

## CHEMAWA ENJOYS HOLIDAYS

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During the afternoon of Christmas day there were games and athletic contests in the gymnasium which proved of interest to the large crowd in attendance. Under another head and in another column will be found a record of the various athletic stunts pulled off during our holiday season, so we shall not attempt to enumerate them here.

On Christmas night the boys of Mitchell Hall and the larger boys of Brewer Hall held a reception in the gym in honor of the McBride Hall girls and the larger girls of Winona Hall. In every way it proved a memorable social function, worthy in every way of being chronicled along with Chemawa's past achievements in social circles and upholding the traditions of our great school. There was everything that could in any way add to the comfort of the guests—music, enjoyable conversation, a short program by the hosts, and most plentiful and delicious refreshments. Enjoyment filled the hall and the evening passed all too quickly. The hosts proved themselves in a class alone. Their reception was a great success.

On Tuesday evening the little folk of the school were tendered a party. Hundreds of little people enlivened the big gym and made the rafters ring. Did they have a good time? They did—they had a glorious time! The hours passed by as minutes amidst an animated humming and buzzing that would have made humming birds and buzzing bees sound like pikers. Good for our little men and women, for they can extract the last bit of enjoyment from an event of this character. Light refreshments were served. It proved an evening which the youngsters will not soon forget.

On Wednesday evening there was a merry social again in the big gym. By the way, it must be stated at the outset that the gymnasium was beautifully decorated and was in every way in keeping with the occasion. On this memorable evening the young ladies of McBride Hall and the larger girls of Winona Hall entertained in regal style the large boys of Mitchell and Brewer Halls. They had a brief, but most enjoyable and interesting program of a musical and literary character, during which Miss Laura Hudson, a visitor at Chemawa, sang to the delight of all. The entire evening had no dull moments—it was a joyous time for all and time for "good nights" came all too soon for the young people. At the proper time dainty refreshments were served. The young ladies overlooked nothing that could in any way contribute to the comfort and enjoyment of their guests, a feature favorably commented on by many faculty guests. As hostesses the girls are in a class all their own—unbeatable and hard to equal.

On Thursday evening the annual spelling contest occurred and proved most interesting in every way. The contest was between the four upper-class literary societies of the school, Winona, Nonpareil, Reliance

and Excelsior, each society being represented by four spellers. The various society members had been allotted separate sections of the house and they took turns in giving their society yells and songs in support of their representatives, making the auditorium echo with their clever stunts.

Miss Weaver gave out the words and Mr. Iliff and Miss Stanley were judges. The contest was well worth while and we are strong supporters of work of this character because it is beneficial in many ways. The Nonpareil girls walked off with the honors; the Reliance took second place, the Winonas third, the Excelsiors fourth. We are pleased to state that perfect good will prevailed and all took their defeat gracefully. Rose Seeds, a Nonpareil, proved the best individual speller.

On Friday evening all enjoyed movies in the school auditorium. The main production featured Douglas Fairbanks and proved a most pleasing bit of entertainment. It was clean in every way and showed the criminals thwarted. A nice travelogue added to the pleasure of the evening.

On Saturday evening there was a costume party in the big gym and all was as "merry as a marriage bell," despite the "awfulness" of the weather outside. It is always miraculous that the students are able on occasions like this to conceive such striking, and in many instances such beautiful costumes. A number of prizes were awarded for the best costumes representing certain characteristic features required. It proved a most pleasing evening in every way.

On Sunday the usual morning, afternoon and evening religious services were held. In the evening during chapel exercises Mr. Paul Petri, who with his wife was visiting friends at the school, sang for those assembled. He was in splendid voice and was recalled again and again. Mrs. Petri, pianist and teacher, played Mr. Petri's accompaniments. Both are favorites with our people and are ever welcome guests. Supt. Hall closed the exercises with a strong talk in which he admonished all to remember the blessings as well as the mistakes of the year just passed and to profit by them during the coming year—1923. It was a splendid talk in every sense of the word—well spoken and fitting to the occasion.

New Year's Eve found very few watch parties at Chemawa, but the few that were formed reported good times as the old year passed to nothingness and the new year slipped in. May the blessings of peace and plenty be and abide with all of us during 1923 and ever after.

To sum up, we declare that Chemawa never enjoyed a better or happier mid-winter holidays week. It was wonderful. The spirit of Christmas at an institution like this must emanate from the superintendent and at Chemawa it certainly did.

In looking back of the events over the week Supt. Hall should find much that will add to his gratification, personally, while the rest of us should feel that a vote of thanks is due him, for he was certainly the "moving spirit" of it all. However, to the credit of all, employes and pupils, it must be said that a magnificent spirit was everywhere manifested. Now we have only our memories left—let us all cherish them.