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## THE HOLIDAYS AT CHEMAWA

There was for days previous to Christmas an excitement in the very air—especially that breathed by the very small boys and girls. What a pity that such a feeling of anticipation and sustaining excitement could not last always! Now everything is a mere memory—a dear memory it is, though.

The various buildings about the grounds were decorated inside and out for the occasion. All worked with a will to make everything bright and cheerful for the holidays. The festivities really started on Christmas Eve, at which time members of the various academic grades gave an entertainment in the auditorium. In every way this was most interesting. The program follows:

|  |       |                         |
|--|-------|-------------------------|
| Why the Chimes Rang                      | - - - | Eighth and Ninth Grades |
| Song—Little Star                         | - - - | Six Small Girls         |
| Fancy Drills and Recitations             | - - - | Fourth and Fifth Grades |
| In the Morning                           | - - - | Rose Hamilton           |
| A Christmas Refrain                      | - - - | Sixth Grade             |
| Violin Solo                              | - - - | Maudie Heay             |
| Christmas Stocking                       | - - - | Fourth Grade            |
| The Christmas Story                      | - - - | Mary Motanic            |
| Vocal Solo—God be With Our Boys Tonight, | - - - | Charles Williams        |
| A Sketch                                 | - - - | Senior Grade            |
| I Bring You Glad Tidings                 | - - - | Girls' Octette          |

The program above, as given, was without question exceptionally good—many of the numbers were of striking character. All present were more than pleased. Supt. Hall voiced the sentiment of all when he addressed the assemblage in support and approval of the work of those who furnished the entertainment.

After the entertainment at some of the dormitories the presents were given out to the students. Where the presents were not taken from the trees on Christmas Eve they were on Christmas morning, bright and early. Everybody was remembered and all were happy, the attending scenes in the various buildings being happy ones.

Early, very early, on Christmas morning the choir was abroad singing carols. This has grown to be an annual custom at Chemawa and one much appreciated by all. The singing on this occasion was both beautiful and impressive. Immediately after singing carols in front of the residence of Supt. and Mrs. Hall and the various students' dormitories the members of the choir repaired to the place of Catholic

worship and sang during early Christmas mass said by Father Gall.

Promptly at noon the students' dinner was served. The large dining-room was most beautifully decorated for the occasion and the large array of tables, dressed in immaculate linen and heavily laden with appetizing viands, presented a picture that appealed to every sense of man. It was an occasion long to be remembered by all. The employes were in attendance to help in every way possible to make the students feel at home and happy and to assist in waiting upon them. Mr. Loos and three Mandolin Club girls, Catherine Loftus, Mary Ware and Bertha Grimes, were present and furnished music during the banquet hour. This was a new feature and one much appreciated. The following menu was served:

|                 |                        |                 |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
|                 | Roast Turkey           |                 |
| Giblet Gravy    |                        | Dressing        |
|                 | Mashed Potatoes        |                 |
|                 | Candied Sweet Potatoes |                 |
| Escalloped Corn |                        | Cranberry Sauce |
| Dill Pickles    | Celery                 | Mince Pie       |
| Layer Cake      |                        | Oranges         |
|                 | Apples                 | Nuts            |
|                 | Coffee                 |                 |

After the students had dined the majority of the employes preceeded to the Employes' Club where a choice menu, headed with roast turkey, was served. The dining-room, always most attractive in every way, was beautifully decorated for this occasion. The tables were arranged in a hollow square and the decorations were entrancing and no feature was omitted, even to the menu cards. Mrs. Loos, who manages affairs at the Club, and her assistants certainly did credit to the occasion and deserved the thanks of all for a superb dinner perfectly cooked and served as well. Again Mr. Loos and his Mandolin Club girls provided beautiful music during the banquet. All went as merrily as the proverbial "marriage bell."

During the afternoon of Christmas Day a game of basketball was played in the gym between teams representing Mitchell and Brewer Halls. Brewer Hall's team was victorious in a score 37 to 7. The evening of "A Perfect Day" was given over to a social in the large gymnasium, where everyone had a fine time.

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