Imbler Contest Will Be Held On Friday Evening

By Mrs. Ray Wilson
(Observer Correspondent)

IMBLER, Ore. (Special)—The local declamatory contest will be held in Wade hall, Imbler, Friday evening, April 3 at 7:30 p. m. Contestants from Dry Creek, Pleasant Grove and Imbler schools will compete and possibly some other schools may enter as the rules permit entrance in the contest any time until Friday. At this writing it has not been ascertained who will compete for Imbler but this will be determined by a contest at school sometime before Friday. The winners in the contest Friday evening will be eligible to compete at La Grande April 10. The judges Friday evening will be Miss Vio, Miss Hileman and Mrs. Mills, all of them being teachers in the Cove High school.

Lee Greybeal underwent an operation last Monday at the Grande Ronde hospital. He had been suffering from gall stones. His condition is reported as very satisfactory.

The farmers are jubilant over the soaking rains of the past few days. They will prove especially beneficial to the orchard men as the lower soil was extremely dry and the steady and prolonged downpour has put a lot of moisture where it will be needed by the deep feeding tree roots this summer.

The Imbler High baseball team defeated a strong alumni team Saturday afternoon at Imbler. Although it was cold and blustery the boys were picking them up in great shape as well as doing good work with the stick. The score was 6-3. They will play their first high school game Friday afternoon, April 3 at Imbler against the strong Joseph aggregation. Fanfare anxiously awaiting the outcome of this game.

The game scheduled against Cove for last Tuesday afternoon was postponed on account of rain and will be played next Tuesday afternoon at 3 p. m. at Imbler.

SPEED-GOVERNORS REQUIRED

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A new bus and truck law in Alabama requires trucks to be equipped with governors limiting speed of the vehicles to 35 miles an hour.

Sport Slants

By Alan J. Gould
(Associated Press Sports Editor)

Now that the noisy chatter about over-emphasis in college sports has died down, it becomes apparent that most of our principal institutions of learning and culture are going ahead with sane, sensible programs designed to keep affairs on an even keel.

Take the cast of Georgia Tech. Down there, they haven't been ballyhooing the subject but, under the direction of Bill Alexander, Tech for several years has been reorganizing its athletic structure with the idea if eliminating abuses, such as they may have cropped up from time to time.

Athletes who may have been around the premises for no other vital purpose than to perform on the ball field or gridiron have gone away from Atlanta. It isn't necessary to be a Phi Beta Kappa man to make the Tornado eleven this season, but at least the situation is that a sports letter is not the sole object of a college career.

PLAYING STUDENTS

Georgia Tech, as well as a number of other institutions, including Pennsylvania, this year may be in the same position as Gil Dobie found himself a few years ago at Cornell.

Gil's football boys, after three unbeaten seasons, experienced a slump and a young coach, finding the veteran in a hotel lobby, was seeking an explanation.

"Mr. Dobie, you must have had a pretty tough season," ventured the young man.

"Yup," responded Gil.

"Why, Mr. Dobie, even Williams beat Cornell—that certainly was a surprise. You can't be losing your grip, can you?"

"But, Mr. Dobie, what is the explanation? How can such a thing have happened?"

"Wal," drawled Gil, "we're playing our students now."

$250,000 BALL FIELD

Georgia Tech has a fine athletic plant, although it is not yet completed to Alexander's satisfaction. Grant Field furnishes an excellent bridiron, with capacity for upwards of 50,000 spectators.

Not far away is the best college ball field this correspondent has ever examined — a $250,000 plant that would do credit to an AA professional outfit, flanked by enough ground to furnish soccer and football practice fields. The 1929 Rose Bowl game helped finance this.

"We will feel well fixed when we are able to build a gymnasium, providing adequate indoor equipment," said Alexander. "With what we have, however, we are able to give the boys most all of the activity they desire."

With an early spring, Tech finish its football practice before the end of March, in time to open the baseball season.

Gets Into Bed With a Wildcat

WATERLOO, N. Y., April 2 (AP)—It will probably be a long time before Byron Smith will retire in a dark room without looking carefully under the bed, and more particularly—in it.

Smith was exhibiting a face and hands swathed in bandages today as proof of the unwelcome bedmate he found after he had undressed in the kitchen of his home at Dublin, near here, and clambered into bed with a sigh after a hard day's work.

It was probably the shortest sigh on record, for it has hardly begun when twenty pounds of animal dynamite in the form of a wildcat went into action with all four claws and a good set of teeth.

The melee was fast and soon over. Smith reaching the kitchen just a little ahead of the wildcat.

PRE-EASTER
DRESS SALE

13 Easy Steps to the Greatest Sale of Ladies Dresses La Grande Has Ever Known

OUT THEY GO

Our entire stock of New Spring Dresses, for only one Five Dollar Bill each.

These dresses formerly sold for $8.98 and $12.98

You must see these dresses to appreciate their real value.

$5

13 EASY STEPS

to New York Store Balcony where the ladies of La Grande will find the greatest dress values we have ever offered.

The Balcony of Bargains Famous for Values.

Save Each Day's Duplicate Sales Slips
And Watch for Lucky Cash Refund Day

Ladies' Non-Run Rayon Lingerie
Pre-Easter Special, 2 for 49c

WHERE GOOD CLOTHES COST LESS

NEW YORK STORE

LA GRANDE, ORE.

FREE - CASH - FREE

GET IT FOR NOTHING

FREE CASH

TUESDAY, MAR. 10
Was the Poorest Day's Business For Us
Lucky-Day-For-You

Bring in Your Duplicate Sales Slips Bearing the Date
MARCH 10 Get Your Purchase Refunded in Cash

LOOK!!
March 10
Chosen Poorest Day's Business

Now For Another Lucky Month

"TO OUR CUSTOMERS"

Tuesday, March 10, has been chosen our poorest day's business. After having taken that each month for each day's business, we have selected Tuesday, March 10 as the poorest day for us and the lucky day for you. On presentation of your duplicate sales slips bearing that date, we propose to refund you the full purchase price in cash for every article bought on that date. Bring in your sales slips and get your cash back in the form of MONEY. You have all this month to present your sales slips. And now for another lucky month.

OUR SALES FOR ONE DAY EVERY MONTH REFUNDED IN CASH. SAVE EACH DAY'S DUPLICATE SALES SLIPS. WATCH FOR LUCKY CASH REFUND DAY.

"WHERE GOOD CLOTHES COST LESS"

NEW YORK STORE

Apparel for Easter

Never Before So Smart or Low in Prices

Many Values for the Family

Youthful Model

Of delicate parchment, with lacing of brown calf for an effective trimming.

$2.98

Sea Sand Kid

A smart new version of the popular tongue pump.

$3.98

Black Dull Kid

Trimmed with gunmetal kid and black-and-white snake.

$4.98

Women's Rayon
Underwear

Improved Quality! New Low Price, too!

49c

Formerly 98c—even before we improved the quality! Vests, bloomers and panties, in yoke-front and elastic-top styles.

Women's Semi-Service Hose

with French Heel

79c pair

Ask for No. 444

Sheer enough to be smart . . . heavy enough to be serviceable! Pure silk leg; mercerized top, mercerized sole. Smart shades.

for Spring — we sponsor

Color in Silk Dresses

9.90

These dresses will banish dark days . . . for the Spring season, at least! There are vivid plain shades, striking prints and plaids, daring combinations . . . all of them so new and different that you will have to have more than one . . . and how thrilling to find that you can afford them! Come in . . . while the assortment is fresh and complete.

Boys' 4-Piece Suits

$7.90

Coat and vest with 1 longie and 1 golf knicker or 2 pair longies. Fabrics include cassimeres, twists and worsted in light and medium shades.

The Watteau Brim

$2.98

"Austelle" models in straw or straw braid with up-on-one-side and down-on-the-other Watteau brims . . . bright colors.

Gay New Scarfs

Ascots, triangles, oblongs, pleated scarfs . . . in plaids, prints and stripes. Of rayon and silk flat crepes.

79c to $1.49

Anklets

New Spring Shades

19c & 25c

Boys' Oxfords

Smoked elk trimmed with brown sports rubber sole and heel.

Sizes 2½-5½ $2.98

Boy's
Fancy Sox

Rayon overplaid on cotton in fancy patterns. 7½ to 9½ 25c

Men's Fancy Hose

Attractive Patterns in Smart Colors

15c pr.

Rayon, mercerized and cotanese combine to make these smart and durable hose.

Small Boys'
Cloth Caps

69c

The "Coupe" and smart novelties . . . all youthfully styled in durable twills, cassimeres and serges. Record values!

New Spring Values and Patterns in
Boys' Hose

Choose them in cotton, cotton and mercerized or all mercerized! All are smart . . . all woven for hard wear . . . all indisputable values!

25c
39c
49c

Boys' Fancy DressShirts

Fancy broadcloth percales and chambrays, collars attached. Sizes 6 to 14½

59c & 89c

J. C. Penney Co., Inc
DEPARTMENT · STORE
1307-1309 Adams Ave. La Grande, Ore.

April Month of Many Grim Disasters; History Shows its Record is Tragic

By Boyd Miller
(NEA Service Writer)

A great tragedy will befall some part of the world during the next 30 days, if history repeats itself.

For April, month of showers, warming sunshine and the joyous Easter time, also is the month of grim disasters.

An amazingly large number of history's most tragic events — wars, plagues, shipwrecks, mine disasters, fires, floods, bombings, revolutions and more—have darkened the horizon in this month.

The sinking of the Titanic with loss of 1517 lives, the $350,000,000 San Francisco fire, the London plague, which claimed nearly 70,000 victims, the Ohio prison holocaust, the assassination of President Lincoln—all these took place in April.

And April has played a curious part in the United States history for nearly every major war in which this country has become involved began in this month.

Among the great tragedies occurring in April were:

The Mississippi flood. — Early in April, 1927, floods in the Mississippi and its levee branches inundated 30,000 square miles in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky, rendering 600,000 temporarily homeless and doing property damage of $270,000,000.

Titanic disaster—The steamship Titanic, believed to be non-sinkable, crashed into a submerged iceberg in the North Atlantic and sank, with loss of 1517 lives, on April 15, 1912.

Lincoln assassinated—While attending the Ford theatre in Washington on April 14, 1865, President Lincoln was fatally shot by John Wilkes Booth, plunging a nation, happy over the close of the Civil war, into deep mourning.

War with Germany — The United States threw her resources into the war against Germany on April 6, 1917.

San Francisco destroyed—Hundreds of lives were lost and $350,000,000 in property damage suffered when the great fire destroyed the city of San Francisco on April 18, 1906.

Sofia bombing—Two hundred persons were killed at Sofia in an explosion of bombs at the funeral of General Georghieff on April 16, 1925.

Revolutionary war — The battle of Lexington, starting the Revolutionary war, took place on April 19, 1775, the day following Paul Revere's famous ride.

British plague—The great bubonic plague started its sweep through London on April 26, 1665, bringing death to 68,596 persons, mostly among the poorer classes.

Ohio prison disaster—Fire and rioting in overcrowded Ohio state penitentiary at Columbus broke out on Easter Monday, April 21, 1930, with 316 convicts losing their lives.

Spanish-American war — President McKinley called the nation to arms in war against Spain on April 25, 1898.

Napoleon Exiled — Napoleon Bonaparte, having abdicated the French throne on April 10, 1814, was exiled to Elba on April 28 of the same month.

Sultana sinking — The steamship Sultana went down in the Mississippi river on April 27, 1865, after an explosion, with loss of 1550 lives of federal soldiers.

Canadian fires—The city of Hull, Canada, was almost destroyed on April 6, 1900, when 3000 buildings burned, and on April 19, 1904, the city of Toronto was swept by a fire which did $6,000,000 damage.

Civil war—The first shot that began the long struggle between the North and the South was fired on April 12, 1861.

War with Mexico — The United States went to war against Mexico on April 24, 1846, this conflict becoming the pivotal point in deciding that lines would henceforth be the best policy in our relations with the Americas.

Russo-Turk war—On April 24, 1877, Russia began war against Turkey.

Mine Disasters—Many major mine disasters in the United States took place in the month of April. At Littleton, Ala., 128 miners lost their lives on April 8, 1911; at Finleyville, W. Va., 119 were killed on April 28, 1912; at Boomer, W. Va., 187 lost their lives on April 26, 1918, and 10 years later to the day, 111 perished at Benwood, W. Va., while at Farmersville, W. Va., 96 died on April 30, 1927.

The Garden

MAKING THE SOIL REFINEMENT

Efficiency is an idea of modern business which even employs experts to do no other work that to endeavor to see that machines are efficient. Vegetable gardening needs a lot of efficiency engineering as it is usually carried on. If the soil is made to give its full value of production, intensive cultivation is the horticultural term for efficiency.

It means working the soil to the limit, making it produce constantly during the entire season, with no idle, loafing periods when it is giving nothing. To make each square foot yield at least two crops and possibly three or four is the problem of intensive cultivation after the ground is prepared for it.

The preparation consists of fertilizing and digging. Even the best soil in the world needs fertilizer each year to make up for the plant food taken out of it. In a garden the plants are not left to die and decay and return the food to the soil from which they took it as they do in the uncultivated woods and prairies. Fertilizing by way of compensation for vegetable matter taken away is necessary.

After attending to fertilizing and thorough digging, the next problem is rotation of crops. By this is meant planting for another crop as soon as one crop is out of the way. One method is interplanting for very small patches which may be carefully tended daily. This consists in starting a march by planting a row of seeds between rows of vegetables approaching maturity whose space will soon be at liberty.

As an example, suppose two rows of radishes are planted one foot apart. As the radishes approach table size, another row of seed could be put it halfway between the two maturing rows. The seeds would have germinated and a new crop of radishes be started before the old radishes were all used.

Tomato plants are used to set between rows of early vegetables in this manner to excellent advantage.

Gail Vendt, California regular basketball guard for two seasons, was chosen unanimously as captain next year's quintet.