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CHRISTMAS

The Yule Tide Season

*Chemawa Enjoys the Holidays and Observes Occasion in
Memorable Fashion—Fine Time for All—Many Presents—
Mirth, Music and Good Will Toward Men*

Christmas has passed again and we are now settled into the routine of 1929. May the new year be a happy one for all—we believe it will be. What is finer than Christmas—the mid-winter holidays? For those of the younger generation the yule tide season brings a joy different in many ways than any other occasion in life. It seems to carry with it a little more of genuine joy and good will than other days of a holiday nature. For younger people it has a joy and a thrill all its own. Its places in their hearts something which time can never eradicate wholly.

For weeks many of our smaller and younger students had been planning for the event and counting the days until the "day of days" would arrive. Great is the anticipation of youth! It is difficult to state with assurance just when our Christmas observance really began. From Supt. Lipps and his assistant, Mr. Carroll, on down throughout the faculty there was an evidence of the "Spirit of Christmas" long before the day arrived—and maybe that marked the beginning of our yule tide, we cannot say, as we are not noted as a psychologist.

It might have had its first material observation in the band, for early in the morning of the Saturday before Christmas Mr. Kunkel, our esteemed bandmaster, staged a little demonstration and presented gifts to his musical charges. He stole a march on them—took them somewhat by surprise, but they evened up on him at the next meeting of the organization by presenting him with a director's baton. The band did not lead by any large margin in starting things off, for the printers had their annual "big cats" banquet at the hour of 11:00 o'clock on the same day. This is always a great occasion in local printdom and is immensely enjoyed by all from the lowly "devil" to the chief warrior of the department.

In the evening of December 22nd Mrs. Kline and Mrs. Reid put on a Christmas entertainment with pupils of the lower grades. This proved a most enjoyable evening for all and it was of especial credit to

both Mrs. Kline and Mrs. Reid and the young people who took parts in the affair. We are able at this stage of our account to mention the fact that Victor Smith was Santa Claus and that Victor really does not belong in the class of the youngsters with whom he worked on this occasion. Santa Claus can take lessons with profit from Victor. It was a most pleasing affair all around.

At the conclusion of the entertainment above-mentioned the various classes enjoyed "Christmas tree" festivities in their school rooms, and here, too, there was joy, and much of it.

During the forenoon of Sunday, Dec. 23rd, the Catholic and Protestant students enjoyed special religious Christmas programs in their separate chapels and the "joys of the season" took on a somewhat different atmosphere.

On Sunday evening Mrs. Turney and her choir gave what has grown to be an annual program at Chemawa—what may be, for lack of a better name, called a pageant. The various events attending the birth of Christ are featured in this program and Christmas carols are sung throughout. It always proves impressive and carries a lesson unlike anything else. There is an atmosphere about this pageant that cannot fail to assist in making one feel inclined to be a better man, woman or child. This pageant always takes place on our auditorium stage during our regular Sunday evening Chapel hour. Mrs. Turney gratefully acknowledges valuable assistance from Mrs. Reid and Miss White in her auditorium work, and from Mrs. Lobdell for assisting choir members in their memory work—also from the loyal choir members themselves. It proved worthy the efforts of all.

On the Monday following there was unusual activity on all sides in preparation for Christmas Day. In the evening there were Christmas trees in the various dormitories and in some instances most interesting programs added to the interest and enjoyment of the occasion.

After a night, which for some of them seemed all too short, Mrs. Turney and her choir members were about the grounds before 4:00 o'clock on Christmas morning singing carols. All of the dormitories and many private homes were visited. At 5:00 o'clock the choir went in a body to the Catholic chapel where

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