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CHRISTMAS AT CHEMAWA.

The Christmas festivities at Chemawa began with the entertainment on last Thursday evening, the program of which was given in last week's American. The teachers deserve great credit for the artistic manner in which the chapel was decorated.

On Friday morning the centers of interest were the quarters, the gymnasium, the office, the kitchen and the dining-room. In the quarters Mrs. Theisz, Miss Troutman, Miss Brown, Mrs. Fickle, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Doherty, and Aletha Cooper were busy conferring with Santa Claus and preparing his presents for the pupils. Santa was very generous this year and furnished very fine presents for Chemawa's pupils.

In the gymnasium could be found Mr. Cooper, Mr. Enright, Mr. Frye, Mr. Burdette, Mr. Turney, Mr. Swaboda, Mr. Van Tassel, Miss Faris and Miss Grear, who also were getting ready for old Santa at that end of the line. The gymnasium was handsomely decorated. Two trees were put in place, one for the girls and one for the boys' presents, as Santa sent word that there should be no mix-up in his presents. It is the unanimous opinion that the decorations and the arrangement of the presents on the trees were never surpassed at Chemawa.

In the office Santa had Mrs. Campbell, Mr. Fickle, Miss Leader, Miss Nicholson, Miss White and Miss Bender busy filling the mammoth bags with candy, nuts,

apples, oranges and pop-corn that were to be given to all.

In the dining-room Miss Skipton was busy with her decorations, and in the kitchen Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Liphart, Mrs. Cooper and a large force of girls were busy preparing the turkeys for the next day.

At 7 p. m. sharp everybody wended their way to the gymnasium.

After the usual telegrams had been received and read from Santa, from a corner back of the evergreens four cornets, lead by Mr. Larsen, broke forth in the beautiful hymn, "Joy to the World," which was followed by "Jolly Old Saint Nick," everybody joining in the hymn and song.

Mr. Woods had to look out for old Santa and he certainly got him to Chemawa on time, and another surprise was sprung when Santa, accompanied by Mrs. Santa, entered carrying two large geese which were later put on the tree and presented to Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The quack and hissing of the geese could be heard above the din that pervaded the building. After Santa turned over the presents willing hands distributed them to the ones for whom they were intended. Several wagon loads of presents were given out which took a couple of hours. No one was forgotten.

After the tree had been stripped the pupils, employes and visitors filed out of the gymnasium, each receiving a bag of goodies. The small boys headed the procession and the march to the quarters was made to the accompaniment of dozen of horns of dozen of pitches.

Christmas morning everybody was up early and "Merry Christmas" could be heard on every side. At 10:30 a. m. all assembled in the school chapel and enjoyed the Christmas exercises, the program of which had been arranged by Mrs. Campbell and which was as follows:

PROGRAM

Hymn—O, Come All Ye Faithful - School
Chant—Lord's Prayer

Reading—St. Matthew, 2 Chap., 1-12

Hymn—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Responsive Exercise—Luke, 2 Chap., 8-14

Hymn—While Shepherds Watched Their