

THE HOLIDAY WEEK

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an inspiring service. The various scenes attending the birth of Christ are portrayed, and the scriptural reading, the beautiful and impressive Christmas songs, the action, everything, makes a never-to-be-forgotten impression on one and creates an atmosphere for better thoughts, better living, and for the ennobling of mankind. Much work attends this and it falls upon Mrs. Turney and her efficient choir members. Credit must also be given to Miss White, who year after year assists in the action and the stage setting and lighting. This is truly a beautiful feature of our Christmas.

On Monday afternoon, December the 27th, the big gym was the scene of much excitement because of the athletic rivalry of the seniors and the juniors and both boys and girls of these classes were on hand to settle the matter of supremacy—do or die. Basketball games, chariot races, relay races, etc., were indulged in and at the close of the contest it was announced that the juniors were victorious. The various events proved of great interest to all.

The evening was taken up by a spelling contest between the four senior literary societies—the Excelsiors, Winonas, Reliance and Nonpareils. The contest was of both written and oral tests, the written tests being given in the morning. Mr. Kline gave out the words for the oral test of the evening and Mr. and Mrs. Iliff, Mrs. Cardy, and Misses Earlougher, Foster and Beatty acted as judges. Each of the various societies had four representatives in the match, making in all sixteen spellers. The contest was a good one, creditable to all societies and all participators. Evelyn Iyall proved the best individual speller and the Nonpareils won the match, the Reliance was second, Winonas third, and the Excelsiors last. We are very enthusiastic supporters of spelling matches and believe that more of them than we have had in the past would prove of benefit at our school.

On Tuesday afternoon there was a clash of the Freshmen and Sophomores over the little matter of athletic supremacy. The various contests indulged in featured the same athletic stunts that entertained those at the gym on the previous afternoon. It proved an interesting series of contests and there was much "rooting" and general enthusiasm and when the smoke of battle had lifted it was discovered that the Freshmen had won the laurel wreath as a token of victory.

In the evening our first team of basketball players met the Highland team of Portland, the 1926 champions of the metropolis, on our own court and walloped them unmercifully. They appeared unequal to the task of providing even interesting competition for our boys. An account of the game will appear in another column.

On Wednesday afternoon the Junior and Freshmen classes fought out the final contest which settled the matter of class athletic supremacy. Basketball and other games and contests were indulged in and a most interesting couple of hours were passed by a large crowd at the gym. When the events were over it was found that the Freshmen were the victors.

In the basketball game two extra periods of play were necessary to decide the winners, which, it will be noted, showed that the teams were tied twice. This is reported to have been the most exciting class basketball game of the year at Chemawa.

In the evening our first team met the Black Cats of Salem. The "Cats" proved a repelling "black" alright. They are a club team and they defeated our boys.

On Thursday afternoon the interest of all parties was centered on the series of athletic contests to be held in the gym between teams representing the States and Alaska. This was a real contest alright, and some of the events were both close and thrilling. It was hard in the beginning to forecast the winners, but when all was over the States were the victors. The contest between the States and Alaska has become an annual event and one of much interest among our students.

In the evening there was a reception in the gym held by the smaller Winona Hall girls and the girls of Hawley Hall in honor of the younger boys in Mitchell hall and the Small Boys' Home. This was a nice affair in every way; good music, prizes for certain contests, delicious refreshments, and a lot of joy and good will. It was a memorable time for our young people.

There was much hustling on the part of McBride Hall girls and the large girls of Winona Hall during the greater part of Friday in preparation for the costume party they were sponsoring that evening. This was the last event of 1926 and it proved in every way successful. The large gym was decorated beautifully and each hostess was a "committee of one" to see that the guests had a good time—and they did! It was a glorious time for all. At the proper time delicious refreshments were served and it was almost time for "Happy New Year" cries when they went to quarters.

At noon on New Year's Day the members of the senior class acted as waiters and the orchestra played during the dinner for the students. This was the starting of a new scheme of things here and we predict it will become an annual custom. Supt. McGregor was responsible for the "New Year's dinner and he is enthusiastically supported by the entire student body. During the meal a large barrel of candy was distributed among the students.

We feel that our holiday period was in every way successful. It was a happy time for all. The students from beginning to end conducted themselves most decorously and their deportment was truly pleasing to Mr. McGregor, who stated in chapel on Sunday evening that the conduct of the student body was most pleasing to him. We've all had our "good time," so let us buckle down to work and make 1927 worth while.