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ATHLETIC NOTES

Yesterday evening the boys' and girls' basketball teams played at West Lynn. An account of the games will be given in the next issue. Both teams have been handicapped all season. The boys have played hard but as yet have brought home no bacon. But much of their ill-luck can be attributed to the fact that so far only two regulars have gotten into the line-up. The girls have a new and untried squad. The game last night was their first. None have had a chance to show what they can do so we predict nothing.

Next Friday a week our first home game will be played. Franklin high school comes here. No doubt all will be glad to see the team in action and the boys will be glad to play on their own stamping ground because so far all our games have been away from home. In all probability a large number of candidates will be given an opportunity to show their wares in this game, unless some of our hoopers improve greatly, for though it is late in the season our team has had so little chance to work together that their playing, though hard, is very ragged at best, and none of the places have been definitely won. For the past two weeks our first two teams have battled long and hard every evening for supremacy. First one team winning, then the other. But as it has already been said, they have worked together so little that consistent playing is too much to be expected, as still a horde of poorly timed passes are made, basket shooting very weak, and a sad lack of proper maneuvering on the floor. Any way there is still no need for tears as every man on the squad is playing real hard basketball, and from such keen competition something good will surely develop.

Eldred George and Jesse Prettyman, forwards; Jim Spencer, center; Roy Peratrovich and George Meachem, guards, are the boys around whom we had centered our hopes, but all of them except Roy have been slow rounding into their usual playing form. Roy is playing the most effective guarding game of his career. He is faster and his basket shooting surpasses anything we hoped for. It really seems that the knack of shooting baskets has finally come to him. He has been dropping in from all angles. However, Eldred

George, Jesse Prettyman and Jim Spencer are way below par in shooting baskets and working the floor, which heretofore made them stellar players. They are coming along and probably will be hitting their stride by the time of the Franklin game.

Isaac Curley broke a small bone in his foot in a game during the holidays and has been out ever since. Isaac looked like the boy to fill the center position left vacant by Peter Rassmussen who graduated last year and a lot of hope rested with him, but his untimely accident has retarded the progress of the team to the extent that we are still trying to discover a man for the center position. George Meachem, like Curley, looked so good at the start of the season that it was thought he was sure to grab a permanent position, either guard or forward, but a severely sprained hand has kept him on the sideline. If these two boys recover, and the veterans ever find themselves, we will have a team, for we have in the boys who make up the second five the strongest competition our first teams have had in years and those boys are: Leonard Vivette, Dowd Franklin, Marcus Simons, Alonzo Hoover, Levi Frank, and Jesse Wetzel, forwards; Ronald Leaske, center; Clifford Meachem, San Simons, and William Smith, guards. This outfit trims the veterans occasionally and among them are some real contenders for places on the team, even though many of them are first year men.

The fact that every man on the squad is out to win a place is the biggest ray of hope we have. So far all of our attempts have been failures, that is, as far as games won and lost are concerned, and some of them bad enough to weaken the strongest hearted, but our hoopers have not yet turned back but are sticking to the ship, so we can still look for results. No man is licked until he yells "enough." And our boys haven't yelled.

ESCORTS

Sunday, Jan. 20—McBride	-	-	Mrs. Hauser
Winona	-	-	Miss Gunn
Hawley	-	-	Mr. Frost

Just as we were going to press we learned that Mr. Ralph Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Ross of Chemawa, had died of tuberculosis last Sunday evening in Southern California, where he had been sent a while back in the hope of benefitting his health. He is survived by a widow and young child in addition to his parents and other relatives and we extend sympathy for those upon whom the sad blow must fall heaviest. Too awfully bad!

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