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## THE HOLIDAYS AT CHEMAWA

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Christmas that has been given for years and it seems as though it grows better with each succeeding year. The singing, the lighting, the scriptural reading, the tableau—all just splendid. There were many outside visitors present from Salem and other places and they were strong in their praise of what they saw.

On Monday afternoon sports in the gym provided entertainment and excitement a-plenty for a large crowd of spectators. The contestants in the various events were representatives from the Junior and Sophomore classes. Both boys and girls participated and excitement ran high. Almost everything known in in-door sports was pulled off and all were both willing and enthusiastic. The meet went to the Sophomores, but it was by no means a one-sided affair. We have a mighty bunch of sports, and the same can be said of our fans, chief among whom is Supt. Hall.

At seven o'clock on Monday evening members of the Nonpareil, Winona, Reliance and Excelsior literary societies and many employes gathered in the auditorium in attendance at the annual spelling contest between representatives of the various societies. Each literary society entered a team of four of their best spellers, making a total of sixteen contestants. Mr. Iliff, Miss Earlougher, Miss Gunn and Miss Caryl acted as judges. The Nonpareils were in the first place at the end of the contest, then followed in the order named the Reliance, Excelsior and Winona representatives. Mr. Carroll gave out the words.

Evelyn Iall was the last to go down. She was a Nonpareil representative and certainly proved herself a good speller. The truth of the matter is that the contest proved that Chemawa has many good spellers, and the showing made was exceptionally creditable. When Mr. Iliff took the platform to announce the findings of the judges there was in evidence the "hush of expectancy," but it endured only until the announcement of the winner was made. He had a hard time making himself heard in various other matters of detail which he had to give in regard to the contest. It was a fine contest—one of real value for the participants. We hope to see this feature of our holidays continued in the future on the same lines as during

the past several years.

Mabel Desautel of the Nonpareils made a hundred percent in the writing test and one of her teammates, Evelyn Iall, spelled the greatest number of words, having spelled 99 in the written contest and 48 in the oral contest. The last four of the contestants to remain standing were Evelyn Iall and Matilda Turcotte of the Nonpareil Society, Grace Johnson of the Winona Society, and Louis Dupuis of the Excelsior Society.

The members of the Nonpareil team were Evelyn Iall, Matilda Turcotte, Mable Desautel and Francis Culbertson. The Winona team was composed of Grace Johnson, Mable Bremner, Mae Donnelly and Gertrude Caisse. The members of the Excelsior team were Louis Dupuis, Clifford McLeod, Floyd Dupuis and Jessie Morgan. Raymond Haldane, Raymond Jones, William Markistum and Daniel Constantino spelled for the Reliance Society.

On Tuesday afternoon the Freshmen and Eighth-graders staged a series of athletic contests in the gym. This, too, proved "some" contest. Boys and girls from both classes participated. There were wrestling matches, tug-o'-war, potato race, basketball, boxing bouts, and a sort of blindfold battle royal for boxers—the latter being a "hummer." This was certainly an afternoon for athletic entertainment. Both good humor and true sportsmanship prevailed. The meet was awarded to the Eighth-graders.

On Tuesday evening, December 29, our basketball team met the splendid team representing the Lewis and Clark high school of Spokane. This team proved worthy foemen of our boys and it was a case of "nip and tuck" from beginning to end, with results "see-sawing" accordingly until near the close of the session. Our boys won out in a score of 20 to 16, and they know how they won, too—by fighting for it! The visitors not only proved a splendid basketball aggregation, but a bunch of true sportsmen—splendid fellows and good losers. They made many friends at Chemawa.

During the week there was a sort of continuous sport tournament in progress to determine which class should be designated the champions. This matter was definitely settled on Wednesday afternoon when the final contests were pulled off. The honors went to the sophomore class. The victory of the sophomores was clear cut and honestly won. It will go down in local history that in sporting events the sophomores were "it" in 1925.

One of our scheduled sporting events which had been anticipated with more than the usual interest was the basketball game of our boys against a team repre-

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