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FINAL EVENTS

Chemawa Adds to Her Renown—Closes for the School Year—Events of Great Interest and Merit

The major activities at Chemawa have ceased for the season and large numbers of our students have returned to their homes or have placed themselves in service some place whereby they can secure the necessary means to carry them onward in their endeavor to secure an education, for in every walk of life money seems to be a necessity in this day and age of the world.

While many of our students have departed from our midst we will have quite a number of young people with us during the summer and they will be of great assistance here in helping to care for the various crops raised at the school. There is "haying," the vegetable and fruit crops, and grain, too, to say nothing of the routine work such as caring for our dairy herd and the hogs; and then there is an immense amount of work wherein the girls will be of assistance, for with the exception of berry-picking, the outside work above-mentioned is largely the boys' responsibility. At any rate there will be work here all summer and there need be no idle hands.

Thursday evening, May 9th, was recognized as "Senior Class Night" and marked the beginning of events in connection with the closing exercises at Chemawa for 1929. The occasion was of great interest, there being class wills, prophecies, songs, various stunts of an amusing character, in the main aimed at the poor juniors as the "butt of all jokes." Everything passed splendidly and with credit to all. Really there was much that was clever "given the air" on "Senior Night."

On Friday, May 10th, it was noticeable that visitors from various parts of the country began to arrive at the school. At seven-thirty o'clock in the evening the operetta, "The Captain of Plymouth," was presented for the pleasure of the student body and all of our home folk and the visitors who had arrived. The new and revised version of the operetta was used and it proved of interest to all. The young people of the cast are really deserving of great credit, for, with one possible exception, not a single individual in the cast had ever appeared at Chemawa in a like entertainment before. They did well, we think, and we say, "credit where credit is due." The music was catchy and the lines

interesting. The orchestra was effective in its support and in every way the production was a success. Mrs. Turney and Mr. Kunkel were responsible for the musical end of the undertaking, while Miss Gunn had charge of the dramatic work. They had quite a lot of work to do, but came through with credit in every instance.

On Saturday evening, May 11th, the "farewell social" was staged. Our large gym was the scene of much merriment and good will on this occasion. The place was packed with people of our school, visitors, and the orchestra which provided good music—what more could be asked for at an occasion of this character? Oh, well! All is now a pleasant memory.

On Sunday there was the usual inspection of quarters at the regular time, followed by religious services in the Catholic and Protestant chapels. Immediately following the hour of religious instruction there was a meeting of the Chemawa Alumni Association, and as a result the following officers were elected:

President	-	-	Charles E. Larsen, Chemawa
1st Vice-President	-	-	Robert N. Service, Toledo, Oregon
2nd Vice-President	-	-	Kate L. Brewer, Chemawa
Recording Secretary	-	-	Cecil Smith, Portland, Oregon
Corresponding Secretary	-	-	Evelyn O'Brien, Salem, Oregon
Treasurer	-	-	Reginald G. Downie, Chemawa
Historian	-	-	Charles E. Larsen, Chemawa
Executive Committee	-	-	Reuben Sanders, Chemawa Kate Mason, Chemawa Gertrude Turney, Chemawa

At three o'clock in the afternoon the students, boys and girls, in military formation, staged a dress parade on our athletic field. There was the usual large crowd present as has been the custom on the part of the public for, lo! these many years. Auto loads of people were here in great numbers from near and far and enthusiasm was as a contagion. In the work of the various student companies and the band there was not a single "hitch" to mar the exhibition. It was a credit to all.

At six o'clock in the evening Mr. Kunkel and his band boys played a most pleasing concert to the delight of all at the school and a large number of visitors. Like events that had preceded it, the concert was a great success.

At 7:30 o'clock on Sunday evening our baccalaureate exercises were held. There was a large attendance and our auditorium had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. Supt. Lipps presided and in every detail the occasion was most pleasing. The address was given by Rev. U. S. Crowder, a pastor of Salem. The talk of the reverend gentleman was in truth of far more than ordinary excellence. The speaker had been over a great part of the world, had observed carefully as he traveled, and had "thought" of the things which had come under his observation. We all thank him for his able delivery of the baccalaureate address.

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