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THANKSGIVING

LET us be thankful—not alone because
Since last our universal thanks were told
We have grown greater in the world's applause,
And fortune's newer smiles surpass the old—
Let us be thankful—thankful for the prayers
Whose gracious answers were long delayed
That they might fall upon us unawares,
And bless us, as in greater need we prayed.

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Oregon Historical Society has selected "Marcus Whitman" as the subject for the 1935 C. C. Beekman History Prizes and Medals. The prizes are four in number, viz., first, sixty dollars; second, fifty dollars; third, forty dollars; and fourth, thirty dollars; and will be awarded for the four best original essays on the above named subject written and submitted by girls or boys over fifteen years of age and under eighteen years of age, attending any public or private school, academy seminary, college, university, or other educational institutions within the State of Oregon. Each of the four prize winners will also receive a handsome bronze medal.

Additional information regarding the contest will be sent to you by writing to the Oregon Historical Society in Portland, Oregon. The contest ends not later than Saturday, March 16, 1935.

FORMER STUDENT WRITES INTERESTING LETTER

We are in receipt of a very newsy and interesting letter from one of our former students. It is well written and we can't help but put it in print as his many friends will be glad to learn of the success of this ambitious lad.

March Field,
Riverside, Calif.
November 8, 1934

Dear Mr. Ryan:

It has been such a long time since I have written to you that you may be thinking I have forgotten you and the school, but, in reality I have been thinking quite often about all the friends I made while at Chemawa.

A little over a year ago I enlisted in the Air Corps and I can honestly say that I haven't regretted one moment of the time I've been here. However, I will not be here in March Field much longer. The whole Ninth Bombardment Squadron is

being transferred to Hamilton Field, which is located about seven miles from San Rafael.

Hamilton Field is a new field and will be used only for bomb squadrons. There will be three squadrons there; the ninth, eleventh and thirty-first. At the present they are all at March Field.

The ninth, which is the squadron that I'm in is the first of the three that is scheduled to move. We are to be at Hamilton Field not later than December fourth.

We have already been issued field packs and other things that are required when moving troops from one post to another.

After to-morrow we will be no more than just camping here, as we have to turn our beds into the supply department so they can get them ready to ship. We will be issued folding cots which will be taken up by truck later.

Since the last time I wrote to you we have received several new types of airplanes. The pursuit squadrons now have all new Boeing ships and the bomb squadrons have the new Martin bombers. Both the new ships are from a hundred to a hundred and fifty miles per hour faster than the old ones, but the bombers show greater improvement. They are of the monoplane cantilever wing type, and they carry from ten to fifteen hundred pounds more bombs than our older ones did. It used to take from six to seven hours to fly to San Francisco from here in the old planes. Now the average time is two hours and ten minutes. However, these ships will not stand the rough weather that the others would. These planes are so large and fast that when passing through the different straights of air they snap or twist suddenly and bound hard, where as the others were so slow they would just rock and roll through the air.

Not so long ago the squadron was flying in formation over Yosemite Valley. The air was exceptionally rough and managed to twist a wing off of one of the ships. The plane crashed and killed three of the crew. Only one seemed to have the presence of mind enough to jump with his parachute.

Mr. Eyerly, from the Salem Airport, has been down here a couple of times since I came down. He gives a very favorable report on conditions in aviation in that part of the country. After my enlistment is finished I may go back to work for him.

May I hear from you in the very near future?

With regards to all, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
Peter Paquette

SENIOR CARNIVAL

The senior carnival which is anticipated promises to be a gala affair. An outside orchestra will furnish music for the dance and tickets are now on sale. The seniors proclaim that "Coney Island" is going to look staid compared to this forthcoming occasion. The price of admission is a dime and a nickel. Four door prizes will be given to persons holding lucky numbers. The date set for the event is December 1st.