

REDS STEP UP WESTWARD DRIVE



NEW YORK—Racing westward at a surprising rate of speed, Russian forces are gobbling up miles of territory. The broken line (right) shows the battlefield at the start of the present Red Army offensive. In a period of eighteen days, Stalin's troops drove forward 230 miles. The shaded area on the map indicates the territory recaptured by Soviet units under Marshal Chermakovsky. If these forces continue at their present rate of speed, they may cross the German border into East Prussia within a week and reach the Baltic Sea within two or three weeks.

boys in the QM. Ordnance, etc. get them all, since they are back near the A.P.O.'s. I would appreciate your sending me about 50. I have written Tink for some but packages coming slow-boat from the U.S. will be a long time getting here and I will need them soon. I'll send you French money for them when we get paid, but haven't a sou right now. I do have a sixpence and a silver dollar.

Will write soon,
Love, Allan.

P.S. This onion-skin paper and the envelope I'm using were the property of a German lieutenant who was decorated for gallantry. I lived in his office underground for a few days.

Recently entering "boot" training at Great Lakes, Illinois, is Floyd Charles Patton, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norton Floyd Patton, 30751 Six Mile Road, West.

Ensign Roy Nathaniel James, 30, USNR, has returned to his base at the Armed Guard Center at New Orleans, Louisiana, from three months at sea as commanding officer of a Navy Armed Guard gun crew aboard a merchant vessel.

Ensign James is a graduate of

FLORENCE HOWARD MARRIED TO L. CLAIR BUTTON

The First Baptist Church of Novi was the scene of a beautiful mid-summer wedding last Thursday evening when Miss Florence Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Howard of Farmington, became the bride of L. Clair Button, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Button of Farmington.

Rev. C. K. Graham performed the double ring ceremony in the presence of 125 relatives and guests. A fifteen minute piano recital, played by Mrs. Walter Sheldon of East Lansing, aunt of the bride, preceded the wedding ceremony.

Mrs. Floyd Howard, soloist, sang "At Dawning" and "Because."

The bride was preceded to the altar by Mrs. Roy Warren, matron of honor and sister of the bridegroom, attired in a blue marquisette gown trimmed with lace and pink velvet bows. Her flowers were pink carnations and baby breath.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a gown of white marquisette, with velvet floral design, fashioned with a sweetheart neckline, and long sleeves tapering to points over the back of her hands. The gown buttoned with tiny white buttons to the waist line, in back, and the full skirt ended in a sweeping train. The neckline revealed a single strand of pearls, the gift of the groom. She carried a mixed bouquet of white carnations and baby breath.

The Rev. R. J. Button of Sturgis assisted his brother as best man. Both wore white carnation boutonnieres.

Ushers for the wedding were Louis and Cass Howard, brothers of the bride.

Mrs. Howard wore a silk jersey print with white accessories. Mrs. Button wore an orchid sheer print with white accessories. Both mothers wore white carnation corsages.

The ceremony took place on the platform, which was transformed into a beautiful old-fashioned flower garden, in front of which stood a small white picket fence. Large maple branches formed a canopy overhead for the garden setting. Following the ceremony a reception for 100 guests was held at the bride's home on Halsted Road. On return from their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Button will be at home in their apartment at the home of the bridegroom's parents.

REV. ROBERT BROWN WILL OBSERVE 81ST BIRTHDAY

On July 28th Reverend Robert Brown will celebrate his eighty-first birthday. At one time he held pastorates in Bad Axe and Grand Haven, Michigan; also in Austin, Winona, and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Reverend Brown was Moderator of the Presbyteries of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and of Winona and Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was at one time state Clerk of the Presbytery of Minneapolis and Moderator of the Synod of Minnesota. He has supplied many churches in Detroit.

Reverend Brown has served as a lecturer in the Lyceum Platform, and throughout his life has written many poems. Among other publications his poetry has been accepted and has appeared in American States Anthology, American Lyric Poetry, the Year Book of Contemporary Poetry, Modern American Poetry, Praeger Anthology, Golden Gate Anthology, American Voice, the Year Book of Modern Poetry, Worlds Fair Anthology, 242 Great Contemporary Poems, and is listed in the Biographical Directory of Contemporary Poets. He has received highly complimentary letters from the Queen of England for a poem on the broadcast of Princess Elizabeth to British children in America, and from Crown Princess Ingrid of Denmark for a poem on her visit to America. He is a member of British Poetical Society of London, England. Although he is a law graduate and was admitted to the Bar of Tennessee, he followed the ministry rather than the law.

Reverend Brown makes his home with his son, Wendell Brown and family north of Farmington. His daughters, Mrs. L. F. Rittershofer of Ann Arbor, Mrs. Martin Patmos of Kalamazoo, and Mrs. Ethel Brown Moon of Detroit plan to join with Reverend Brown at the Brown home for a quiet celebration of his birthday.

Mrs. Minnie Gates spent Sunday in Plymouth with her brother and family.

June 11, 1944

Received your paper today and was very glad to have it here at the Lakes. My friends from Farmington shared it along with me. It sure is lots of company to us to have the news from our home town. So here are some of the guys here in our Co. 1187, along with me. Fred G. Menke from Eight Mile, Clinton Miracle of 2132 Roosevelt, Glen Nelson, Harold Slosser of Eight Mile and Grand River. These and some more will return home sometime in July for a last leave before going to their stations for schooling.

Fred G. Menke.

Obituaries

Don B. Gould

Don B. Gould of 20305 Purlingbrook Road, Farmington, died suddenly Sunday at Maybury Sanitarium in Northville. Mr. Gould was dictator of Moose Lodge 1620 of Dearborn, and was a foundry man well known in Detroit and Cleveland.

Surviving are his wife, Angela B., two sons, Don Jr. and George, and a daughter, Mrs. Lavern Springer. Don Jr. flew home from New Jersey to attend the funeral, and George is in Honolulu. Both boys are serving in the United States Navy.

Funeral services were held in Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday morning.

Laura A. Seeley

Mrs. Laura A. Seeley died July 26, at her home, 30455 Haggerty Highway, Walled Lake, Michigan.

Surviving Mrs. Seeley are her husband, Guy, two daughters, Ethel Gilliam and June Seeley, a son, Pfc Raymond Seeley with the United States Army in the South West Pacific, a grandson, Bobbie Gilliam, her mother, Mrs. Fanny Robeson of Webberville and a brother, George Angell, of Fowlerville.

The body was brought to the Heene Funeral Home, and later removed to the residence on Haggerty Highway, where funeral services will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Burial will take place at Oakland Hills Memorial Park, Walled Lake.

William L. Berning

William L. Berning passed away Thursday morning at the home of his son, R. W. Berning, Orchard Lake Road at Farmington Cutoff.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed but the body will be shipped to Indiana for burial.

Mrs. Elsie Walton

Mrs. Elsie Walton, 37 years of age, passed away July 24, following several months' illness. Mrs. Walton resided at 19901 Brentwood.

wood, east of Iukster Road in Livonia Township.

The body was brought to the Heene Funeral Home and shipped for burial to Earle, Arkansas. Surviving Mrs. Walton are her husband, Clarence, a sister, Mrs. Virgil McGrubb of Dearborn, and her parents.

Carl Ludwig Hanson, 18, son of Mrs. Bertha Hanson, 28115 Greening, is receiving his initial naval indoctrination at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

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GREYHOUND

Service Notes
Franklin C. Love, 12 Mile Road, left Wednesday for boot training in Farragut, Idaho. He enlisted early in March in the ship repair division as metalmith.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Merritt of Greening Boulevard wish to inform the many friends of their son, Pfc Richard Merritt, that they have received word from him, telling them he landed with the Marines at Saipan, and was one of the lucky ones to survive the costly battle there.

Sergeant Earl Streling who has been stationed with the United States Marines in the South Pacific for the past 18 months, at New Caledonia and in the New Hebrides, is enjoying a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Streling on Eleven Mile Road.

Lt. (jg) William Slocum is on leave, and is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Slocum of Oakland Avenue, Bili, who is with the Coast Guard, has been stationed along the South American coast.

Arthur F. MacCulloch, Naval Air Cadet, is visiting here with his parents, having recently completed a course of study at St. Mary's College, California.

Corporal Franklin A. Brown, returned from service outside the continental United States, now is being processed through the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be determined. Corporal Brown, 31, mechanic 17 months in the Mediterranean area resided at 23695 Hibes Avenue, Farmington, before entering the service on September 5, 1941.

Corporal Thomas Schreiber, who was located in England, with the Army Air Corps, writes that he is now in France.

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