

# Chemawa American

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## —Editorial—

Good sportsmanship should be shown at anytime and any place by being a good winner and a good loser. To be a good sportsman, a person must keep up his spirit whether he loses or wins. He must not go into this work sulking because he has lost in a game of any kind nor should he shout at the top of his voice when he is the winner.

It is harder to be a good loser than to be a good winner. In the past election it might have been a very hard thing to face the people after one has been defeated but Mr. Landon has faced his people again, still the same man. Mr. Roosevelt has taken the honor of being President again by taking over the duties without boasting to everyone about it.

We can all be a good sportsman if we only try. We should keep our heads up if we are losers or winners. We must not find excuses for losing when another defeats us.—ZENA HOGSED

Have you really ever stopped to think how far we get by giving an alibi? Many do not consider that giving an alibi "just once" may change a person's whole character. When once we have a good alibi to give and get by with it, there will always be a second time. In that way we form the habit of thinking up a good excuse for why we were late or didn't report. An alibi is one of the first things that show the difference between good and poor sportsmanship. A person may easily be judged by seeing if he "can take it" or if he has an alibi to show why the game was lost.

Some of the alibis we hear are, "I forgot" and "I couldn't do it." The truth is that such excuses show you haven't tried to do the thing. Instead you have depended on an alibi to keep you in good standing. We may get by, but we are only fooling ourselves, and we ourselves are to blame. Alibis are never accepted in the business world, so we therefore should not get into the habit of offering them as excuses for our own failures.—HAZEL CHARLES

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes last forever. None is so rich and mighty that he can get along without it, none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters Good Will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad; and it is Nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet, it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

## MR. CHARLES E. LARSEN GIVES IMPROMPTU TALK

### "Loyalty" Is Subject Of Staunch Supporter Of Chemawa

On Sunday night, November 29, Harry Wilder, student chairman, introduced Mr. Larsen, Senior Clerk of the Chemawa Office as speaker for the evening. Mr. Larsen is a former student and graduate of the Salem Indian School. He has been connected with this school for many years and is very much interested in the progress and development of this institution. The topic of his speech was "Loyalty." Mr. Larsen has set a good example of what being loyal to a school really means and every student will benefit by taking heed to what he said.

Mr. Larsen emphasized his desire to have the students do their best in their work and studies so that they will be up to standard when Mr. Jackson comes back. He said that they owe that much to the Superintendent, to be loyal to him. Students and employees both should work toward this end, that when the school year is over Mr. Jackson can say, "Well done, I want to thank you all for supporting me in my work."

Before closing his talk Mr. Larsen read several letters that had been received from former graduates that had gone into the world and made good.

In these letters they expressed their love and loyalty for the school that had done so much for them.

Mr. Larsen said he read the letters to give the students an idea of how old students felt.

He wished that his talk on loyalty and appreciation to Mr. Jackson would be heeded and that they would do everything in their power to make the name Chemawa what it really means, "Happy Home."

On the night of December 1, four 100-yard free-style swimmers vied for the first place honors at the trial races held in the down town Y.M.C.A. pool. Among the four contestants was, the Salem High representative, an Indian youth, Willard Pepion, who proved too much for his rivals and emerged a victor, finishing fully the whole length of the tank ahead of the rest.