

# The CHEMAWA AMERICAN

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## ATHLETIC NOTES

Since the elimination games were pulled off our basketball squad has been fast rounding into shape for the first games of the season, which will likely be played here this week. Mr. Bent, our manager, has been flooded with requests, but has been holding off to give the team a chance to get in shape. Since the squad has been cut to a working size and practice in earnest has replaced test games the regulars have been hard pressed by some of the new men who are making a way for themselves on the first team. If the new prospects continue to improve as they have during the past week we stand in a fair way to have a successful season.

We have in James Spencer, a tall and husky fellow, a strong bidder for the center position. Along with him are Charles DePoe and Allie Smith, forwards; Raymond Haldane and Joe Peratrovich, guards. These five form the biggest threat to replace tottering regulars that we have and they have been hot on the trail of the varsity lately and some real practice games have resulted. Not to be outdone by these fellows, Captain Reginald DePoe, center; Dewey Matt and Eldred George, forwards; Peter Rassmussen, Jack Abraham and Roy Peratrovich guards, have been making enough tracks around the gym floor to maintain a slight margin.

Last season our team was victorious in sixteen out of its nineteen games. If we repeat this it will be because we have gotten off to a good start and our reserve strength is strong enough to carry us through, for a heavy schedule is confronting us. In football a team is only as good as its reserve strength. In basketball it is much the same, for a good second team will make a good first team.

Just at present our passing is anything but fast and the basket seems to be a thing no one is able to locate, but both these departments have improved somewhat over the last week.

Class and Literary society basketball among the girls has come to life and each afternoon the gym fills up with girls of these organizations to pass time in

that sport. Mrs. Downie has the work in charge and declares there are many fine players on these teams.

## LITERARY SOCIETIES

The Excelsior and Reliance literary society programs last Friday evening were in the nature of spelling matches. These programs were the shadows of a coming event—the annual spelling contest between the various senior societies.

The Nonpareil girls at their last meeting held a song contest for the 8th grade, freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior classes, as well as the college girls. The various prizes consisted of cookies, cakes, candy and soda crackers. The judges of the contest were Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Bent and Mr. James. The contest aroused considerable enthusiasm.

The Winona Literary Society held an interesting meeting recently in room 8 of the school building. After a short program Miss Houk, the visitor of the evening, favored the members with several musical numbers. This was followed, by a most encouraging talk by the adviser, Miss Judd, after which the society adjourned.

## MACHINE SHOP

Last week one of the water pumps broke down. The cylinder flange was broken and a new one was made.

There has been considerable work done by the carpenters in the machine shop. We thank them for their help.

A set of piston rings have been made and they are ready for use. The auto mechanics will put them in action within a short time. They go on a sprayer.

The meat grinder in the students' kitchen is operated by hand power. We will have it geared up to a motor this week. It will make work easier for the girls.

On Wednesday morning the senior girls entertained the weekly assembly. Evelyn Iyall was chairwoman. The class sang a song. Harriet Hill gave a talk on the Red Cross. Gertrude Caisse recited "Reflections by the Sea," written by Mr. Turney. Edna Audette, Anna Peratrovich, Harriet Hill and Grace Johnson gave a vocal quartet and responded with an encore. Mabel Bremner asked current event questions. In the afternoon Miss Gunn's eighth grade girls had charge of the program. Grace Munson presided. The class sang two songs in a "tip top" manner. Carmen Chamberlain gave the story of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" and Natalia Buzeroff asked current event questions.