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ATHLETIC NOTES

During the past week our basketball team has been thrice victorious. First the Salem Panthers were beaten 26 to 15. Next the Salem Ducks, who trounced us good early in the season, waddled away on the short end of a 35 to 22 score. On Friday the team managed to trim Woodburn high at Woodburn 21 to 15.

Against the Panthers Jesse Prettyman led our scorers with a total of fourteen points. Eldred George, with an even twenty points to his credit was the leading basket-shooter in the game against the Ducks. Against Woodburn, Eldred got started in the second half and again was high point man with twelve points. But it was only by persistent effort that he was able to corral those twelve markers. Whether it was the stiff competition of the night before, or over-confidence that wrecked team play in the first half, it is hard to say, but any way our five were unable to connect on their passes or with the basket and they did well to end the half with an even score of 8 to 8. Several changes were made in our line-up against Woodburn to check the "in" play of the lanky Woodburn hoopers who succeeded in drawing out our defense, especially the guards, for close shots. Brave Eagle replaced George Meachem and was later switched to forward for Prettyman when Clifford Meachem went in at guard. Leaske went in at center for Curley. The only two to last throughout the game were Captain Roy Peratrovich, guard, Eldred George, forward, both of whom are playing consistent ball and have been big factors in all the success we have thus far enjoyed.

The Panther and Duck games were thrillers. Both of those teams like nothing better than to take our five to the cleaners and when they meet there is a basketball treat for everybody. During the game it is all business and there is never any fooling or stalling around and both outfits go full blast for four long quarters, clean and fast. After the struggle there is that good old hand shake, slap on the back and that "come out again boys" and "you bet we will," that is good for all of us. That is the thing that takes the sting out of defeat and it is the hardest to do. The fellow who can give all he has got to win and then lose gracefully and with a smile stands out. He is "big." It takes real

"stuff" to do those things. As a rule the gloater in victory is also a poor loser. But to get back to our story we must give our guards, George Meachem and Captain Peratrovich, credit for the splendid defensive game they played in the first two games of the week. It is hard to believe, but the Ducks, who led at the close of the first half 18 to 17, were held to one lone field basket in the second half, and much of the credit goes to those two men.

We are reminded of the game played last week between our third and fourth teams and Reed College in which the college boys nosed out our aggregation by a single point. Mr. Mason, who accompanied the boys on the trip to Portland, tells us that the game was just as close and interesting as any big league contest he ever saw. At the close of the regular playing time the score stood 30 to 30. In fact the score was tied on several different figures and was a "go-getter" to the final second. However, Reed converted a try for point and won the game 31 to 30. Those who graced the maple court for us were: Jesse Wetzel, Dowd Franklin, Perry Smith, Jesse Kipp, forwards; Warren Wilder, center; Sam Simmons and William Smith, guards. A return game is to be played here soon.

Almost since the season opened we have been looking forward to what took place last night. Our team met Salem high school, the team that is reputed to be the strongest in this district and which is conceded to have the best chance to go to the tournament. But our team has practiced long and faithfully in an effort to get the inside track on Salem and lick them if we can. At this writing the game is not yet played and we don't want to make any rash statements, but we must admit the truth and that is that we believe we have more than a fighting chance to win and there will not be a more determined bunch to face Salem this season than our boys. All along our boys have been the "under dog," so to speak, because of their early season record, but since that time changes have been made and much improvement in both offensive and defensive playing has resulted and it may be a little hard for Salem to forget our early record and we intend to cash in on that situation. If Salem is over-confident then we should lick them in their own backyard. Any way it is going to be a real game.

Next Tuesday both the boys' and girls' teams from West Lynn will play here.

ESCORTS

Saturday, Feb. 9, to Salem	- - - - -	Mrs. Reid
Sunday, Feb. 10, McBride	- - - - -	Mrs. Klein
Winona	- - - - -	Mr. Klein
Hawley	- - - - -	Mr. J. Kunkel

A few days ago Supt. Lipps received a telegram from Commissioner Burke setting at rest any uneasiness that employees and students may have had respecting the continuance of Chemawa to the end of the school term. Additional funds have been assured sufficient to keep the school going until the end of May and now every-one at Chemawa should strive harder than ever to make this the most successful year the school has ever known.