

# County-Wide Declamatory Contest Here On April 21

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# IOWA EDITOR ESCAPES KIDNAPERS

## EAST NORMAL TO BE HOST TO SPEAKERS

County Divided in Four Zones For Declamatory Contests.

## LA GRANDE IS IN ZONE BY ITSELF

Contestants to Be Listed in Three Divisions; Two From Grades, One From High School.

A county-wide declamatory contest will be held in the auditorium at the Eastern Oregon Normal school on April 21, according to a decision reached by the Union county declamatory league at a recent meeting.

The local schools will select their contestants before April 7, and the zone tryouts will be held on April 13. The successful contestants will meet in the county-wide contest, in which the winners will be presented with ribbons. E. A. Seyer, county school superintendent, has furnished schools with copies of the rules. The county is divided into four zones as follows: La Grande, zone 1; Cove, Union, North Powder, Mt. Carmel, Shanghai, Riverview, Frosty, Wolf Creek, Pondosa, Catherine Creek, Telocaset, Park, North High Valley, South High Valley and Willowdale, zone 2; Imbler, Eglin, Pleasant Grove, Summerville, Indian Creek, Dry Creek, Pine Grove, Gordon Creek, Hindman, Pumpkin Ridge, Cunningham, Albee, Thorny Grove, Fairview, Ryssdam and Rain Junction, zone 3; Island City, Iowa, Lower Cove, Liberty, Ladd Canyon, Hlgard, Fruitdale, Mr. Glen, Valeria, Starkey, Kamela and Perry, zone 4.

The zone contests will be held at Union with Roy Conklin in charge.

## House of David Outscores E.O.N. Tossers 47 to 41

Displaying a superior brand of basketball that left spectators of the opinion the margin of victory could have been very much wider, the House of David quintet from Benton Harbor, Mich., trounced the Eastern Oregon Normal school here last night 47 to 41.

Johnston, forward, who scored 25 points, and Buchanan, clever passing guard, probably were as fine basketball players as ever trod a La Grande court. The entire team paid but little attention to defense, contenting itself with offensive spurts when the score was too close for comfort. And, added to their basketball work, the de-whiskered gentles also threw in plenty of comedy, that kept the crowd in an uproar of laughter, and even

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## RAIN IN THIS VALLEY; SNOW IN MOUNTAINS

Snow fell in the Blue mountains last night, but did not invade the Grande Ronde valley. Rain in the amount of .13 of an inch fell here during the 24-hour period ending at 7 o'clock this morning. The sky remained cloudy today and the weatherman predicted a continuance of the condition with more rain and slightly warmer weather in Northeastern Oregon. Yesterday's maximum was 45 above, the coolest weather here in many days.

## BUTTON DRIVE WILL BEGIN HERE SOON

"Buttons, buttons, who hasn't a button?" asks Fred Read, chairman of the button sale for the Old Timers' railroad celebration here next July. Mr. Read went on to explain this morning that, of course, no one has any buttons just yet, but he is looking forward a few days to the time the entire membership of the auxiliary to the Old Timers' club starts out with the flashy souvenir buttons that Mr. Read will have ready for the public in a day or two.

## WILL ROGERS says:

NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 20.—After flying all night, got in here at 8 o'clock this morning right in the wildest of what even California would call unusual weather. Plane stuck in the snow after it landed. An army flyer came breezing in, in an open cockpit, who had made the same run from Cleveland, these being the only two planes to land in Newark all day. So give a big hand to Lieutenant Wackwitz, of the U. S. army. Not forgetting) just because he was used to doing such things after years of service) Mr. Maurice Mars, pilot of the United passenger plane I was on, it was so cold today that for one hour this morning they didn't roll the dice on the New York exchange. When those crap shooters' hands can't roll 'em it's cold. Yours,

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## SPIRIT OF FIRST LEADER IS NEEDED TODAY, SAYS WALZ

If, in the present day search of the American peoples for a new program that will rehabilitate our economic, political, educational and religious welfare, there is firmly moulded the spirit and principles of George Washington—then that program will meet with success. Such, in brief, was the expression of Rev. J. George Walz, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, in a splendid, stirring and patriotic address given this noon before the regular weekly meeting of the La Grande Rotary club.

"In the annals of modern progressive Washington stands alone as the noblest names of antiquity lose their luster in his presence," said Rev. Walz. "Born the benefactor of mankind, nature made him great... he made himself virtuous."

"His life, character, faith and self-surrender he bequeathed to posterity and stand today as a monument among a free people. Speaking of our flag and symbol of government he said: 'Let us erect a standard to which the good and honest may re-

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## MEMBERS VOTING FOR DIRECTORS OF CLUB THIS WEEK

Directors of the La Grande chamber of commerce will be elected this week by mail ballot of the membership. Ballots, with the names of 24 men nominated earlier this month, were mailed the first of the week, and already replies are being received by the committee on elections, B. C. Madill, Clyde Bunting and C. M. Wight.

All ballots must be either mailed or taken to the office of Secretary Harold Boone prior to 3 p. m. Saturday, Feb. 24.

The official list of nominees, from which 12 will be elected, follows: Hugh Leonard, B. C. Madill, Angus McAllister, Harry McKinley, A. W.

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## 50 HONOR OLDER U. P. ENGINEERS

About 50 persons gathered to honor pensioned engineers and those oldest in the service Tuesday evening at Honan hall. The G. I. A. and B. of L. E. auxiliaries sponsored the ban-

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## 10 TEAMS TO BEGIN PLAY HERE FRIDAY

Largest Basketball Tourney in This Section to Qualify Four.

## UNION, WALLOWA CAGERS ENTERED

Four winners to participate in District Championship Play-Off March 8, 9, 10.

Complete arrangements had been made today for the sub-district basketball tournament to be played at the L. D. S. Recreational hall here Friday and Saturday, for the purpose of selecting four teams to represent Union and Wallowa counties at the district championship tournament March 8, 9 and 10.

It will be the largest tourney, in point of teams competing, ever held in this section of the state. The Friday schedule follows: 9 a. m.—Union vs. Lostine, 10 a. m.—Joseph vs. Enterprise, 11 a. m.—Wallowa vs. North Powder.

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## M'CLURE URGES PLANNING BOARD IN CITY, COUNTY

Advising both city and county to proceed immediately with a comprehensive program of planning, with C. W. A. funds likely to be available, C. A. McClure, regional field supervisor for the regional advisor of the federal emergency administration of public works, spoke to a representative group at the city hall last night.

City and county planning boards would serve as links in a national plan, linking up with state, region and nation. Mr. McClure warned that the government planned to insist that any future federal aid projects, whether C. W. A., P. W. A. or

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## TWO PLANES FORCED DOWN IN LA GRANDE

Army Airmail Fliers Use Local Airport in Initial Flights Yesterday.

## LIEUT. GLASER IN THRILLING TRIP

Makes Successful Journey From Boise to Portland, Despite Difficulties—Another Flier Held Up.

Two U. S. army fliers, carrying the United States airmail for the first time, found La Grande a haven of refuge for them yesterday. To one, it was a rest spot in a precarious yet successful trip. To the other, it was the turning point in an unsuccessful journey.

Lieut. M. E. Glaser left Boise in a Douglas observation plane at 8 a. m. with 40 pounds of mail. Into and over La Grande he flew, and beyond through the Grande Ronde river canyon west of here, until he reached Kamela. There his ceiling disappeared, as clouds met ground. Temporary clear spots enabled him to turn around and come back to this city, where he landed at the local airport.

After a couple of hours, another weather report showed clear beyond the Blue mountains, and he tried it again. He was forced to climb to 11,000 feet to go over the top of the storm, and at that height found foggy weather. Flying by "dead

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## Part of Liquor Store Fixtures Received Here

Workers have started renovating the store room at Depot and Washington where the La Grande state liquor store will be located, but Walter Leisman, manager, has had no definite word from Otto J. Runte, Eastern Oregon supervisor, as to when the store will be opened.

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## FROM DRIVE TO DIVE



Helen Hicks, 1931 American woman's golf champion, and master of the art of driving, gave Georgia Coleman Gilson, former women's Olympic diving champion, a lesson in golf during the Miami-Biltmore tournament recently. In return, Georgia gave "Billie" a lesson in fancy diving. Here they are posed for plunging. Miss Hicks left.

## ADMINISTRATION LOSES POINT ON FEDERAL PAY CUT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—The senate overrode administration forces today and voted to restore one-third of the federal pay cut as of February 1 last and to give back the full 15 per cent reduction effective July 1. The amendment, by Senator McCarran (D-Nev.), restoring the full cut July 1, carried by a single vote, 41 to 40.

A combination of Republicans and Democrats put it over. The house today refused to approve a reduction from 3 to 2 cents in the first class postage rate. This assured passage of the \$258,000,000 revenue bill unchanged except for minor amendments.

## FRIGID WAVE CONTINUES IN EAST STATES

Worst Blizzard Since 1888; at Least 25 Dead; No Immediate Relief in Sight.

By the Associated Press Cold that knifed to the marrow staggered the east today as it strove to shake off paralysis caused by the "worst blizzard since '88." At least 25 persons lay dead, struck down by the storm.

Many towns were still practically isolated, transportation systems crawled at a snail's pace in numerous spots, and whistling winds imperilled shipping. The mercury plunged toward zero, and the cold glazed the land with ice, hardening snowdrifts that impeded traffic.

No immediate relief was in sight. The frigid wave extended as far south as Florida.

New England Burled New England, hardest hit by the slashing 60-mile gale, was still buried in many places under snowdrifts 6 to 12 feet deep. There were at least nine dead there, 10 in New York City, and six in Pennsylvania.

New York will spend \$2,000,000 to dig out of the snow that marooned 500,000 workers in their homes. Highway traffic is still tied up in many places, but most trains were moving, although regular schedules

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## BIDS OPENED ON IMNAHA BRIDGES

PORTLAND, Feb. 21 (AP)—J. P. Johnston, of Newberg, submitted the low bid of \$17,978 when proposals were opened here today by the federal bureau of public roads for construction of three small reinforced concrete bridges

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## Wheat Today

The price of local cash wheat stood at about 50 1/2 cents here today, according to quotations at the Pioneer Flouring Mills. Portland cash 70 cents. Export bid 75 cents.

## JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

PENDLETON WINS FIGHT

NEW JAP-RUSS RUMPUSS

DAWES IS OPTIMISTIC

KAY FRANCIS FREE AGAIN

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 21 (AP)—Continuation of the work of the Pendleton and Hermiston experiment stations for another year has been made possible, according to word received here today from Senator Stetwer, by assurance that the agricultural appropriation bill will contain funds for this work.

TOKYO, Feb. 21 (AP)—A new diplomatic tilt between Japan and Russia over fishing grounds in North Pacific waters confronted Tokyo and Moscow today. A foreign office spokesman said Japan will protest strongly to Moscow over "a serious breach of the international agreement," and will "consider steps to obtain a remedy."

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (AP)—Charles G. Dawes, former Republican vice president of the United States, said today that he saw "continued better conditions" ahead for business and industry of the nation and that he predicted this belief on a feeling that President Roosevelt would carry through his announced plan for a balanced budget in 1936.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 (AP)—The third marriage of Kay Francis, 30-year-old brown-eyed film actress, was terminated today with an interlocutory decree of divorce granted against Kenneth McKenna, actor and director. She charged cruelty.

## SCHOOLS OF CITY OBSERVE FEB. 22 WITH ASSEMBLIES

ASSEMBLY AT E. O. N. "George Washington" was the subject for an assembly at the Eastern Oregon Normal school Tuesday. The American history class, of which Joseph Gaier is instructor, presented the following program:

"The U. S. and Its People in George Washington's Day," Jack Smith. "Education in George Washington's Time," Nora McDaniels. "Personality and Physical Characteristics of George Washington," Don Johnson. "Washington as a Military Leader," Claude Talbot. "George Washington's Social Amusement," Chester Alston. "George Washington in Politics," William Cooper.

No half day holiday will be enjoyed tomorrow by the public schools, as

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## Trumpeter Swan, Valued at \$1,000, Dies Under Knife

EAST LANSING, Mich., Feb. 21 (AP)—Death has removed the male bird in what Michigan State college authorities said was the only American. The five-year-old bird was operated upon here after an X-ray revealed a pizzard obstruction. The two birds were brought here from Holland four years ago, and were valued at \$2,000.

## F. R., AIDES STUDY REPEAL PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt and his aides are concerned over continued activity of bootleggers and are investigating the prices of legal liquor. This was made known today as newsmen gathered today at the president's semi-weekly press conference. Joseph Choate, administrator of the federal alcohol control board, has reported that imports are below expectations. The administration is seeking to determine if there is a shortage of supplies necessitating the high price of liquors, against which many complaints are being made. A suggestion has been made for lowering the tariff on liquor imports as one method of approaching the problem. Whatever happens, it was emphasized that Mr. Roosevelt wants to put the bootleggers out of business. To

## HEAD OF BIG PAPER GROUP IS ATTACKED

Slugged Twice, E. P. Adler Dodges Thugs and Runs to Safety.

## OFFICERS TAKE IN ONE SUSPECT

Charles Clyde Phillips, of New York, Refuses to Reveal Identity of His Companion.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21 (AP)—E. P. Adler, publisher of the Davenport, Iowa, Times and head of the Lee syndicate of newspapers, was attacked by two men in a hotel corridor today in an apparent attempt at kidnaping. Slugged twice, Adler dodged the full effect of the blows and ran down the corridor from his room, eluding his assailants. Officers said one of them was arrested.

In the room next to Adler's detectives found a large trunk in which air holes had been poked. They said it was apparent the two men intended to lock Adler in the trunk and have him carried out. The publisher was here to attend a meeting of the Inland Daily Press

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## C. W. A. Quota In This County Is Reduced to 279

Civil works administration officers today received a telegram from E. R. Goudy, state administrator, as follows:

"For the week beginning Friday, Feb. 23, your entire county quota including administrative and service but excluding educational, nursing and federal projects, is 279 men. You may contract \$400 for all materials and equipment including all rentals from Feb. 15 to Mar. 2." Union county's present quota is 385.

Word received here was that Wallowa county's quota was lopped 60 men, in the first week of the C. W. A. demobilization plan.

## Suspect Stavisky Of Being Nazi Spy

DLJON, France, Feb. 21 (AP)—Police announced today they were investigating the possibility that Serge "Handsome Alex" Stavisky, founder of the Bayonne Municipal pawnshop, was an international spy selling information to the Nazis in Germany.

Their announcement followed findings of the board of Judge Albert Prince, of the court of appeals, on a railroad track near here. Prince was to have been a witness in the Stavisky scandal trial.

## Five New Airport Projects Passed

PORTLAND, Feb. 21 (AP)—Lieutenant Basil B. Smith, supervisor of airports for Oregon, has announced the approval of five new airport projects in Oregon involving an expenditure of \$60,925 CWA funds giving employment to 541 until May 1. Airports approved are at Grants Pass, Vernonia, Madras, Prineville and Ontario.

