

Last Okinawa Defenses Crumbling

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La Grande Evening Observer

HUB OF NORTHEASTERN OREGON
Union and Wallowa Counties

Weather
Data for 24 hours to 7 a. m.
Temperature:
Maximum 59
Minimum 35
Precipitation .02
Forecast: Clearing and warmer tonight and Friday.

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Japs Flee Before Brunei Invaders

Thousands of Japs Taken Prisoner by Victorious Yanks

GUAM, June 14 (UP)—Tenth army troops, supported by a tremendous rocket and artillery barrage, broke through the last Japanese defense line on three fronts today and pushed the slowly-retreating enemy garrison toward the sea in a knock-out offensive.

Anderson Predicts Long Continuance Of Meat Shortage

SEATTLE, June 14 (UP)—Newly-appointed U. S. secretary of agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, D. New Mexico, said current meat shortages "cannot possibly" be alleviated until the spring of 1946.

Anderson, chairman of the house investigating committee surveying the national food shortages, predicted that pork, "the shortest meat of all, probably will not appear on American markets until the late summer of 1946. Anderson will assume his post in President Truman's cabinet on July 1, and also will take over as head of the war food administration on that date.

"As far as butter goes, I wouldn't worry about getting any—there is none," he said, prior to opening a hearing here into poultry and eggs conditions in the Puget Sound area.

New Cut Ordered In Sugar Supply

WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP)—Civilians faced a new cut in sugar supplies today as the government acted to plug leaks which threatened to deplete important sugar reserves.

Announcing sugar allocations for the next three months, the war food administration told civilians they will get 1,380,000 tons—10,000 tons less than in April, May and June. This is 453,000 tons less than was available during the same period last year.

Elgin Soldier's Aid to Freed Prisoners of Japs Is Praised

High praise for the work of James A. Scott of Elgin, member of the army medical corps in the Philippines, expressed by women to whom he ministered after the recapture of Manila from the Japanese, was conveyed to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Scott of Elgin in a letter from a missionary who met the soldier after being liberated from Bilibid by American forces.

The missionary, Susie M. Thomas, had been serving in China and was attending a Chinese school at Baguio when it was captured by the Japs.

Cigarets Stage Comeback; They're On Store Shelves

NEW YORK, June 14 (UP)—Popular brand cigarettes were displayed openly on many retail counters in the New York area for the first time in many months, and tobaccoists said today there probably will be an easing of the nationwide shortage soon.

Retailers reported almost normal deliveries of 5 big brands. But spokesmen for the manufacturers said there may still be some hoarding by dealers because of the widespread black market. However, they said because of lessened military demand the cigarette situation will probably be normal by January.

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Nazarenes to Meet Here Tomorrow

Conference officials of the Nazarene church and representatives of churches from four counties in eastern Oregon will assemble in the La Grande church tomorrow for a district convention. Churches of Union, Baker, Wallowa and Malheur will participate.

Rev. O. A. Crofford, host pastor, announced that sessions will open at 10 a. m., and the closing meeting at 7 p. m. He said the latter meeting will be concluded in time to permit those in attendance to attend the "Here's Your Infantry" demonstration at the high school.

Heading the officials of the church who will attend the meetings is Rev. J. A. McNatt of Nampa, Ida., new district superintendent.

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Early Fall Of Capital Predicted

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Tokyo said the charge followed a two-day bombing of allied forces by Japanese planes.

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JAP SHIP AWAITING CERTAIN DEATH—Its stern blown away by a direct hit from a Mitchell bomber, this 2,500-ton Jap cargo ship is dead in the water awaiting attack from a second approaching bomber which will send it to the bottom. This ship was one of six enemy cargo and escort craft sunk or damaged by Aleutian-based Mitchells and Liberators in surprise raid on convoy off extreme northern Kuriles.—Air Force photo.

La Grande Is "Captured" By Doughboy Invaders

American doughboys today staged a new conquest, but it was not achieved by force of arms — they scored their latest victory in a peaceful invasion of La Grande which will culminate tomorrow night in one of the most spectacular demonstrations ever staged by a military force.

Eighty infantrymen arrived in the city at mid-morning and went to the high school stadium to start preparations for their demonstrations which are being presented under the auspices of the La Grande lodge of Elks as a part of the 7th war loan campaign.

Electronics Course Is Authorized for Students at EOC

Inauguration of a new two-year curriculum in radio electric service and management at Eastern Oregon college with the opening of the new school year September 24, was announced today by President Roben J. Maaske. He said the new course was approved this week by the state board of education.

He announced that Carlos E. Easley has been appointed instructor in radio and electric service. Easley formerly taught in the army air force program at college and more recently has been an instructor in physics and chemistry at Pendleton high school.

The class is designed to equip students for employment in electric appliance stores, department and furniture stores, power companies, radio stations and radio manufacturing plants and as managers of radio store or head of radio or appliance departments, as well as for employment along related lines.

Baseball Results By United Press

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | |
|--|----|----|---|
| Philadelphia | 13 | 13 | 9 |
| Easton | 8 | 14 | 0 |
| Sproul, Coffman, Judd and Mancuso; Early, Fette, Cozart, Shecker, Hutchison and Mast. | | | |
| First Game— | | | |
| Chicago | 2 | 6 | 0 |
| Pittsburgh | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| Chapman, Prim and Gillespie; Butcher and Lopez. | | | |
| New York | 4 | 11 | 1 |
| Brooklyn | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| Voiselle and E. Lombardi; Davis, King and Dentano. | | | |
| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | |
| St. Louis | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Detroit | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Jakucki and Mancuso, Trout and Swift. | | | |
| Cleveland | 3 | 10 | 2 |
| Chicago | 4 | 8 | 2 |
| Bagby and Hayes; Gray and Tresh. | | | |
| SENATE CONFIRMS CLARK | | | |
| WASHINGTON, June 14 (UP)—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Tom C. Clark, of Texas, to be attorney general. Clark is scheduled to take the office July 1, succeeding Francis Biddle. | | | |

Bumper Crop of Cherries Is In Prospect in Orchards Of Grande Ronde Valley

Grande Ronde valley cherry orchardists today were viewing jubilantly prospects of a 1945 crop nearly equaling the record breaking 1,000-ton harvest of last year.

Estimates at this time indicate that the crop will approach within 10 to 20 per cent last year's cherry production, Chase Bohnenkamp, president of the Pumpkin Ridge Cherry Growers' association, said today, and the quality is higher.

The entire production of the valley, so far as is known at this time, has been sold to the Paulus Bros. canning company of Salem and no fresh fruit will be packed for eastern markets, Bohnenkamp said.

Prices received were 13½ cents per pound for No. 1 black cherries; 13 cents for No. 1 Royal Anns, and 25 per cent less for No. 2's.

Prices Are Unchanged
The price is the same as last year, when the total income realized was more than \$300,000. It is expected that on the basis of the slightly reduced yield, this year's crop will bring a total of \$275,000 to local cherry growers.

The Pumpkin Ridge cooperative will handle all cherries for the Imbler and Elgin districts. Cherries from the La Grande district, partially in Imbler and partially in Union, Cove is expected to ship directly from its own association facilities.

Quality Is High
Although areas which showed unusually heavy yield last year are thinner at this time, all sections show high quality, Bohnenkamp said. The growing season, especially during the pollenization period has been very good and there has been relatively no frost damage.

Grande Ronde valley cherry orchards has attracted the Paulus Bros. cannery for many years and last year the Salem company signed a five-year contract for the entire valley crop, agreeing to off-See BUMPER... Page 7

Kisselburgh Back After Long Time in Nazi Prison Camp

Capt. Jim Kisselburgh, former Oregon state football star of pre-war days, was busy greeting his old friends today in Portland after returning from the European war via a German prison camp.

The former all-coast conference fullback who packed the pigskin for Oregon State in 1938, 1939 and 1940, was interned in Moosburg, Germany, about 30 miles northeast of Munich. He was shot down over Germany in Feb. 1944, during his 35th mission over the Reich.

Friends of the ex-Oregon State football ace said he looked fine and was none the worse for wear and tear, weighing in at a comfortable 190 pounds.

Kisselburgh and his wife, who met him in Portland during the week-end, plan to return to La Grande in a day or two, to spend several days before he goes to Santa Monica for reassignment.

It was also learned that Lt. Stanley Czech, another Oregon State grider, was a prisoner of war in the same camp with Kisselburgh, having been caught in the Belgium "bulge" last Christmas.

Bombing of Atlantic Coast by Nazis Balked by Ending of War

PARIS, June 14 (UP)—If the European war had lasted another six months, Germany might have bombarded New York, Washington, Philadelphia and Boston with giant rocket bombs.

Ordnance intelligence experts attached to supreme headquarters said German scientists were within a half year of perfecting the mass production of rocket bombs capable of pin-point bombing at a range of 3,000 miles.

The allied experts based their statement on the results of a month-long survey of a huge rocket assembly plant 800 feet under the Kohn-Stein mountains near Nordhausen in Germany.

Blueprints for the long-range rockets were found and German scientists said they were prepared to turn out the missiles in sufficient numbers to neutralize American air superiority.

Maj. William J. Bromley of Grants Pass, Ore., said the proposed rockets obviously were intended to subject American east coast cities to the same robot-