

## CHRISTMAS AT CHEMAWA

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spelling contest between teams representing the various literary societies of the school. Strong endorsements must be accorded these spelling matches, for there is every evidence that they are the source of great benefit to all the students—especially to those who enter the contests. This contest was won by the team put up by the Excelsior Society. There was a team representative of each society and the result of the match was: Excelsiors first, Nonpareils second, Reliance third, and Winonas fourth. Mr. Daly gave out the words for the oral spelling and Mr. Iliff acted as judge and “keeper of records” in the matter.

On the evening of Saturday, December 27, there was a reception given by the Mitchell Hall boys and the larger boys of Brewer Hall to the McBride Hall girls, and this, too, proved a joyous affair in every way.

The Chapel services on Sunday evening, December 28, which were in charge of Supt. Hall, were of an unusually pleasing character and of a high order. They really partook quite largely of the Christmas spirit and proved in harmony with the season.

On Monday evening, December 29, there was joy everywhere. There was a reception by the McBride Hall girls, at their quarters, to the Mitchell Hall boys and the larger boys of Brewer Hall. There was a nice program and refreshments of a most delicious character were served throughout the evening. It should be stated before going further with this article that at every reception fine programs were rendered and delicious refreshments served. On Monday evening, aside from the reception at McBride Hall the little boys and girls had the time of their young lives at Winona Hall, and during the same time the middle-sized boys and girls were making merry at the large gymnasium. Refreshments were served at both of the latter places and the lunches were prepared by Mrs. Brewer. She had some 450 students to prepare for and all will testify that she proved again her capacity for mastery over large undertakings in a culinary way. The thanks of all are hers. All three of the parties which occurred on Monday evening were unqualified successes—nice in every way and without a jarring note. Surely it is a joy to make this statement.

On Tuesday evening, December 30, the senior class of 20 members gave a play entitled “The Varsity Coach.” Mrs. Risser, senior teacher, was their coach in putting on the play and she and the players are all entitled to praise, as the production was most pleasing in every way. Owing to unexpected delay in the arrival of the play it was necessary that all grind early

and late at the last moment—but it was worth while.

There were quite a number of outsiders in attendance at the play and it was liberally patronized by our own people, and for all it proved a pleasant evening.

As specialties Marina Nelson appeared before the curtain with her guitar and sang a couple of songs, playing her own accompaniment. She sang well and her number was well received. Another diversion before the curtain was a ventriloquist stunt in which Elizabeth Montgomery appeared in Oriental costume with her “dummy”—not by any means dumb, by the way—and proceeded to liven up things with wonderful demonstrations of the silent art, which really was not silent. The silent figure in some way put across a number of local hits that seemed to catch the crowd. We are making a respectful guess that Hattie Martin was the “dummy” that was not dumb.

On Wednesday evening at 7:45 figures of men and women, boys and girls, in every conceivable sort of make-up began to assemble in the big gymnasium. The occasion was a frolic in the nature of a mardi gras—a picnic wherein the revelers were en masque. Those who were not masked had as much enjoyment, to judge from appearances, as the maskers themselves—and all enjoyed the occasion as much as possible it seemed to the writer. Some very fine costumes were in evidence, proving that neither time nor expense had been limited in the making of apparel for disguises. There was much speculation as to the identity of various individuals and regarding certain couples. Great ingenuity was shown in carrying out the various characters represented. All in all it was a party to be remembered always and was a fitting manner in which to pass the last few hours of the dying year.

New Years Day dawned crisp and frosty and later the sun came out and stayed out all day. The birthday of 1920 was perfect in every way and if it was indicative of what the coming twelve months are to be we shall have no cause to complain. The day passed off in much the same manner as the others of the holiday period. In the evening there was a moving picture entertainment in the auditorium for the enjoyment of all.

This tells the story of our holidays and of the never-to-be-forgotten incidents which Supt. Hall made it possible for all at Chemawa to enjoy. We are certain that we voice the sentiment of all when we state that we had a glorious time. Our play time is now over—let us again put our thoughts and endeavors upon the serious things of life.

“It is more blessed to give than to receive,” but he who receives in the spirit in which it is given him is also truly blest.