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## THE LAST CHAPEL

Were we less optimistic we would state that Supt. Lipps made his final chapel talk at Chemawa last Sunday evening. The majority think that he did, but some way we like to believe, as Asst. Supt. Ryan hinted, that some fine evening Mr. Lipps will again stand before us here at "dear old Chemawa" and tell us of his hopes for us—of his life work, his ambitions, his faith in humanity, and of his labors to the end that Indian people throughout our great land may be recognized and accepted on their merits.

Not wishing it so, we do not think that Supt. Lipps sang his "swan song" here at Chemawa last Sunday, but to many of us it almost seemed that it was so as it was certainly no time for rejoicing on the part of any of us. We do not esteem ourselves even good at recording a service of the character of the chapel exercises last Sunday evening—we cannot rejoice in seeing our friends leave us—and farewells are in the nature of things serious affairs. It is not possible in this little notice to give space to the talk of Supt. Lipps for he spoke of many affairs, of most important matters, running from humor to pathos—and reading between the lines one sensed where Mr. Lipps' heart is and that his faith has sustained him unfaltering in his labor in the Indian service of more than thirty years duration.

Aside from the talk of Supt. Lipps Marie La France and Alice Slater both sang and were recalled; the latter sang a number entitled "Longing" that was composed by Mr. Melovidoff and it was given a splendid reception, as was its due, and we congratulate the composer on his work. In addition the choir contributed a fine number and the orchestra rendered a couple of selections. At the close of the exercises Asst. Supt. Ryan arose and in splendidly chosen words, in which he voiced the sentiments of all, presented to Supt. Lipps a brief case, the gift of Mr. Decorah and his leather workers. The case is a genuine bit of real art—wonderful. Following this Mr. Ryan presented Mr. Lipps a fine watch, the parting gift of the employes. Mr. Lipps made a response to all, acknowledging his surprise, his pleasure, and voicing his thanks. We were all more or less touched with a feeling of sadness despite the fact that we assumed an attitude of merriment. We now draw the curtain on last Sunday's chapel exercises, but our last hope will be that Supt. Lipps may be happy in his new field—our hearts go onward with him.

## SENIOR ROTATERS

The Senior Rotaters held their last regular club meeting on Wednesday night, April 22, in the commercial room of the high school. Guests for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. Allen and Mr. Bent. In response to requests for short talks, Mr. Allen spoke on commencements in general and the coming commencement in particular, and on training and opportunities. Mr. Mason gave a most interesting resume on the relationship of carpentry to the industrial department and added helpful suggestions concerning carpentry and manual training as vocations. Mr. Bent's subject was advertising, and he applied the word in close connection with the Indian boy and girl who are about to leave school. A talk on the unemployment situation was Mr. Ryan's contribution to the program, and was a well-timed subject. Both Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Mason graciously responded to calls for talks and were most complimentary to the club.

At a call meeting on Friday afternoon, twelve junior students were voted into membership, and will constitute a nucleus about which next year's Rotaters will be formed. These students will be initiated on the first two Wednesday evenings in May, before examinations.

President Frank Johnson, as well as the other members of the Rotaters, feel satisfied that the club has accomplished what it set out to do; stimulating a spirit of co-operation within the business department, keeping the department before the school as a worthwhile addition to Chemawa, and proving that a club of senior boys and girls can mix business and pleasure by gaining helpful information while having a good time. The sponsor, Mrs. Herlits, is proud of their success and of their ability in the conduct of a splendid little organization.—Lottie Kipp, Secretary.

Mr. Fred Reynolds, an ex-student of Chemawa, visited us for a brief period during the past week. He came for a visit with his daughters, three of them being enrolled here. Mr. Reynolds lives in or near Marysville, Wash.

A little advertising "dodger" that has come to our desk seems to be sponsored by Kiutus Jim, a former student of this school, and said "dodger" is a sort of "call to arms" for the organization of a Northwest American Indian Drum Corps. The object appears to be participation in American Legion conventions and other like functions. The costume of the organization is to be the American Indian regalia. Membership is open to all men of Indian blood. For further information, communicate with "Kiutus Jim, 319 S. Topenish Ave., Topenish, Wash."