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Mr. Henry Davis, foreman of construction on our new gymnasium, made a business trip to Portland last Thursday.

The annual "song and yell" contest will be held next Friday evening at 7:30 in the auditorium. This is to celebrate Chemawa's birthday.

Sunday was the birthday of Mr. Downie and Mrs. Downie and Mrs. Mason prepared a dinner in his honor, to which a few close friends were invited.

The band played on Monday evening for flag salute—the lowering of the colors. From now on, weather permitting, flag salute, with band, will be the order of the day. We are pleased to see this "observation" in effect again.

The Nonpareil Literary Society held a meeting on February 13th and elected new cabinet officers. The president is Armenia Plouffe; vice-president, Helen Monroe; secretary, Lottie Kipp; treasurer, Lillie Halsey; sergeant-at-arms, Alice Slater, and cheer leader, Rosalia Grounds.

Mr. A. S. Melovidoff, who has accepted a position at the school, acted as concert master of a little symphony orchestra which broadcasted over KOIN, Portland, last Monday evening. Since his arrival here our orchestra has been somewhat reorganized, Mr. Melovidoff taking first violin and Mr. Turney the double bass.

Chemawa is 51 years old today. The school was born at Forest Grove, Oregon, but moved to its present location about five years later—1885. For more than half a century our institution has stood for the best in life and no person on this earth can estimate the great good it has accomplished. Chemawa has lived a long and honorable life and we wish her "many happy returns of the day."

After an absence of more than 20 years, Jasper Grant returned last week for a brief visit at Chemawa—the school in which he at one time was enrolled. Since leaving here he has seen many sections of the earth. He appears prosperous and altogether most respectable and likeable in every way. We old-timers were all glad to see him. At present he is living in Humboldt County, California.

Hildred McCarty was called to Lapwai, Idaho, last week on account of the serious illness of her sister.

Friends of Mrs. Thomas Ross will be glad to learn that she is safely home from the hospital where she submitted to a surgical operation.

Last week the school secured another lot of fine apples—100 bushels. The apples were received by the garden detail, who looked after the proper storing of the fruit.

The carpenters are everlastingly serving others, but during the last few days they have taken "time out" to work for themselves and have placed two new windows and a door in their own shop.

There will no longer be any pondering of transportation matters for a couple of our Chemawa employes, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Theodore Turner. During the past few days the former purchased a Studebaker auto and the latter a Chevrolet. We congratulate both of our fellow-workers.

Space is at a premium with us this issue, but we wish to make it emphatic that the "open session" of the Reliance Literary Society last Saturday evening was a grand success from any point of view. A great deal of real talent was in evidence. The boys had given much time and thought to the program and it was not in vain—the same can be said for their advisor, Mr. Rainey. It was most creditable in every way.

The Salem Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Dr. R. W. Hans Seitz, will appear in our auditorium next Sunday evening, at which time a splendid musical program is promised. In a sense it is a Senior Class venture and we trust that all, old and young, far and near, will buy all the tickets we have printed. The admission fee is within the reach of all and we, *The American* force, hope that a capacity house will greet the Salem musicians on their appearance here.

Those who were assembled in the auditorium during the chapel hour on Sunday evening surely appreciated the fine talk of Supt. Lipps. On the Sunday before Mr. Lipps outlined the life and character of Lincoln and last Sunday evening he spoke of Washington, of his life, his achievements, his great perseverance in the face of adversity in the form of disheartening reverses and conditions. Only a true patriot and a great man could have achieved what Washington did, and Supt. Lipps gave many of us a different and better and more intimate view of this great national figure than we had hitherto held. It was a splendid talk—interesting and of value. In addition to the address Marie La France sang two lovely numbers splendidly and the choir and orchestra each were heard in selections that were pleasing to all. It was a good chapel session.