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THE COURSE OF STUDY

But a few months ago the members of the Chemawa teaching force, both industrial and academic, wore that tense, strained look which tells of a struggle whose outcome is yet in doubt. The older and more responsible pupils shared this strain. All Chemawa seemed keyed up to the breaking point. Occasionally taut nerves would yield a bit and some one would say, "It's Impossible." But occasionally, and more and more often, a face would brighten, a set jaw would relax and a winner would say, "The course of study is all right."

Because success is far more infectious than failure, today we hear no one doubting the possibility of our course of study. Already the greater throes of the pains of adjustment are things of the past and we wonder why we made such hard work of it.

Does this mean we do less work? No. We do far more. But there is this difference: In the beginning we worked blindly, not to say hopelessly, but now we begin to see results, excellent results.

There are yet many knots to be untangled in our academic work, many difficulties to be surmounted in our industrial work, and grave trials of strength and patience to be met before we shall have reached perfection in our administration of this plan of education. But we now attack all these problems with confidence in the plan and confidence in ourselves. We have joy in our work for we have "glimpsed the vision."

EXCELSIOR-RELIANCE SPELLING MATCH

On Friday night the stalwart Excelsior team met defeat at the hands of the Reliance spellers. But the victory was not an easy one. For over an hour the official pronouncer, Mr. Daly, fired swift words into the little group of boys. Again and again the words came back unchallenged and the audience began to wonder about breakfast. Then Roy Frazer, Louis Van Pelt, Elwood Towner, Francis Boyce and Fred Wilder each failed to satisfy the judges. This left Henry Davis and Lawrence Tillotson for the Reliance,

with Logan Fann to defend Excelsiors. Excitement was high in the ranks of both boys' societies and perhaps even higher on the girls' side of the auditorium. Suddenly Logan's tongue slipped and two little letters changed places. There was a brief pause, then the cheering and clapping broke loose. Reliance had won.

The line-up was: Excelsiors, Fann, Towner, Boyce, Van Pelt. Reliance, Frazier, Wilder, Tillotson, Davis. Pronouncer, Mr. Daly; Judges, Mr. Devol, Mrs. McCrosson, Miss Roberts and Mrs. Risser.

EMPLOYES' PARTY

The monthly employes' party is always eagerly looked forward to and the one held in the Employes' Club building last Thursday evening proved to be a most enjoyable affair. Progressive games were played during the evening, for which Mrs. Swoboda received the first prize and Miss Scholder second. A "movie" contest was then held and Mrs. Jaquins was the winner. The guests then repaired to the dining room, where a dainty collation was served. St. Patrick's Day decorations were everywhere. A little pot of Shamrock was in the center of each table and little green flags were favors. The committee, Mrs. Loos, Mrs. Brace and Mr. Mitchell, are to be congratulated upon the well-planned and charmingly carried out evening.

LOCAL

Allie Markusson and Lester Mack, our soldier boys from Vancouver Barracks, spent the week-end at Chemawa.

A Triangle film, "Betty's Burglar," featuring Constance Talmadge, has been secured for our movie show next Friday night in the auditorium.

In a test given the third year vocational class in domestic science last week Julia Mills received the highest percent in cake baking and Julia Gromoff in making pies.

Reginald Downie made a trip to Vancouver Barracks yesterday to return Joseph Jackson to school. Joseph had enlisted but being under age had received no permission from his parents or school authorities.

Practice in baseball commenced in good earnest on Monday. The boys are much interested and expect to develop into a good team to represent Chemawa this year. Manager Reggie Downie is a hustler and will secure games with outside teams.

The fourth year vocational class in domestic science held a sale, consisting of ice cream and cake, at the general social in the gymnasium last Saturday evening. A neat little sum was realized, which will be expended in the purchase of equipment in the domestic science department.