

Reds Storm Last Berlin Outposts

Soviet Vanguard Are in Hangelsberg, 7 Miles from Capital

LONDON, April 20 (UP) — The Red army announced tonight that it had captured the big Berlin outposts of Bad Freienwalde, Wriezen, Seelow and Lebus in a great offensive which the nazis said had broken into a village seven miles east of the gravely threatened reich capital.

Pendleton Woman Elected Head of Area Presbyterial

Mrs. I. C. Bowser of Pendleton today was elected president of the Eastern Oregon Presbyterial society and her home city was selected for the 1946 meeting as the eighth annual scene to an end in the First Presbyterian church here.

District Leader To Be Named for Scout Movement

A district chairman of the Boy Scouts of America will be elected tonight at the spring meeting of the Eagle district committee which will be convened at 7:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian church.

Heiress Gets Divorce

RENO, Nev., April 20 (UP) — Gloria Vanderbilt Di Cicco, 21-year-old heiress, was granted a divorce today from Pat Di Cicco, Hollywood actor's agent on grounds of mental cruelty.

Baseball Results

National
Brooklyn 022 001 100-6 10-0
New York 303 001 12x-10 13-1

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More Low-Priced Clothing Sought By U. S. Agencies

WASHINGTON, April 20 (UP) — The return of low-priced clothing by late summer was predicted today as the government attacked the clothing shortage from a new angle in its efforts to get production up and prices down.

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La Grande Evening Observer

ESTABLISHED 1896 HUB OF NORTHEASTERN OREGON Unio and Willowa Counties LA GRANDE, OREGON FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 20, 1945

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
April 20:
Temperature:
Maximum 75
Minimum 40
Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Saturday.
FIVE CENTS

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Hunger and Cold Were Greatest Problems of Yank Prisoners of Nazis, Says La Grande Officer

"They talk about all the homesickness in prison camps, but most of us were too busy trying to keep warm and get enough to eat. It was a big job just to stay alive."



LILYBET HAS BIRTHDAY—Here is the latest picture of Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, heir-apparent to the British throne, who will be 19 years old tomorrow. She is serving with the ATS, British equivalent of the WAC, where she is learning to drive and service trucks.

Drive on Munich Is Opened

PARIS, April 20 (UP) — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said today in an order of the day that the "ragged remnants of Hitler's armies of the west now are tottering on the threshold of defeat."

School Musicians Will Meet Here For Area Festival

Vocalists and instrumental musicians from eleven schools will assemble in La Grande April 21 for the Eastern Oregon high school music festival which will be held at Eastern Oregon college with soloists and groups from the following schools participating: Baker, Burns, Echo, Enterprise, Hermiston, McLaughlin, La Grande, Pilot Rock, St. Francis academy, St. Joseph's academy and Union.

Connordale Tract Chosen As Site for War Housing; Erection to Start Soon

Plans for the construction of 40 units of public housing in La Grande appeared well underway today with allocation by both city and county governments of sites in and adjoining the Connordale tracts at the southeast edge of the city.

Ernie Pyle

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Boat Toward Munich

Armored vanguards of the seventh army were racing 25 miles south more beyond Nuernberg and struck within 70 miles or less of Munich, cradle of the Nazi party and northern outpost of the Bavarian redoubt where Hitler had boasted his followers would continue the fight even if all else in Germany fell.

OPA Has Plan to Boost Meat Supply

WASHINGTON, April 20 (UP) — The office of price administration expects to announce next Monday or Tuesday a revised subsidy program intended to increase the meat supply, it was learned today.

Alfred Soldiers to Get U. S. Cigarettes

NEW YORK, April 20 (UP) — America's allies will get 3,000,000 lend-lease cigarettes in 1945, Joseph Kolodny, executive secretary of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors, said today.

Lodge Offers Manila \$5,000 Building Fund

PORTLAND, April 20 (UP) — Leader H. Louis of 41 long-lived past grand worthy president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, today said the Eagles have \$5,000 for the proposed city of Manila, provided it can locate an official of its Manila lodge.

La Grande Folk Urged to Prepare For Salvage Drive

Urging La Grande residents to prepare old newspapers and magazines for collection by Boy Scouts, Dennis Miller, chairman of the paper salvage committee of the junior chamber of commerce, today issued a reminder that the "clean-up day" for this phase of salvage activity is next Wednesday.

Three New Scarlet Fever Cases Listed

Three cases of scarlet fever were reported in Union county last week, when 412 cases of all types of such ailments were recorded in the weekly bulletin of the state board of health.

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Boom of Allied Guns Hitler's Only Salute on 56th Birthday

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By ERNIE PYLE
OKINAWA — That was one of the most miserable damn nights out of the hundreds of miserable nights I have spent in this war. Bird Dog and Gross and I turned on our sacks just after dark. So did everybody else who wasn't on guard. It was too early to go to sleep, so we just lay there in the dark and talked. You could hear voices faintly all over the hillside.

We didn't take off our clothes, of course; nobody does in the field. I did take off my boots but Bird Dog and Gross left theirs on for they had to stand watch on the field telephones from 1 till 2 a.m.

The three of us lay jammed up against each other, with Bird Dog in the middle. We smoked one cigarette after another. We didn't have to hide them under the blanket for we were in a protected position where a cigarette couldn't be seen very far.

Right after dark the mosquitoes started buzzing around our heads. These Okinawa mosquitoes sound like a flame thrower. They can't be driven off or brushed away.

I got a little bottle of Mosquito lotion out of my pocket and doused my face and neck, though I knew it would do no good. The other boys didn't even bother.

After a while the hillside grew See MOSQUITOES . . . Page 3