

On June 22 Mr. and Mrs. Smith and family left for Portland by auto. After spending a few weeks in that city they will proceed on up to the Sound country, in Washington, for the benefit of the trip and a visit with friends and relatives.

The date of the Chemawa Institute is from July 31 to August 12. Those who propose to attend can get a special rate of one and one-third fare for round-trip tickets. Be sure and take receipts for fares paid and when you have your attendance card at Chemawa audited you will save money. Attend this matter in a business like manner.

Chemawa's Y. M. C. A. sent a delegation of six members to attend the general conference of the Pacific Northwest held June 9 to 19 at Seabeck, Wash. Those of our party were: Irving Shepard, Joseph Gale, Robt. Downie, Russell Adams, Peter Alpheus and George Peters. The boys reported to have had a fine conference and that they were all greatly benefitted.

Not long ago Bandmaster Loos played for a picnic at Rickreall with his baby band and made such a hit with the little fellows that a three-day engagement to play for the Independence festival followed. Here the boys again proved their mettle and were well received on all sides. Little Johnnie Munson was nearly loved to death, so the story goes. These little fellows certainly show unusual talent and if they can be kept together they will be heard from a few years hence.

Following the precedent established in former years, Supt. Wadsworth gave a reception to the graduating class this year. The occasion was one of general good cheer, free from the restraint which too often mars such functions. The evening was enlivened by vocal and instrumental music of the utmost refinement. At the proper hour delicious refreshments were served. As host and hostess Supt. and Mrs. Wadsworth were ideal—everything was just splendid! It was a never-to-be-forgotten occasion, thanks to those kindly people.

Superintendent Frank A. Virtue, of the Tule River Indian Agency, at Porterville, California, reports that there are 394 Indians under his jurisdiction, and that in the vigorous pledge-signing campaign conducted in response to Indian Office circular No. 1002, urging the obtaining of total abstinence pledges from the Indians, not one of the Indians under his jurisdiction refused to sign the pledge. Two or three have broken the pledge since taking it, but a most commendable showing has been made. In some of these cases, men who have been used to drinking all their lives have willingly signed the pledge, stating that they would have been a great deal better off if they had never seen whiskey. The final results of this work cannot be computed. The results will be of great benefit to the Indians of that jurisdiction.