

# Chemawa American

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## Editorial

"I am an American," the song that Benjamin E. Neal wrote, rings throughout our Nation today everyday, everywhere. People, thankful that they are Americans, sing out a song that echoes over the country side—an inspiration to the fear stricken hearts of citizens who know the horrors of war.

War! Not thrilling, nor glamorous as Youth might picture it, No—death, greifs, hunger, cold, suffering. That's war!

Today, as bombs, guns, airplanes, and ships spell disaster overseas, we Americans can be more than thankful that we have our liberty—liberty in speech, actions, work, and thought.

"I am an American," is sung by men, women and children of all races, gathered in a great Nation; that has "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." It is sung by all who realize their greatest privilege is being an American.

We must strive to be the truest American citizens, not only by joining the armed (trained) forces, but by studying methods of defense, doing our work, and striving for better American progress. We all do share in the great defense plan.

By cooperation with your neighbor, by willingly doing your best, we may reach our goal in our plan to keep our Liberty—to make America, the greatest standing Nation. We must sow today, what we reap tomorrow. So let us sow our seeds of preparedness, and reap our harvest of Liberty tomorrow, as true Americans.

—MARGARET SKAHAN

We have often heard of many different opinions of our flag, from great men and those who aren't so great, but have you ever heard the flag's opinions?

Imagine if you will, the flag talking to an average

American. This is what the flag would say: "The work that you do is the making of the flag. I am not the flag, but only its shadow and I am whatever you make me, nothing more. I am your belief in yourself, your dream of what people may become. I live a changing life, a life of moods and passions, of heartbreaks and tired muscles. Sometimes I droop, for then purpose has gone from me, and cynically I play the coward. Sometimes I am loud, garish and full of the ego that blast judgement. But always, I am all that you hope to be, and have courage to try for. I am song and fear, struggle, and panic, and ennobling hope. I am the days work of the weakest man, and the largest dream of the most daring. I am the Constitution and the courts, statutes and the Statute makers, soldier and dreadnaught, street sweeper, cook, councilor and clerk. I am the battle of yesterday, and the mistake of tomorrow. I am the mystery of the men who do without knowing why. I am the clutch of an idea, and the reasoned purpose of resolution. I am no more than what you believe me to be and I am all that you believe I can be. I am what you make me, nothing more. I swing before a pictured suggestion of that big thing which makes this Nation. My stars and my stripes are your dreams and your labors. They are bright with cheer, firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your hearts. For you are the makers of the flag and it is well that you glory in the making."

—STANLEY WILLIAMS

## Hobby Clubs

The Ice skating club, under the sponsorship of Mr. Pepper and Mr. Thomas, held their first skating party at the Salem Ice Arena, on November 15. Everyone in the group enjoyed himself skating, and they plan on going skating again when they get enough money in the treasury.

The Hiking club went to Silver Creek Falls on November 17. They had a grand time at the falls, although it was very misty. The group is planning on going on more hiking trips.

The Hi-Y club, under the sponsorship of Mr. Mackie, held their annual benefit dance in the gymnasium, on November 18. The dance was a success, the music was furnished by Mr. Kunkel, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Pepper.

The YMCA girls accepted the challenge for a debate by the Hi-Y boys on the question; "Resolved that the Woman's Place is in the Home." It was a good debate and it ended in a tie. The YW girls are going to prepare a basket to be given away to a needy family for Christmas.