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Looking Ahead

As this issue goes to press, we are nearing the close of our first semester. There is no better time to evaluate our past record and plan for greater accomplishments the coming semester.

In looking back there are many activities which we may view with pride. Among them are our generous response to the War Chest and purchase of Tuberculosis Seals; our serious attention to study; our growing support of boys' and girls' intra-mural programs; our winning of the B League State Football Championship; our voluntary cooperation with the request of military authorities and transportation companies to refrain from travel during the holiday season; and our assumption of responsibility in an expanded plan of student self-government; and in civic and school affairs. All of these and many more were accomplished because of the interest and cooperation of the majority of the students. As a result of this interest in working together for the common good, we have enjoyed a fuller, richer program of studies and activities. Many activities which you have wanted have been realized because you have helped to arrange and manage your own social schedule and have assumed responsibility in working out problems which are a part of living in a community as large as Chemawa. Those who have had a part in these accomplishments can well feel a justifiable pride. Those few who have been "on-lookers" only are urged to become active members in working for the welfare of the school.

Both the students and their parents deserve much credit in helping to carry out the plan of continuing classes during the usual holiday period. It is not easy to stay away from home on Christmas. That is why the nearly one hundred per cent cooperation in this is most commendable.

It is this spirit of cooperation on the part of the students in important phases of our program that has made our first semester successful and promises greater improvement in the New Year. Cooperation gets results.

NELL V. BRANNON
Principal

Christmas Eve

The gymnasium was filled with the students and Chemawa community on Christmas Eve. The whole group sang some Christmas carols, and these were followed by some special numbers by a choir under the direction of Miss Rector.

Yes, there was a Santa Claus. He arrived on time, and distributed gifts from his big bag. He wished us a "Merry Christmas," talked to some of the children, and was off into a busy night, leaving some pop-eyed youngsters staring after him.

Stacks of presents were heaped under a shining tree. These were distributed along with the traditional Christmas stocking filled with fruits and goodies. All went home in a jolly mood.

Later in the evening the choir serenaded the campus singing carols, to the joy of all who heard them. They were chaperoned by Miss Rector, Mrs. Rickard, and Mr. Bray.

Christmas Dinner

Cramton hall was a beautiful sight on Christmas Day. The tables were laid with white cloths, and lighted candles shed a soft light. Decorations of evergreen were added at various places and the tree was a joy to everyone, inspiring the Christmas spirit in everyone. The dinner consisted of roast chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, candied yams, buttered peas, Parker House rolls, butter, fresh youngberries, applesauce cake, and tea. Everything was delicious.

What Christmas Means to Me

What does Christmas mean to me? Well, to tell you the truth, I never did think about it. I'd just wait, hoping the day would come faster but really I never did give it serious thought. I'd just be happy over my presents and look with big eyes at the food. I suppose some kids aren't as lucky as I am. I never did think that the spirit of Christmas was to make others happy. I always thought it was to make me happy. Well, I was wrong. Anyhow, I'm as happy as can be when December 25th rolls around.—Ermith Scott, Grade 7.