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ATHLETIC NOTES

Last week our readers were warned not to be surprised if our team met its second defeat of the season when they played the Salem Black Cats on Tuesday. But it pleases us to announce that the Cats were defeated 30 to 26. We also wish to verify the statement of many that it was "some game"—not a dull moment in it, but a battle-royal to the end.

Considering that these same Black Cats held the O. A. C. varsity to a 28-26 score just a few nights previous makes it a signal victory for our team. Even to have held them to a close score would have been nothing short of remarkable. But our team took the lead from the start and by playing superior ball held it until almost the close of the game, when the Cats tied the score, 24 all. At this point the veteran Black Cat five forged ahead, 26 to 24, and were now scratching more viciously than ever and for a moment it looked like another victory gone. But the splendid fighting power of our team, coupled with the undaunted spirit of our student body and band, evened up the score, 26-26. That which preceded this tie score and what every one thought was wonderful basketball proved to be just child-play compared with what followed. We cannot describe the speed of that game. The words "fast" and "speedy" sound like snail motion compared with the way those ten men tore around the court to win the game. Here our band struck up "On Chemawa" and on they went, and in the last two minutes they held the ball almost continually and dropped two more counters through the rim for the final score.

Never have we witnessed a game when the enthusiasm ran so high and the interest so keen as was shown in this game. The yelling and cheering of our boys and girls would be hard to equal. The way they responded to their cheer leader was wonderful. Their singing accompanied by the band had real and telling effect and because of it Captain DePoe, Dewey Matt, Pete Rassmussen, Roy Peratrovich and Eldred George, all of whom played a whale of a game, were able to "bring home the bacon."

But on the following Saturday these same five boys journeyed to West Lynn where the team of that school put the skids under them 34 to 26. Our boys fought desperately, but the 19 to 7 score of the first half was too much of a lead to overcome.

That man, "Over-confidence," is a bad actor and once in his clutches the victim is seldom released without first paying the price of defeat. Victory is sweet, but it must be paid for by hard work before as well as during the contest. West Lynn has a fine team and they are counting strongly on walking off with the state tournament honors, but our team didn't wake up to that fact until it was too late and their desperate efforts were in vain.

The best time to count your victories is after the game, for it is always the little fellows that pull the unexpected and spill the "dope" bucket.

Tonight we play the City of Portland team here. We should lead them to the woods, but if we really do so it will be with a struggle and we beg for the fine support of our student body and band.

OUR GIRLS IN PORTLAND

Nine girls of the Chemawa Y. W. C. A. drove to Portland on Sunday afternoon to give the program for the Vesper Service of the Portland Y. W. C. A. The large auditorium was filled with interested listeners. Grace Peterson presided and introduced the various people who appeared on the program, including Harriet Hill, who led the devotional service, Flora Dexter who acted as pianist, the girls' quartet, Grace Johnson, Emily Ivanoff, Harriet Hill and Grace Peterson, who sang two quartet numbers, and Anna Peratrovich, who gave the main talk of the afternoon on the subject of four-fold life, and the need of every girl developing this all-around life. In the audience were some fifteen or twenty former Chemawa students, who came to the platform at the close of the program and joined with the other girls in singing, as a closing number, our Y. W. C. A. hymn, "Follow the Gleam."

A group of these former students, including Ida Escholt, Josephine Sommers, Josephine Nelson, Emily Johnson, and Julia and Martha Fratis, had prepared a delicious supper which they served to the Chemawa girls before they started home. The crowning surprise of this delightful supper table was an immense decorated cake bearing the word "CHEMAWA" in red letters on the white frosting. This was the gift of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, and needless to say it was much appreciated by the fortunate ones who had a share in it. Miss Eakin accompanied our young ladies on the trip.

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