

# The CHEMAWA AMERICAN

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## PRESIDENT WILSON'S ADDRESS TO THE COUNTRY

The following is a synopsis of President Wilson's latest address to the country concerning the need of each man and woman doing their part in the present crisis:

"We must supply abundant food for ourselves . . . and for a large part of the nations with whom we have now made common cause.

"We must supply ships by the hundreds.

"The industrial forces of the country, men and women alike, will be a great service army engaged in the service of the nation and world, the efficient friends and saviors of free men everywhere.

"The importance of an adequate food supply especially for the present year is superlative.

"Upon the farmers of country in large measure rests the fate of the war and the fate of the nations.

"I call upon young men and old alike to turn in hosts to the farms.

"I appeal to farmers of the south to plant abundant foodstuffs as well as cotton.

"To the middleman of every sort: The eye of the country will be especially upon you. The country expects you as well as others to forego unusual profits.

"This is the time for America to correct her unpardonable fault of wastefulness and extravagance.

"These things we must do and do well, besides fighting—the things without which mere fighting would be fruitless."

## PUPILS' ITEMS

Edith Starr and Catherine Reed are doing fine in taking care of the north ward in the hospital.

The seventh graders are engaged in the study of problems in correlation with the agricultural work.

Russell Adams is busy preparing the frames for the scenery which is to be painted especially for the Alumni play.

The seventh grade miss the boys who went away to war. George Peters and Joe Gale have enlisted from the seventh grade.

The carpenter boys have completed a long table for

the use of the orchestra. It was placed in the orchestra room in the basement of the new auditorium.

We are all glad to know that our schoolmate, Robert Gist, is improving in health again. Robert has been in bed for some time. He will soon be out and around.

The farm boys are plowing the 11-acre clover field back of the laundry to plant beans and potatoes. They plowed the south end of the track and are plowing also by the old gym and getting ready to do things in the way of raising produce. Watch the farm stuff grow.

## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

The celebration of Arbor Day with appropriate ceremonies was placed this year in the hands of the primary grades, 1, 2, and 3. Owing to the rain, the afternoon exercises were curtailed. A committee of four from each of the three grades, assisted by Mr. Hammond and Mr. Daly, set out three fine specimens of Oregon Yew, which were named in honor of three great presidents, Washington, Lincoln, and Wilson.

In the evening the entire school assembled in the auditorium for the literary program consisting of songs, dialogues and recitations. The air of satisfied assurance with which the little ones rendered their program added to the amusement and the pleasure of the audience.

## THE APRIL JOINT MEETING OF THE LITERARY SOCIETIES

Last Thursday, instead of the usual literary program, an old-fashioned spelling bee was held in the new auditorium. Each society was represented by five champions selected after preliminary contests during the past month. The occasion was marked by enthusiastic but good-natured rivalry among the societies and a spirit of sportmanlike fairplay was in evidence throughout the evening. The contest lasted an hour and a-half. The Winonas were the first to sit down. After a very creditable showing, the Nonpareils fell, leaving the contest to one representative of the Reliance and one of the Excelsiors. The honors were finally won by the Excelsiors in the person of William Lewis, their champion.

## LOCAL

The seamstress reports that during the three months ending March 31st the sewing departments made 4525 new pieces and mended 4986 pieces.

The Cushman school closed down on the 15th on account of the high cost of all commodities, together with a decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury just received in connection with the per capita cost per pupil. Other schools may be affected, as it is now too late to make savings as most of the money appropriated has been spent or hypothecated.