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COOPER AND MATKINS KILLED

Negro Boys Ransack Homes Here

TWO MORE SOLDIERS FROM THIS SECTION GIVE LIVES ON FOREIGN BATTLEFIELDS

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cooper of Weldon have received a message from the War Department that their son, Thomas A. Cooper, was killed in action in Italy on July 6. Young Cooper attended the Weldon High School and has been overseas about two years. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have two other sons, Willis Cooper, Seaman 2/c, in the Coast Guard, and Private James Cooper in the regular army. Both boys are believed to be somewhere in the Central Pacific area and all three of the brothers recently met in January of this year.

Thomas was inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg on October 6, 1944, and received his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., being sent overseas in May, 1942. He received training in Ireland and England before being sent to North Africa on November 8, 1942. He served with his company through the African campaign. It is known that he was with troops on the Anzio beachhead for about four months.

Besides his parents he is survived by five sisters, Miss Lillie Cooper of Franklin, Va., Mrs. C. B. Nance, Mrs. E. T. Dickens, Mrs. J. D. Frevlar and Mrs. Claude Warren, all of Weldon; also two

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Killed In Action



Private Edgar H. King, shown above, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vester King of Bolling Road, was killed in action, according to information received last week from the War Department.

Halifax County Behind The War

Halifax County people are solidly behind the war effort, according to complete figures released today on the Fifth War Loan campaign.

Halifax County citizens shelled out \$2,177,264.50, exceeding the county's quota of \$1,670,000 by 40 per cent.

This is the largest amount ever given the county in previous war loans and is the largest amount of bonds ever bought by the people of the county in any one campaign.

CHAMBLISS DIES FROM HIS WOUNDS

Pvt. Elmer E. Chambliss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Chambliss of Gaston, who was wounded in action May 31, died June 1, it was revealed today by his parents.

Chambliss was drafted in August of last year. Before entering the Army he was employed by Roanoke Mill No. 1. Surviving are his parents, three sisters, Mrs. Louise Moore, Mrs. Virgie Threnn and Miss Willa Chambliss; five brothers, Pvt. James A. Chambliss, who is also in the service, stationed somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands, Kenneth, Roscoe, Roland and Leslie Chambliss.

Now In France



Word has been received that Pvt. R. A. Williams, Jr., above, has arrived safely in France. Prior to his induction into the service December 11, 1943, Williams was employed by the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company. His address is: Pvt. R. A. Williams, Jr., 34854131, APO 15330, care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

"GANG" ARRESTED MONDAY; HELD IN JAIL PENDING ACTION BY HALIFAX SUPERIOR COURT

Killed In Action



Above is pictured Seaman 1/c Vernon Edgar Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. Whitley, Roanoke Rapids, Route 1, who died in action, a message last week from the Navy Department revealed.

A "gang of thieves," estimated to number more than 15 Negro boys, which has been operating in the city for the past several days, has been discovered. Five of them were arrested Monday by Chief of Police H. E. Dobbins and his officers, and charged with entering the homes of Mrs. T. T. Shell and Mrs. L. W. Clements. At the Shell residence it is alleged the Negroes stole \$46 in cash, and at the Clements home it is said the loot consisted of \$12 in money.

The method of operation of the "gang" is said to have been rather bold. Taking one side of the street, some of the Negroes would approach a house and ring the door bell. If no one answered they would enter and ransack it, looking particularly for money.

Chief Dobbins said today that he had heard of several houses being entered in this manner, and in one instance, it is said, the Negroes got upstairs in one home before discovering someone was in the house.

The boys, on finding people at home would ask for work as a cover-up for ringing the bell.

The two robberies were reported to officers and a good description

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CASUALTY LIST IS INCREASING

The casualty list of local boys being wounded in action, continues to grow. Among those listed are: Wade Clinton Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Holmes of this city, and a grandson of C. L. Tillerson of Franklinton, has been reported as being wounded in action in the European zone.

Corp. James Monroe Simmons, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Simmons, has been reported wounded on June 8 while serving as a paratrooper in the recent invasion of the Normandy peninsula. Corp. Simmons entered the service in 1940 and went overseas in 1943.

Pfc. M. C. Moseley, 23-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moseley, 1035 Hamilton street, is reported to have been wounded in action "somewhere" in Italy. The message was received by the parents Tuesday morning from the War Department. There were no details. Young Moseley, a graduate

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WELDON FLIER SAID MISSING

Second Lt. Harry Freid of Weldon has been officially reported missing in action over Yugoslavia since July 15, his family has been advised. He is the only son of Mrs. M. Freid of Weldon.

Lieutenant Freid entered the Army March 10, 1942, and was sent overseas early in July. Before entering the service, Lieutenant Freid was in the mercantile business with his father.

Are On Vacation

The following Roanoke Rapids nurses are taking a vacation this week: Mrs. Edward Davis, Miss Myrtle Wooten, Miss Ethel Parson. They are at Roanoke, Va.

HOSPITAL BANS CHILD VISITORS

SERGT. MOORE SAID MISSING

Mrs. Zelda B. Moore, 759 Charlotte street, Roanoke Rapids, has received a message from the Secretary of War stating that her husband, Staff Sergeant Warren G. Moore, has been "missing in action since June 25 over France."

Sgt. Moore, a native of Conway, S. C., and a resident of this city about two years before he entered the service January 22, 1942, was employed by the Patterson Mills. He was a tail gunner on a B-17 bomber and is said to have made 15 bombing missions over enemy territory prior to being reported as missing.

Moore received his basic training as a member of the Army Air

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Following the advice of Dr. R. M. Bardin, health officer, for the city of Roanoke Rapids, the Roanoke Rapids Hospital, has placed a ban on visiting of children in the institution. The order became effective this week.

Banning of children's visits to the hospital is no cause for alarm, said a spokesman today. It is being done as a protection due to the epidemic of whooping cough and poliomyelitis in other sections of the state.

Larger hospitals have had this policy in effect for years, it was pointed out. It has been found that children who are patients in hospitals frequently contract from visiting children contagious diseases which, added to their condition, might prove fatal.

The public is urged by officials of the local hospital to cooperate with them and are requested not to bring children to the institution as visitors.