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Mrs. Chas. E. Larsen and daughter, Miss Vivian, spent a portion of the holiday period with relatives near Seattle, Wash.

Just recently Mr. Bent was a guest at a banquet at Hotel Marion, where were assembled many of the prominent people of the state.

Miss Edna Groves, Supervisor of Home Economics in the Indian Service, left Chemawa for the middle west last Friday, having made an official inspection of our school.

Miss Idaho Lipps, after spending the holidays with her parents here at Chemawa, is again back in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where she holds a position as a teacher in the city schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk desire us to express their thanks to employes for their sympathy and many floral offerings in the recent death and burial of Mrs. Kirk's mother, Mrs. Mary A. Briggs. For these many kind acts they are sincerely grateful.

Mr. H. A. Kunkel, our bandmaster, made a trip to Portland last week to hear a rendition by the symphony orchestra and a large chorus of the oratorio of Handel, the "Messiah." Mr. Kunkel was pleased with the production of this famous work.

A recent issue of the Gresham Outlook contains quite a lengthy article by Mr. R. H. Knox, a retired Indian Service employe, in which he sets forth many interesting personal experiences and observations. Mr. Knox is a frequent visitor at Chemawa and is a likeable gentleman. He was eighteen years in the Service.

The following Chemawa graduates now attending other schools visited here during the holidays: Carl Muller, Oregon state college; Robert Peratrovich, University of Washington; Raymond Haldane and Charles DePoe, Willamette University; Vina Smith, Bellingham Normal; Peter Rasmussen, Monmouth Normal.

It is with pleasure that we take it upon ourselves to express the thanks of all Chemawa for the gift of a fine Atwater Kent radio presented us by the Miller Bros. Co. of Salem. This is all mighty fine, and it seems almost too good to be true. We now have it installed in the auditorium where it will prove of the greatest service to all.

It was a shock to many of the oldtimers at Chemawa to learn of the death of Theodore E. C. Vesper a little more than a week ago in Salem. Pneumonia was the cause of death. For some years Mr. Vesper was our school engineer, although at the time of his demise he was not in the service. We extend sincere condolences to Mrs. Vesper and family.

Miss Myrtle Peters, our financial clerk, is home again after an enjoyable vacation which she passed with friends near Tacoma, Wash.

Just a week ago Mrs. Mary A. Briggs, mother of Mrs. Kirk of Chemawa, died of pneumonia in Portland. Until quite recently Mrs. Briggs had been in Chemawa at the home of her daughter, leaving for Portland a few days before she was taken ill. She was 81 years old and at such an advanced age she could not withstand the attack of pneumonia. Interment was in Salem. The American sympathizes with Mrs. Kirk in her great bereavement.

During our chapel exercises last Sunday evening Supt. Lipps reminded all of us that resolutions to improve ourselves, to study with a greater purpose, to work with a will the achievement of something worth while, are now in order, as it is the beginning of 1930. As a matter of fact, he said that good resolutions are in order at all times throughout the year, but custom has placed greater stress on "New Year's Resolutions." The talk was most instructive as well as entertaining and those who paid heed to what was said should have profited largely. In addition to the address the choir sang a good number and the orchestra contributed a selection of unusual merit.

During the first of last week Supt. Lipps was the principal speaker at the luncheon of the Salem Commercial Club. He gave an unusually fine address on Indian education, passing from its conception by General Pratt many years ago, to the present time. He spoke of his recent visit to Washington, D. C., in the interest of our Chemawa school and the splendid treatment he was accorded by all, and of a sincere desire evidenced by those in authority to put into effect a plan which, it is hoped, will solve the problem of Indian education at Chemawa. Space prevents the enumeration of lots of "good news" that Supt. Lipps voiced. It was a fine address. Our orchestra was present and provided music for the occasion.

The "weight report" of Dr. Cisco on our students for the month of December is certainly a testimonial to the care they receive at Chemawa. It is as follows: At the opening of school there were 119 pupils who were five pounds or more underweight. At the weighing on December 15th, the following facts are of interest: Of the number 119, 56 had gained their normal weight, or exceeded it; 53 had gained a number of pounds, though had not reached their normal weight; and 10 had not gained, though they had maintained their entrance weight. It may be added that of the remainder who were normal or overweight on entrance, only two had fallen below the normal weight line, and the rest, almost without exception, had made more or less gain.