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Real art is shown at Kola Tepee in the brass and iron work of Mr. Berry and his department.

Prizes have just been awarded for literary work by our students. Victor Smith took the first and Juanita Young the second prize.

As we were making ready to go to press we learned that Supt. Blair of Haskell Institute was due to arrive at Chemawa yesterday to remain for a few days.

The entire student body enjoyed what is termed a lawn social last Saturday evening. The campus was certainly a lively place during the hour or more that the social lasted.

A meeting is scheduled for this evening when a number of our prominent Indian friends will perfect an organization to present claims against the government in the matter of their original ownership of lands in this valley.

On account of the pressure of special work in preparation for our closing exercises, we will not be able to issue another American until after the close of school, when we will tell our readers of what we did at the close of the half-century of our educational work.

About 150 members of the Oregon Federated Clubs of Women visited Chemawa last Wednesday and were shown every courtesy. We were all most happy to entertain this body of prominent ladies and show them just what makes Chemawa the fine school it is.

Supt. Lipps accepted an invitation to address Willamette University students on sociology last Monday forenoon. We feel certain that the students of that institution enjoyed an educational treat, for this is a subject on which Mr. Lipps is especially well qualified to speak.

Kola Tepee, or "guest home," is now just about ready for occupancy. It is certainly an inviting place in every sense of the word. It has been repainted and papered and refinished in most attractive colors. Fine Navajo rugs are on the floors, beautiful lighting is provided, and it is worth a visit just to see a totem pole scheme for a floor lamp, the carving of which is a work of art and was done by Robert Perkins, a senior. Fine beds and baths are provided, and there is a good large fireplace which adds to the attractiveness of the general sitting room. Kola Tepee is a credit to Chemawa. Miss White will be in charge of the place.

Mrs. Earl Hunter and infant son arrived Sunday evening from Juneau, Alaska, and are at the home of Mrs. Hunter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk spent the week-end in a trip to Seattle to meet their daughter and grandson on their arrival there on the boat from the north.

A letter just received by a friend at Chemawa was written by Grover Yellowbird on May 4th. Grover is now in the U. S. band stationed at Fort Kamehameha, Hawaii, attached to Battery B, 55th Coast Artillery. From the letter one would judge that he is getting along nicely and that he likes it on the islands.

The "Trowbridge Prize" is on the grounds and will be awarded at our "Jolly-Up" at the close of school. This is a prize given annually by Captain C. R. Trowbridge to the girl of the Junior class whose average record in scholarship, and whose deportment during the past term has been above criticism. Just what the prize is this year we are not yet informed.

Chemawa at the present time is showing the activity of the proverbial bee hive—all is hustle and bustle. Preparations for the closing of school are many. There is the great task of preparing for the presentation of the operetta, Pickles, there is the baccalaureate and the graduating programs, the competitive drills, the dress parade, etc. Things too numerous to mention demand attention—now is the time, with us.

In chapel last Sunday evening Supt. Lipps gave one of the most matter-of-fact and impressive talks that he has yet given our students. It had to do with plans to be put into practice at Chemawa as soon as possible and matters of great importance to all connected with our great school. Many changes are contemplated for improvements here and everything is to be undertaken with the sole purpose of bettering the condition of our students—assuring them a brighter and better future. It is sincerely hoped that they will respond to the new scheme of things and benefit thereby. Wonderful things will soon be possible for them. In addition to the fine talk of Supt. Lipps the orchestra played a fine selection and the choir also contributed a most pleasing number.

Our class of twenty-three seniors, young men and women, are soon to quit their school home. In recognition of this fact the school honored them with a reception and banquet at the Wigwam last Friday evening. We believe that it was in every way an event that our young friends will never forget, for it was in every particular an outstanding social affair. The Wigwam was beautifully decorated, the tables were most tastefully set, the courses were served perfectly and there was nothing slighted anywhere to mar the satisfaction of the occasion. During the banquet hour Mr. Bent acted as toastmaster and with appropriate introductions he called upon the following persons in the order named for toasts, to which all responded most interestingly: Principal Mote, Julian Smith, Flora Harper, Supt. Lipps. An instrumental trio provided music.