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Work on the new dormitory for our small boys is going ahead by leaps and bounds. We are glad to note the progress being made.

The best conduct record was won this week by the band company, Alex Gouley, captain, of the boys' battalion, and company "B," Helen Donnelly, captain, of the girls' battalion.

The Nonpareil society will enjoy their annual party next Saturday. No doubt the big gym, where the affair will be held will prove a picture for the eye and there will be "a sound of revelry by night."

Last Monday was "All Fools' Day" and we confess to several "close calls" at the hands of some of our youthful friends who have been waiting a year for license to fool us. April 1st was instituted to serve youth—no doubt about it.

In literary work on The Chemawa American during the month of March the first prize went to Anna Philips and Margaret Sears secured the second prize. The writers' contest is still on and there are prizes in sight for work during April.

Well, once again Easter is but a memory—a pleasant one for many. Here in our immediate locality no rain fell to dampen the ladyship's new bonnet, so, according to the old saw, we are not to be blessed with "seven rainy Sundays."

It is now the season of the year when auto loads of people begin to show interest in us by motoring to the school about the time for flag salute on Sunday evenings to hear the band play and watch the manoeuvring of our various student companies.

It has been the custom at Chemawa to establish a senior class table just after Easter, allowing the classmates of years to have their meals together during the last few weeks of school. This week has seen the table established for the class of '29.

Early on Easter morning the senior class, following a custom established in former years, hied themselves to the woods just east of our campus and enjoyed a campfire breakfast. According to reports the affair was in every way delightful. We are informed that Miss White accompanied the party.

On Easter the wedding bells rang for a couple of Chemawa's citizens. Mr. Grant Decorah and Miss Agrifina Fratis were united in wedlock in Portland and returned to their home in Chemawa on the evening of Easter. Mr. Decorah is our shoe and harness maker and the newly-married couple will soon be settled in quarters convenient for housekeeping. Together with many friends of the contracting parties The American extends good wishes for a long, happy and prosperous life.

Four of our boys attended the Older Boys' Conference held in Salem last week. Those in attendance were: Archie Demmert, John Frenier, Charles Wishart and Frank Johnson. Frank Johnson was elected vice-president for the coming year. The theme of the conference was, "The Young Man's place in the World." This was, no doubt, an affair of both merit and value.

We are in receipt of a good letter from Mr. Gaston Wilder Fort, who recently transferred from Chemawa to Sherman Institute, near Riverside, Calif. Mr. Fort will have charge of the poultry industry at Sherman. He speaks in high praise of the school where he is now located, while he still remembers his friends at Chemawa. In his letter he mentioned the many fine features of our school which had become dear to him. Among other things, he said: "Please accept this as a personal letter of good wishes to every employe and student at Chemawa." Well, Mr. Fort, we can only say, "Thanks, and may your cup of happiness run over."

Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Hans Seitz of Salem visited Chemawa friends one evening last week. They brought with them Miss Winifred Byrd, nationally known pianiste, and during the evening a party including the above-mentioned visitors, together with Supt. and Mrs. Lipps, Miss Gunn, Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. Turney, gathered at the beautiful music studio and listened to a number of master works played by Chemawa's string quartet. Many nice things were said of the work of our quartet party. During the evening Miss Byrd favored those present with a piano solo of her own composition—a lovely creation in waltz form magnificently played.

During chapel exercises last Sunday evening Supt. Lipps spoke at some length of Easter, the origin of the same and its meaning both as a name and a season for the awakening of what may be termed rest or slumber. He also drew attention to the fact that it has grown into religious significance. He gave a word picture of observances similar to those of Easter by some of our Indian tribes, and of the simple and natural religious fervor of the tribesmen—a tribute to a higher power. It was a most able and interesting talk—a lesson for all. In addition to the discourse of Supt. Lipps, Miss Grace Peterson sang a solo, the choir contributed a number and the orchestra played an overture.

The chamber music concert on Monday evening was given for the members of the Junior class. The order and attention was most excellent. Aside from the class the following guests were in attendance: Supt. and Mrs. Lipps, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Wilson and daughter, Miss Marjorie, Mrs. Brickell, Mrs. Turney and Miss Gunn. At the close of the program Mrs. Wilson served Mrs. Turney and the members of the string quartet with delicious refreshments, and as additional guests she had Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Hall and Miss Lida Olsen of Salem and Mrs. Ebsen of O. S. C., Corvallis. The occasion was one of both interest and enjoyment for all and many thanks are due Mrs. Wilson, who is known as an ideal hostess.