### Reds Reach Prussian **Border West of Kaun**as; Heavy Blow Dealt To Hungary

London, Oct. 12 .- The Red Army pared up to the East Prussian border west of Kaunas yesterday, isolated the great Baltic port of Memel, n the southern front with the aid of Romamians troops captured Szeged, second largest city in Hungary, and Cluj, capital of Transyl-

In a day of glittering success Soviet arms, Marshal Tito announced that the Russians and his Yugoslav Partisan troops also had surrounded Yugoslavia's capital city of Belgrade, but this was not confirmed by the Russian communique, which inexplicably was not broadcast until well after midnight. A Russian column reached the northeastern approaches to Belgrade a week ago but apparently it was decided not to risk wrecking the city by frontal assault.

### Memel Surrounded.

The German radio acknowledged that Gen. Ivan C. Bagramian's First Baltic Army had entirely encircled Memel, port and chief city of Memeland. The Russians, already within nine miles of the city and cutting a steel are around it, did not confirm that they actually had reached the sea on both sides, but said they edged closer on the southeast and extended northward towards Liepaja, the corridor to the sea they had hammered home on Tuesday, issolating 100,000 to 150,000 Germans remaining in northwest Lithuania and southwest Lativia. If not completely cut off as the Germans said, Memel was isolated and tottering.

The Russians were silent concerning Riga, where their siege has reached to the outskirts of that Latvian capital and seaport, except to say that again their bombers had caused havoc among German transports in the harbor.

swept up more than 50 populated places, the Soviet communique said, DeVisconti, Sgt. Hardy trained un-Lithuanian side of the frontier at Camp Lejeune and was with him stream, the Ost Fuss (Sesupe).

The Germans, going even farther than the Russian announcements, P. Manning, Battlebor, Vermont; Pyt. plow, leave your cow, leave your sow, the first week of sales on all belts. said the battle for East Prussia had John L. Kelly, Canon City Colorado. begun with Soviet assaults from three sides—from the north against late cake, milk, fruits, nuts and leges that we enjoy under our demomat marketing conditions."

Sunday blowing to bits the Japanese Flanagan, Howard Moye, L. E. Turnconnecting the Schelde estuary island,
more than age, Gordon Lee, Jasper Jones, G. A.

of South Beveland with the Dutch

of the day from Premier Stalin and salutes from Moscow's cannon for the Russian-Romanian captors of to standard blue mold sprays is ef- best years of their lives to defense of Szeged and Cluj. In the drive that fective in reducing flea beetle popula- their country. They were not too took Cluj, 70 other populated places tions in tobacco plant beds. fell in the same mountainous area.

Twenty-four hours previously, the sians and Romanians had fought within three miles of Cluj and had subject. partly encircled Szeged at distances

from the Hungarian capital at other points farther north, loss of that city of 132,000 was a blow to the shaky morale of Hungary, hast Gernan satellite of any consequence. Cluj, deep in the Transylvanian mountains, was a particularly pala-table prize to the Romanians, who ost the city of 100,000 and most of

# SERVICE VOTES

New York, Oct. 11 .- Well 4,300,000 men and women in the arm-ed forces have applied for absences ballots and the best estimates of state election officials indicate that more than 2,300,000 of the hallots will be cast in the November 7 elec-

In the 18 states which have kept a GI ballots already have been marked

The percentag have cast the ballots they requested—or received without ask-ing—ranges from five per cent in Visconsin to around 50 per cent in

The figures, gathered in a nation-wide survey by The Associated Press, lots are reaching local and county partisan, urging rural America officials in each day's mail and state vote in the November election. officials have no record of them,

## SERVICE MEN'S • CENTER •

Visiting Service Men at the Cents during the week end were: Hubert E. Webb, S.K.K., Farmville and New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Webb Kinston Air Base: Pvt. C. Becraft, Syracuse, N. Y.; Sgt. Donald Reid, Floral Park, N. Y.; S/Sgt. Vincent A. White, Whitman, Mass.

Cherry Point: S/Sgt. Robert Amos. Charles O. Wood, McAlester, Oklahoma, overnight and Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gaynor, their wishes heard, Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Abernethy.

Pfc. Henry A. Wytanis, Camp Lejeune and Sugar Notch, Pa., Saturday night guest of Miss Tabitha De-Visconti, Sunday dinner guest of Mr. The westward drive across Lithu- and Mrs. Lyman Odom; Sgt. Carl E. ania to the East Prussian border Hardy, Camp Peary, Va., and Benton, Arkansas, Sunday night guest of Miss including Priorisi, and Ponowi, on the der Major General Allen H. Turnage in the Pacific.

Greenville Air Base: Pfc. Robert Refreshments served were choco-

Tuesday night.

The twin victories in the south, however, were heralded by an order of the week end were the everyone else, are busy at this dred pounds. The savances in the south, Misses Dorothy Smith, Myrtle Nichtime, they and all other rural citime, they and all other rural citime, they and all other rural citime, they are the other grades ranged from \$1 to \$2.

Sales continued heavy on all markets in the south, ols, Rose and Nellie Absentity, Mrs. or two that voting requires. "We

Before engaging in argument be We should everyone of us go to the sure you are right and then drop the polls November 7 and thereby act as

# Rudapest, and although Russian troops already were only 47 miles from the Hungarian country of t Dies While Serv-

A letter from the War Departt-

where he is reme et, likable lad. P s young man of ele lal disposition, industrio dependable character.

# To Vote Nov. 7t

actually voted in the 1940 presidential reau, today issued a statement urging

"It is our duty, not only as rura are fighting in many parts of the world today. It is our duty to them nd to our selves to vote in this naissues are at stake."

This statement came from the Pitt County Farm Bureau in response to wide survey by The Associated Press, an appeal from the American Farm reflect the soldier vote picture as of Bureau Federation which was sent Oct. 3, slightly more than a month by J. E. Winslow, President of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Fedbefore the general election. North Carolina Farm Bureau Fed-The exact number of military halleration to presidents of all county lots cast may never be known, since organizations. The Farm Bureau many states do not count them separately. Similarly, thousands of bal-tion-wide campaign, strictly nonvote in the November election.

Farmers and citizens of small towns

can have a powerful voice in govern-mental affairs through their representatives if they will get out and vote for the men of their cho rural people have the power to influence national pulities if they will only use it. The Farm Bureau called attention to the fact that 77 per cent of the senators and 62 per cent of the congressmen come from districts which have no cities of more than 10,000 population and hence are pre-dominantly rural. If rural America Pensacola, Fla., and Tech. Sgt. big city vote turns out full strength, stays at home on election day and the rural people would have an even harder time from then on making

An appeal for farmers to vote i the coming election was stirringly made by Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, in a recent address. Mr. O'Neal said:

"I know the farmer has an obligaduty that transcends even the obliga-tion to produce, and that is to con-"It is also our belief that after three sides from the north against late cake, milk, fruits, nuts and leges that we enjoy under our demo-mal marketing conditions."

should remember," "that our boys in kets, WFA said. The addition of calcium arsenate the armed services are giving the busy when the call came. We cannot and we will not be too busy to vote. share-holders in America."

# Farm Women Stress Rural Medical Care

The State Council of the N. C. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, representing 2,200 clubs and 45,000 ing in France rural women, centered the program of its recent annual meeting in Raleigh around better medical care for farm people.

An outline of the problem as it.

lost the city of 100,000 and most of Transylvania to Hungary in 1940 by a German "gift," and now are winning it back with Soviet help.

The German radio admitted that Memel, chief city of Memeland which the Nazis annexed to East Prusaia in March, 1939, was completely surrounded and under attack from three sides. Its fall appeared to be a foregoing conclusion.

A letter from the War Departing the March Mrs. J. G. Hobgood, Monday, confirmed a prior message, received October 5, reporting the death of their son, Emerson (Dick) Hobgood, 22, Private in the United States Army, who was killed in action on the battle front of France, September 15.

Pvt. Hobgood entered the service, December 3, 1942, and received his training in the infantry branch at Camp Claibones, La., and Camp Claibones, La.

Care Commission was given by Tom Pearsall of Rocky Mount, The Council passed a reolution en-dersing the plan to transfer to local governments, without cost, surplus medical equipment and medical sup-plies, which the Army and Navy will have on hand at the end of the war.

Pointing to the fact that only 62 Next Monday and Tuesday To Be Observed as Iolidays; Compromise

> Raleigh, Oct. 12 .- Flue-cured to factories of a congestion of leaf caus-

terday by Governor J. M. Brought after conferences with Governor ColAs the climax of powerful blows
gate W. Darden of Virginia, Lee L. delivered since August 30 in the Phil-Graveley of Rocky Mount, president of the Tobacco Association of the United States, and presidents and officials of the tobacco belt.

week would be effective for next the China coast, on Monday.
week only, after which all markets Not one American warship w and Tuesday sales will be eliminated next week and the Monday sales only thereafter.

Graveley told the Governor four-day sales week would remain in effect until it had been determined the ordinary flow of tobacco for five days of sales a week could be adequately handled by present warehouse and factory personnel.

Compromise Measure.

Governor Broughton said the

cision to call a three-day selling was reached instead of calling a full week's marketing holiday. The week's holiday had been considered because of a general dissatisfaction among growers and warehousemen over the four-day selling week origi-nally called by TAUS as its solution to the problem of congestion. "It is the belief of Governor Dar

den and my self and all others concerned that a three-day selling week beginning Monday is the best solution to the problem of effectively tion to get his crops in at the proper clearing warehouses and factories of time, but I also know that he has a the current piling up of perishable

tribute to good government by exer- the congestion is cleared prices will cising his right to vote. Leave your go back to their normal status of and go to the polls in what is one of If not, further action will be taken the most precious rights and privi- to assure the farmers of at least nor-

by Moscow, and from the south in and Mrs. B. A. Norman and Pecan responsibility for the preservation of on the Old Belt markets were slight-Poland around Rozan. The Russians Grove Dairy, milk; and Mrs. B. S. our great tradition of democracy than ly higher for most grades, but that were silent concerning Poland and Sheppard, an arrangement of crotestaid of Tilsit only that they had larie and ageratum.

Although Farm Bureau members, declines of from \$2 to \$5 per hunsaid of Tilsit only that they had laria and ageratum.

Although Farm Bureau members, declines of from \$2 to \$5 per hunheavily bombed German troops there Hostesses for the week end were like everyone else, are busy at this dred pounds. The advances in

Middle Belt markets reported steady to slightly higher prices for all grades. Eastern Belt markets reported declines up to \$3 for some lug and leaf grades of quality, but other grades showed corresponding

Generally, growers were better pleased, with yesterday's sales, OFA said, with fewer turned tags noticeable on all markets. How-ever, the quality of leaf on all marwas somewhat down from Tuesday and the prices paid were about the same as have been in effect all eason for the quality of

# Private Jake Joyner

Receives Purple Heart

Pyt. Jake Joyner, of the infantry branch of the United States Army, has received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in action, in Germany, on September 20, according to word received by T. C. Turnage, of the Turnage Co., where Pyt. Joyner was employed when inducted into the service.

Monday, October 16. The J. C. Weer Shows with 100 circus wagons will arrive over the Atlantic Coast Line in 25 cars Sunday night between 6 and 9 o'clock, A. J. Greyy, fair manager, october 12.—One of the war's wierdest battles raged Wed rests with our Doughboys and Germans at opposite ends of a curving turnel trying to blast each other out with ricochet service.

Relatives had been informed pre-viously that he had been wounded and was recuperating in a hospital in

3rd Fleet Carrier Plane Sink Fifty-Eight Ship and Wipe Out Eigh Miles of Japan

Pearl Harber, Oct. 12.-- In the holdes both Nippon's home fleet and airfor by pouring carrier planes in over- tle. powering strength against the Ry- American bombers attack Coble

ippines, Palaus and Bonins, Admiral Hiam F. Halsey's task-force wiped Sarande; Nazis reportedly fleeing all officials of the tobacco belt.

Broughton said the three-day sales of the Rynkyna 500 miles for miles and south.

will return to the four-day sales week by the enemy in an operation which, previously prescribed by TAUS in an in ways, was more daring than the effort to slow down sales. Monday and Tuesday sales will be eliminated in asmuch as the carrier in that case retired while the planes flew on to China. In Monday's strike, Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's carriers stayed around for the raiders' return. In Great Force

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, aring the Ryukyu raid in a comm said the planes swept over the 570-mile-long chain "in great force." They shot down 14 planes, wiped out 75 on the ground and could find no warship bigger than a destroyyer. It was among 12 definitely sunk. Japan' home fleet kept out of sight and home-based airforce did not wing to Ryukyu's aid.

have overwhelmed such strategic plete and the canvassers will call on areas as Manila, have resulted since all citizens of the Farmville com-August in knocking out more than munity sometime during next week. 1,100 enemy planes and 500 surface Farmville's quota is \$9,100 and incraft ranging from destroyers and big cargo vessels down to luggers. In all these raids not a warship has been damaged.

raid said, "there was no damage to our surface ships and our plane losse

Three hundred miles south of the been turned in to the Secretary as site Flushing, had been reinfo Philippines at invaded Morotai, Gen. the paper went to press. H. B. Sugg Douglas MacArthur announced that will direct the drive among the colfighter planes and patrol-torpedo ored. boats broke up an enemy attempt carlier this week to reinforce the Japanese remnants holding out against American forces which landed there September 15th.

# PITT COUNTY FAIR OPENS MONDAY

(By Chester Walsh)

The Pitt County Fair, spor rivate Jake Joyner by the American Legion, will open for a week's gala entertainment next Monday, October 16. The J. C. Week

when he is shot from a 30-foot cannon over two ferris wheels.

Wednesday will be children's Day,"
when the school children will be ad-mitted free upon payment of four cents federal tax.

Farmers, home demonstration clubs

Pvt. Joyner stated that he was getting on fine and had been up. He said it was good to be away from the noise of hattle for awhile and to have a nice soft bed instead of a muddy fox hole for a change. He spent six days and nights in the name fox hole prior to receiving the wounds which resulted in his hospitalization.

His address is: Pvt. Jesse J. Joynes 34855425, DET, of PTS, U. S. Hosp., PLT. 4150, Ward 24, A.P.O. 63, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

A new eyer candling and grading any industry in Pitt county to days.

### WAR IN BRIEF

Germans flee flaming Aachen e American air, artillery and nfantry assault; Canadians gain in

Red Army captures Szeged, Hun-gary's second city; Soviet force plunge to within 42 miles of Buda American Fifth Army

on Adriatic sector after 10-day bat-

and Cologne in support of U. S. First Army drive; British planes pound Walchren Island in Holland. British capture Albanian port of

eastern Kwangsi: Chinese

situation at imperilled Kwellin and east coast port of Foochow. West African troops seize Indian

village of Mowdok on Arakan front. throwing Japanese back to Burma Night raiding American Liberators

pobed for four hours Sunday the Borneo base of Balikpapan, source of much of Japan's aviation gasoline; Radio Tokyo broadcasts, warnings that attacking American ships are "still lurking" immediately south of Nippon homeland.

# Give Freely To The United War Fund

The local drive for the United War Fund officially begins Monday, Oct. Mitscher's task force raids, which 16th. Organization plans are complete and the canvassers will call on cludes both our part in the United bullets off the walls. Doughboys and War Fund and the needs of the local community chest. Make your donation as large as possible, that Farm-The communique on the Ryukyu ville may go over the top in this important drive.

Among those who will solicit are changed. Farther south the American fleet can disperse its Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Holmes, Mr. and house fight was on for Maiziere, six units in strength, this blow fell one Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. W. day after battleships spent all day H. Duke, Raymond Shearin, Arch J. Canadisa, sliced the main highway In another communique, Nimitz announced that 81st Division troops which invaded a tenth island in the Palaus Sunday completely secured it within 24 hours. It is the tiny island of Garakayo, to the north of the larger American holding of Peleliu. The ten islands and islets provide the Yanks with an expanding base within 715 miles of the Philippines.

Rouse, F. G. Dupree, Jr., J. C. Brock, B. M. Lewis, Jack Lewis, Joe H. Bynum, J. I. Morgan, Irvin Morgan, J. T. Thorne, W. A. Allen, Dr. J. M. Mewborn, H. N. Howard, W. J. Rasberry, N. Cannon, A. C. Monk, R. L. Rollins, Dr. P. E. Jones, Mrs. M. V. Jones, R. D. Rouse, J. Y. Monk, Jr., C. H. Flanagan, T. E. Joyner, Yanks with an expanding base within 715 miles of the Philippines.

Three hundred miles south of the Philippines at invaded Morotai, Gen.

# Raging In Underground Tunnel

Opposing Sides So Close Together in Tunnels They Can Hear Each

blast each other out with reochet shots off the tunnel walls.

Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton's troops were using rifles, machine guns and bazookas, and the Germans were replying in kind with carom shots flashing and crashing through the dark-oned tunnel.

Germans Attempting To Reinforce City Upo Which American Plan And Gun Assaults Be gan Following Rejec tion of Ultimatum

London, Oct. 12,-Massed America nig guns and dive bombers opened an assault to destroy Aachen Wednes-

an obliterating barrage and bo hurtled down on the surrou By refusing to accept the 24or complete destruction, the Ger commander had sealed the door the city and its 1,500 SS troops. Gunners loosed the first Salvos

noon, an hour and 10 minutes after the expiration of the ultimatum. As a test case, Aschen indicated the Nazi leadership will see its cities de stroyed rather than yield.

White flags appeared over many of the ancient buildings of Aachen before the ultimatum expired, but they apparently were hung by civilians Hundreds of civilians and a handful of troops moved under truce flags to American lines, but these came from outlying portions of the city away from the immediate control of the enemy garrison.

Hiding In Cellars
It was estimated that 15,000 civilians, hiding in cellars of the already badly damaged city, remained of Aschen's 165,000 pre-war population As the blows to level Aachen began First Army men closed the ring tight er about the city. To the north they advanced to Wur

Haaren portheast of Asche Germans were so close to each other

Fortress Battle Continues The fierce struggle for surface po John B. Lewis, George W. Davis, J. virtually cleared the enemy from Parroy Forest, and scored gains east of
Significantly in demonstrating how com, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Munden,

Canadiana Make Progress Violent fighting continued at the Canadian bridgehead over the Leopoul Canal, spearhead of the push from the south to knock the Germans from the lower Schelde area. The Ailies heavily bombarded the

holdout port of Dunkerque on the rench coast. Southeast of Auchen, the comm que reported gains to the southwest of the German town of Hurtgen and patrol and artillery action near Mon-

Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army was fighting from house to house in Maizieres Les Metz, 5 miles north of the French fortress city of Metz, east of Luneville, his men advanced about a mile. Positions were improved east of Epinal despite in-creased cannon fire.

A substantial bridgeh sat was re-