numbering" the people was a sin. When the Lord was punishing Israel, David got in very wrong by going against the Lord and taking the census. David was given the choice of having seven years of famine, three months of continuous military defeats, or a three-day pestilence in the land.

## Men In Service

CPL. THOMAS R. McCONNELL



Cpl. Thomas R. McConnell, son of Mrs. E. N. Evans, and brother of Mrs. Jack R. Gribble of Franklin route 2, who is stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss., recently spent a fourteen-day furlough with his relatives and friends. Cpl. McConnell was accompanied by his wife, the former Miss Arbutus McKay, and baby, Patricia Raye.

**LETTER FROM**

CPL. CHARLES CARPENTER  
Regensburg, Germany,  
June 7, 1945.

Dear Furman:  
I am sending you a picture showing where we were at the time the Jerries decided to call it quits.

We left the states on June 26th of last year. It has been one year of hard work and fighting, but by God's help our mission was completed. Our ship, the West Point, pulled into harbor at Glaseo, Scotland, with only eight days at sea. We anchored there on July 4th, and I believe that most of us will always remember that day. Of course many from that of sir to seven thousand aboard that ship will not have it on their minds. They paid the cost with their lives.

After grooping in England for several days, General Patton, of the Third Army called us to our task, and to my opinion Patton is one of our best leaders of a tank and armored spearheading army.  
After landing in Cherbourg, France, we headed straight for Paris. But the armored columns spearheading was too fast for all the units, so the battle in Paris was over before many of us could get through the streets of the smoldering town, they had blasted in their swift move to save the city of Paris. Following months of hard work, day and night, Patton and his famous 4th Armored Division drove for the heart of Germany.

Now that shooting has ceased, and we are to sweat out our next move, we are hoping it will be to the States.

Your brother,  
Charles.

The above letter was received from Cpl. Charles H. Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hen H. Carpenter of Franklin. He has been in the service for several months and has been with Patton's Third Army and of the 116th Engineers Unit.

**SGT. SAMUEL C. VINSON TO HAVE FURLOUGH**

Sergeant Samuel C. Vinson whose wife is Mrs. Mildred B. Vinson of Titusville is being returned to the United States for a 45 day furlough after serving 28 months in the Southwest Pacific Area.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Vinson of Franklin.

Sergeant Vinson is a master mechanic with the 592d Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment and is responsible for keeping the large number of trucks and heavy engiener equipment running during beach operations in landings on enemy held beaches.

Besides operations in New Guinea and the Admiralty Islands he has participated in the landings at Leyte Island, Zambales and Bataan on Luzon and Corregidor Island in the Philippines.

The 592d Engineer Boat and Shore Regiment has made 33 amphibious landings in the

He chose the latter.

" . . . And there died of the people from Dan to Beersheba 70,000 men."

Only one numbering is mentioned in the New Testament.

Luke 2:1-5: "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed . . . and Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth . . . unto the City of Bethlehem to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

The ancients feared and hated "numbering." It always was for taxing or for military service.

Anyhow, universal military service is not of Prussian origin, as our pacifists would have us believe.

The following was written by boys of the 83rd Division and sent to the Press by Pfc. Ray R. Gregory, serving in that Division in Germany.

We had a write-up my buddies say,  
In the home town paper the other day.  
I imagine the folks have read or heard,  
Of the swell accomplishment of the 83rd.

We are G.I. Joe's from every state,  
Yes from every one of the forty-eight.  
We are proud of our outfit; we think its fine,  
Because we were the first to reach the Rhine.

We are the boys of the 83rd,  
Which was known as the "Thundering Herd."  
As we crossed the Elbe in plywood boats,  
We were given a new name, the "Thunderbolts."

They say we out-stripped all hell on wheels—  
Sonny boys, we know how it feels.  
There's one consolation we doughs can say—  
You are the best armed outfit from the U. S. A.

We are now sweating out our next plan;  
We hope it is not to Japan.  
We won't complain though, whatever it be,  
As long as it helps keep keep America free.

**"Oak Hill" Sold  
Old Fashioned Auction  
Draws Large Crowd**

Almost a thousand people attended the auction sale last Saturday afternoon of the old "Oak Hill" estate which has been owned for the past eight years by Mr. W. H. Graybeal.

Old-timers of Macon will remember that "Oak Hill" was for years the home of the Rev. J. A. Deal, the first Episcopal minister to come to this section and who established St. John's church on Cartoogechaye, another at Rainbow Springs, also St. Agnes' church in Franklin.

Franklin's own Bob Patton lived up to his reputation for conducting a clean sale. Old friends and new applauded his performance of the duties of auctioneer. Supporting him in the transactions were M. J. Harrell and W. C. Huntley of Forest City, and "Doc" Lattimore of Lumberton, all of Cyclone Realty Co., of Forest City. C. J. Mooney of Franklin, kept the records, after R. S. Jones, attorney representing the seller had assured the assemblage of the validity of his title.

Cash prizes, many cigarettes and an "E" series war bond were distributed during the course of the sale which lasted from 2 to 5:30. It was a tense moment when little Marie Rogers drew the card bearing the name of Mrs. G. F. Burrell to whom the war bond was awarded.

The entire property, comprising land, residence, cottages, outbuildings and store building was sold, bringing prices generally considered fair.

Another auction near Franklin is being planned for the near future. Date and details will be announced in The Franklin Press and Highlands Maconian.

**Southwest Pacific Area.**

Sergeant Vinson met his brother for the first time in three years while at Leyte and again at Luzon. His brother is William H. Vinson of the 38th Infantry Division. Another brother, James H. Vinson was reported missing in Belgium.

Sergeant Vinson entered the Army in June 1942 prior to which he was employed at O. D. Albritte Texaco company.

He is authorized to wear the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic Pacific theatre ribbon with three battle stars, the Philippine Liberation ribbon with the two stars and the Bronze Arrowhead awarded for participation in assault landings under fire.

**NOTICE OF SALE  
In the Superior Court  
Before the Clerk**

North Carolina,  
Macon County.

GLADYS JENNINGS and husband, JAMES E. JENNINGS vs.

WEAVER GIBSON and wife, FRANCIS GIBSON; THOMAS ALLEN and wife, EVA ALLEN; DEWITT ALLEN and wife, LULA ALLEN; SCOTT ALLEN and wife, EVA ALLEN; LAURA PAINTER and husband, DOYLE PAINTER; JOE HURST, husband of ELLIE HURST, deceased; MARGIE LEE ELMORE and husband, THEODORE ELMORE; EULA MASON and husband, GEORGE MASON; J. E. HURST; AILEEN HURST; CLAUDE HURST and CARROL HURST.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, made in the above entitled proceeding, the same being number 2363 upon the civil issue docket, the undersigned, commissioner will, on the 20th day of July, 1945, at 12:00 o'clock, noon, at the courthouse door in Franklin, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described lands, to-wit:

1st TRACT BEGINNING on a stake on the north bank of Coween Creek in M. A. Raby's line, running east with the creek to P. R. Rickman's line; thence north with said P. R. Rickman's line to the big road; thence west with the road to Kerley's line; thence south with the said Kerley's line to the beginning. Containing 20 acres more or less. There is excepted from this description 5 acres heretofore sold to Scott Allen.

2nd TRACT BEGINNING on a white oak and runs west 43 poles to a post oak; thence south 18 west 68 poles to a post oak; thence east 75 poles to a stake in P. R. Rickman's line; thence north 11 east 28 poles to a small post oak; thence north 14 west 40 poles to the beginning. Containing 20 acres more or less.

3rd TRACT BEGINNING at a white oak, Rickman's and Joh Allen's corner and runs north 13 west 63 poles and 2 links to a stake and pointers on top of a ridge in the J. T. Gibson line; then south 70 1/2 west 17 1/2 poles to a hickory; then south 33 west 3 1/2 poles and 5 links to a pine (now down); then south 5 west 49 poles to a black jack in said Allen' old line; then east 40 poles to the beginning.

4th TRACT BEGINNING at a white oak, John F. Allen's beginning corner, and runs north 6 east 71 poles to a stake on top of Sheep Knob and in the Cowee Mountain School line; thence north 76 west 13 poles to a stake; then south 72 west 6 poles to a stake, John F. Allen's corner; thence, south 13 east 63 poles to the beginning. Containing 3 acres and 109 poles.

There is excepted from the second and third and fourth tracts approximately 19 1/2 acres heretofore deeded to J. C. Gibson as evidenced by a deed from J. F. Allen to J. C. Gibson, registered in Book HH, page 541 records of deeds for Macon County, North Carolina.

This the 20th day of June, 1945.

T. D. BRYSON, Jr.,  
Commissioner.

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## Iotla

Mrs. Billy Barnard, of the Iotla community, and Mrs. Gordon Moore, of Franklin, spent last week in Memphis, Tenn., with their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barnard.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swafford spent Sunday in Waynesville the guest of Mrs. Verlon Poindexter.

Terrell and Claude Ashe, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lon Ashe, are home from overseas on a 30 days' furlough.

Miss Ruth Poindexter left last week for Charlotte to accept a position with the Bell Telephone company.

Miss Violet Barnard left recently for Washington, D. C., where she has employment.

James Swafford is spending several days in Winston-Salem.

The farmers of the Iotla community are busy getting out tobacco crop.

**FRANKLIN MAIL SERVICE (Daily)**

Departs for Cornelia, Atlanta, Birmingham, New Orleans and the west—10:20 A.M. and 2:05 P. M.

Departs for Dillsboro, Asheville, Murphy, Greenboro, Raleigh, Washington and New York, 6:15 A. M. and 1:35 P. M.

Arrives from Cornelia and Atlanta and the north, 10:00 A.M. and 2:20 P. M.

Arrives from the North and East, Asheville and Dillsboro at 1:30 and 7:30 P. M.

(Sunday Only)

Departs for Dillsboro, Asheville and the North and East at 8:30 A. M. Departs for Cornelia, Atlanta, 2:00 P. M.

Arrives from Dillsboro 1:30 P. M. Arrives from Cornelia 2:20 P. M.

**Colored Lodge To Celebrate Sunday**

The Mountain Eagle Lodge, with members of the colored people of Franklin, will hold their annual St. John's Day celebration at the Chapel School house on Sunday, June 24, beginning at 3 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

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If you don't see well or have headache or nervousness consult Dr. Downs about your eyes on above date.

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