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"E" WAR BOND SALES LAG

FOUR ABERNATHY BROTHERS SERVING COUNTRY

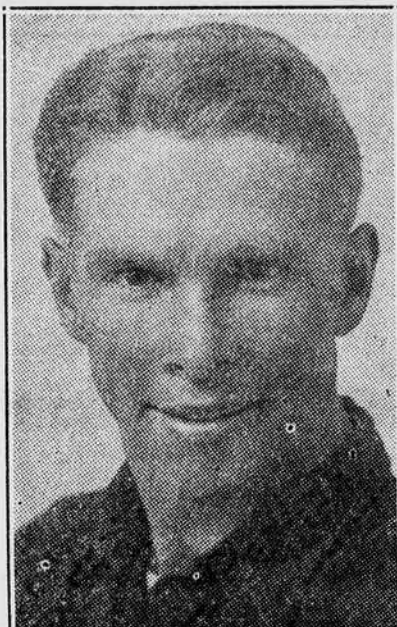
Overall Quota of County, However, Oversubscribed As Campaign Nears Its End



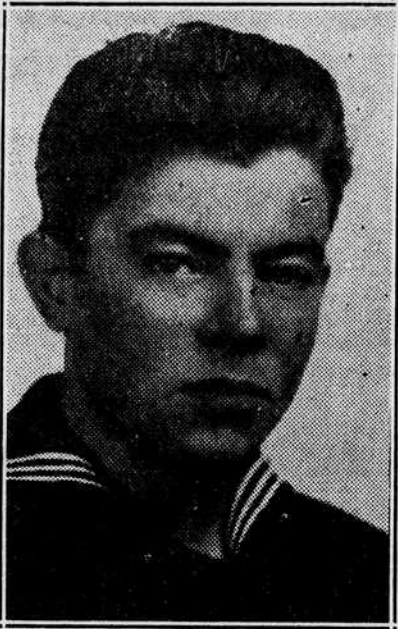
PVT. BENNIE ABERNATHY



S 2/c JOHN S. ABERNATHY



CPL. JAMES ABERNATHY



PO 2/c DONALD ABERNATHY

Mrs. Franklin Abernathy, 1123 Henry street, Roanoke Rapids, is the proud mother of four sons serving in the armed forces of the United States. The boys, varying in age from 20 to 26 years, are in the Army, Navy and Air Corps, and all four are seeing overseas duty.

Donald, the youngest, age 20, is a petty officer second class, in the Naval Air Corps. He enlisted in May, 1941, at the age of 17 and is now believed to be in Africa. Donald attended Roanoke Rapids High School.

Seaman 1/c John S. Abernathy, 22, joined the Navy the latter part of October, 1943. He attended Kennedy Memorial School at Kinston, and is a former employee of the Rosemary Manufacturing

PVT. CONNER 'MISSING' IN ITALIAN ZONE

Forrest G. Shearin of this city received word yesterday from the adjutant general, Army of the United States, that his nephew, Pvt. Earl Conner, "is missing in action."

Conner, a member of the Air Force, is believed to have been stationed "somewhere" in the Italian war zone. Nothing definite, however, was given in the message to Mr. Shearin.

Pvt. Conner is the son of the late Mrs. Conner and Mr. Conner, of Weldon and Norfolk, Va.

Children's Day Service Sunday

The annual Children's Day service will be held at Lebanon Methodist Church next Sunday, according to an announcement made today. The public is invited to attend the morning service and also participate in the picnic dinner on the ground. The service will be conducted by Rev. D. L. Fouts of Weldon.

PFC. INGRAM REPORTED AS BEING 'LOST'

Pfc. Robert Lee Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ingram of this city, has been reported as "missing in action" in a message received by his parents, Monday, July 3.

Private Ingram, 20, entered the regular Army when he was 18 years old, in March, 1942, and has seen action in North Africa and Italy. While the telegram to the parents did not state the locality in which their son is missing, it is believed to be somewhere in Italy, due to the fact that Robert had written home from Anzio a short time ago.

Ingram attended the local schools here, but volunteered for service before he graduated. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram have another son, John Thomas Ingram, who is in the Air Corps, stationed at Sheppard Field, Texas.

Company, but at the time he entered the service was working in Norfolk. John is believed to be "somewhere" in the South Pacific.

Corp. James Abernathy, 24, has the longest service record of any of the four brothers. James first went into the Army in May, 1938, when he was only 18. He had been out only three months prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and immediately re-enlisted. He has seen service in Hawaiian Islands, North Africa, Sicily and is now somewhere in Italy. James also attended Kennedy Memorial School at Kinston.

Pvt. Bennie Abernathy, 26, entered the service in June, 1942. He is a former employee of Roanoke Mills No. 2, and is now stationed "somewhere" in England.

CARPENTER IS WOUNDED IN FRANCE

Pvt. Martin R. Carpenter, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Carpenter, of Triplet, Va., has been reported by the War Department as slightly wounded in France, according to a message received by his parents this week. He is now confined in a hospital in England. Pvt. Carpenter, whose picture appears elsewhere in this issue of The Herald, along with three other brothers now in the service, is the youngest of four boys in the Army.

Air Medal Won By Sergt. Shay

Award of the Air Medal for "exceptionally meritorious achievement while participating in six separate bomber combat missions over enemy occupied Continental Europe" to Staff Sgt. James W. Shay, Jr., 24, 235 Washington St., Roanoke Rapids, was announced recently "somewhere in England." Sgt. Shay is a top turret gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress. His wife resides in this city.

Bond Show Is Big Success

The special War Bond show given at The Peoples Theatre last Thursday night was the greatest success yet had by any previous show of like nature in Roanoke Rapids. As announced today by H. E. Lee, Halifax County War Finance Committee Chairman, the sale of bonds for admission to the show totalled \$130,000.

COUNTY BOYS PARTICIPATE IN INVASION

News of local boys who participated in the recent invasion of the Normandy Peninsula in France, is beginning to come through to relatives. Among those known to have taken part in the greatest of all military undertakings are:

Pharmacist Mate 2/c Herbert F. Vick, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Vick, of Weldon. His wife is Mrs. Mildred L. Vick. Prior to entering the service Vick was employed by the Peoples Theatre. He has two brothers, Jack Vick, now in Italy, and Lewis Vick in the Merchant Marines.

Gunner's Mate 3/c Melvin P. Williams, son of G. C. Williams, 44 Jackson street, Roanoke Rapids, is another of Halifax County's sons to take part in the action in France. Prior to going into the Army, Williams was employed in the local mills.

Another member of the assault force from this section was Alton C. Lynch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Lynch of Blackridge, Va.

This was the first battle action in which these soldiers had participated.

HEARING ON TUESDAY FOR ELI PUTNEY

Eli Putney, 60-year-old negro, charged with the slaying of Ruth Eva DeLoach, negro girl, about 14 years ago, and who escaped after the killing, and later arrested in Baltimore, Md., a few weeks ago, will be given a preliminary hearing in Halifax County Recorder Court next Tuesday, it was announced today.

Putney's hearing had been scheduled for last Tuesday, but was postponed on account of absent witnesses.

Friday of last week, however Chief of Police Dobbins, County Attorney Wade Dickens and Sheriff

The sale of "E" War Bonds, designed for purchase by the individual, is lagging "terribly," according to reports received this morning. With a county quota of \$500,000 "E" bonds, only \$193,000 had been sold through July 3. This leaves a quota deficit of over \$300,000. However, it is believed that a considerable number more of the "E" securities will be sold during the rest of the month.

In the county as a whole, with an overall quota of \$1,567,000, the bond campaign has been a success. Through July 3, \$1,779,000 worth of government bonds had been sold. This is \$212,000 over the quota, and with two more days to go before the general drive closes, it is believed the county will go well beyond the \$2,000,000 mark.

Sale of "E" bonds will be continued through the rest of the month, and officials in charge of the campaign believe the "E" quota will not show up so badly when the final figures are tabulated.

It is urged, however, that if you have not already purchased an "E" bond, do so at once. They are the most valuable of all securities—and it is an investment in victory.

There is one sure thing: Your money is good now, but if the war should happen to be lost, it wouldn't be worth anything.

WELDON MAN WOUNDED IN BATTLE ZONE

Pfc. Matthew C. Hale, 20, husband of Mrs. Odell Peterson Hale of Weldon, is reported by the War Department as being seriously wounded in the Normandy battle area. The message was received by Mrs. Hale last Saturday morning.

Hale, who was employed in a Weldon mill before he entered the service in 1940, has suffered previous wounds in battle, and was recently awarded the Purple Heart by the President in recognition of his valiant services.

'Safe and Sane' Fourth of July

The Fourth of July in Roanoke Rapids was certainly a "safe and sane" one, according to Chief of Police Dobbins. All day Tuesday the streets of the city were practically deserted and most all business firms took the day off. The Mills closed down Friday night for a four-day holiday for the employees. They resumed operation Wednesday morning.

Safe In England

Word has been received by relative Corp. Andrew F. Ferguson, who arrived safely "somewhere in England" Ferguson on Army March 10, 1942.