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THE HOLIDAYS AT CHEMAWA

A Week of Entertainment for All—Educational and Athletic Features, Together With Many Social Functions of Varying Character Made the Mid-Winter Holidays Memorable

Christmas, 1920, at Chemawa is now but a memory—a most pleasant one, though. It certainly marked an era of joy for all. Never in the history of the school have our people, old and young, experienced such a joyous time. Supt. Hall, the prime mover in all matters pertaining to the series of holiday events, had left nothing in his power undone which would in any way contribute to the happiness of those about him. He established an atmosphere which radiated about all and the "Spirit of Christmas" proved a contagion. All were happy.

It is really hard to state just when Christmas started at our school. For instance, on the evening of the 23rd some of the classes had programs and trees in their rooms in the academic building. Many friends were invited to these functions and all reports indicate that the classes, each and all, did themselves proud.

The following evening the pupils of the lower classes put on a program in the auditorium. This was strictly a Christmas entertainment, and a most pleasing one, too. All acquitted themselves with credit to themselves and their instructors. They did so excellently that they more than enthused a large audience.

Following the program those of some of the dormitories "had their Christmas tree" and there was joy, gratitude and real happiness on every side. Some, if reports are correct, were so happy and excited that they could not sleep and they formed watch parties and saw the Star of Bethlehem appear in the east.

Early in the morning Mrs. Turney and her choir made the rounds of the grounds and sang Christmas carols, to the delight of all. The choir gave their carols excellently and their voices proved a most pleasing wakening alarm for many slumbering people. After making the rounds of the campus all choir members repaired to the Catholic chapel, where they sang during early mass by Father Gall. Then came breakfast.

During the forenoon of Christmas Day Bandmaster

Bent and his band boys went about from building to building and serenaded all. This was a feature much appreciated and added to the band's admirers and supporters.

During the forenoon of Christmas Day there were two basketball games pulled off—Senior Girls vs. High School Girls, and Senior Boys vs. High School Boys. In the girls' game the Seniors lost and in the boys' game the Seniors won. Both contests proved of great interest and the rooters got a chance to yell and boost to their hearts' content.

Shortly after these games the bugle sounded the dinner call. It should be needless to say that all responded without urging. They marched into the spacious dining hall to music by the orchestra and after singing grace began to partake of a splendid dinner. Supt. Hall was present and the majority of the employes, who took hold in every way possible to serve the pupils and make their dinner a great success and they certainly succeeded. The orchestra played during the entire meal. Many visitors were present and were lavish in their praise of the dinner and the service. The dining-room was artistically decorated and was beautiful and the dinner was perfectly cooked and for all of this thanks are due Miss Skipton and Mrs. Brewer and their efficient helpers.

On the evening of Christmas the students enjoyed a social for a couple of hours in the large gym. This occasion was one of much joy for all.

Sunday, Dec. 26, was devoted to observances of the Sabbath in which the Christmas spirit was also in evidence. Father Gall for the Catholics and Miss Aiken for the Protestants, each led in the services of the day. Miss Aiken gave a special Christmas program at 10:00 a. m. At a late day Mrs. Hall had an inspiration which was carried out through the hearty cooperation of Mrs. Turney, music teacher, on Sunday evening at our regular chapel service. After all had assembled Supt. Hall gave a talk on Christmas and the possibilities of joy and happiness for all. It was an address replete with beautiful thoughts and sound advice. This was followed by a number by the orchestra after which the lights were switched off and the curtain run up and a spotlight thrown upon the stage.

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