

### THE HOLIDAYS AT CHEMAWA

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Here was a scene so beautiful as to baffle description. There was the Star of Bethlehem above the Madonna and the "new born king"—the babe in the lowly manger. The background of all was an immense wreath through which could be seen Biblical characters, and with the rising of the curtain the invisible choir began to sing "Holy Night." Later on the members of the choir filed onto the stage and sang a number of most touching and appropriate sacred offerings. Everything passed off as planned and proved of indescribable beauty and interest. It proved an evening never to be forgotten by those fortunate enough to be in attendance.

At about 10 o'clock on Monday morning there was a game of shinney between teams representing Mitchell and Brewer Halls. Nearly every-one on the ground attended and their presence was worth while for the game was a spirited affair from beginning to end. The score was close and in favor of Brewer Hall boys—3 to 2.

In the afternoon there were basketball games in the big gym. The Seniors Girls vs. Juniors Girls proved a very close and hotly-contested affair. It was nip-and-tuck from the first to the last whistle and ended in favor of the Senior Girls, 8 to 6.

This was followed by a game between Senior and Junior boys. This was a contest that put everybody on tip-toe and ended in a victory for the Seniors, ten to seven.

In the evening the Mitchell Hall boys were hosts to the girls of McBride Hall and the larger girls of Winona Hall. The reception was held in the gymnasium. The young men spared neither time nor expense to make this function a success in every way. They even had an orchestra from Salem as one of the features of the evening. The evening proved a joyous one for all and the hours passed all too quickly. At the proper time refreshments were served and shortly thereafter all repaired to quarters, a little tired but very happy.

Tuesday forenoon was devoted to necessary work in the various departments of the institution, there always being many things which require attention in a school like ours if the plant is to be kept up to the high standard which Chemawa maintains. The afternoon the students took as their own and entertained themselves in various ways. Let it suffice to state that the day was well spent and the spirit of Christmas was always in evidence.

In the evening there was a reception in the big gym by the small girls of Winona Hall for the occupants of the Small Boys' Home and the smaller boys of

Brewer Hall. In every way it proved a most joyous occasion and the little folks undoubtedly had the time of their lives. They seemed to enter into every feature of the evening whole-heartedly and there were no dull moments on the part of anybody. Visitors to the school spoke most highly of the pleasure that the little folks' party gave them. At a fitting hour a party of happy youngsters repaired to quarters, thus ending another day of our holiday week.

Wednesday morning was devoted to the usual routine work of the school and cleaning up about the various buildings and the campus generally. In the afternoon nearly everybody repaired to the gymnasium and witnessed a couple of basketball games. The first game was played by girls, Freshies vs. Sophomores, and was most interesting from every angle. The Sophomores won by a score of 10 to 3. This game was followed by a game by the boys, Freshies vs. Sophomores, and it, too, proved interesting to watch even though it was more one-sided than the game by the girls. This game went to the Freshies to the tune of 42 to 12.

In the evening the larger girls of the school gave a reception to the larger boys. The gym was resplendent in decorations, evergreens, pennants, mottos and various other attractive features—in fact, the young ladies had left no stone unturned which would in any way make the evening memorable and enjoyable for their large party of guests. Shortly after all had assembled they gave a most pleasing program of a musical and literary character which brought unstinted praise from every-one present. Games, music, conversation and many unique diversions gave pleasure to all and helped pass the evening all too quickly. During the entire evening the young ladies served delicious refreshments and in every possible way tried to entertain their guests. They succeeded fully in everything they undertook and won praise from one and all. As hostesses they took the highest rank.

On Thursday evening four representatives from each of the four literary societies, Nonpareil, Winona, Excelsior and Reliance, met in the auditorium in their annual spelling contest for a cup. The contest was based upon both written and oral work and was won by the Reliance boys. It was a good contest, of interest and benefit to all. Mr. Devol gave out the words and Mr. Iliff held the speller on the various contestants and kept tally on their spelling.

Just preceding the spelling contest Mr. Paul Petri, a noted singer from Portland, gave a short song recital accompanied by Mrs. Petri on the piano. This was a genuine treat for all. The songs were unusually happy in their fitness and appropriateness for the occasion and were rendered to perfection. We have never heard a finer singer than Mr. Petri and the support given him by Mrs. Petri was of the highest order. Here we have a couple of artists of great magnitude whose many years of European training under some of the world's most famous masters have helped them into a class by themselves. Their work is superb in every way. In behalf of the school we thank them for the splendid treat given us.