

CAMPFIRE NOTES

Recently Miss Newell, her president, Cerise Hogan, Miss Black, her president, Rosalia Grounds, together with Alice Ladderoute and Mrs. Christy motored to Portland to attend a Campfire Institution held at the Multnomah Hotel, under the auspices of Miss Kempthorne, National Secretary from New York City. The meeting was an inspiration to all. It was voted the happiest week-end for some time.

The Pootan Campfire met at the practice house on Monday, Feb. 8th. Rosalia Grounds gave a report on the meetings attended in Portland, giving the girls the valuable points. Miss Black, the guardian, reported on the Council Fire and the trip in general. Alice Ladderoute was ill and did not report on her version of the trip.

MACHINE SHOP NOTES

We are glad to welcome Allen Fielder and Philip Broncheau back to the shop after they each had tonsil operations. During their absence the other boys have been faithful at their tasks, some more interested than others perhaps.

Elery Leno and Louis Riche have each completed some nice looking knife screwdrivers, Chester Pepion has made a couple of wood lathe centers for the machine shop speed lathe, and Silas Close has a centering jig to his credit.

The machine shop is anxious to receive repair work or new work that can be done in the shop. To make a project for some one that will be used is most vital to the boys; their interest is stimulated when they are doing a job that is practical.

CARPENTRY ITEM

Sick call has been claiming more than its share from our carpenters and we are hoping that all are able to be on the job again within a short time.

The carpentry classes are renovating the entrance to our shop building. A new floor has been laid, both at lower and upper landings, and work is progressing on the wainscot.

"Andy, Andy and Handy" (Andrew Desantel, Andrew Peterson and Eustice Markishtum) tore out and replaced the joists and sub-floor in one afternoon. The whole class is doing good work and a fine spirit is manifested.

MISCELLANEA

Thirty-six suits cleaned and pressed, extra pants cleaned and pressed, 52. Forty-two pairs of gym pants made and four pairs of pants finished by the tailors.

Electricians, with Arnold McKay as foreman, report that they have completely rewired the classroom at the heating plant.

Moran and Kwina, engineers, have spent the past week overhauling a 15-horsepower, steam engine. It will be used as a test machine in the steam laboratory.

A painting gang is now cleaning and painting the big water tank. If the weather remains favorable the job should be done by the time this is published.

All the twenty members of the girls' dramatic club have work ahead of them. Each girl is to select a reading or a recitation and find some one to coach her. Each is to "try out" for the declamation contest on March fifth. The best ones will be chosen to compete against the boys.

During the first week of February the shoe shop repaired 279 pairs of shoes and overhauled one set of farm harness. The majority of the boys are doing special work in accordance with requirements of the "Progress Chart" and nearly all show a lot of interest in their work.

Josephine "Wee bear" Whitebear has been appointed reporter for McBride Hall. A fine reporter always has interesting news for The American. Ray for Wee bear!



REQUIEM

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One of the finest funeral orations of modern times was delivered by an American Indian standing by the grave of his chief. We quote it from Good Housekeeping. Here it is, beautiful, simple, true:

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"You have merely lost the man. You still have the world in which he lived and which he so enjoyed. You still have its beauty and its loveliness, and you still have the blue skies to which he looked; you have the wind and the rain and the sun and the silvery moon. The stars still glitter in the skies at night; the corn still will ripen; the deer will roam the forests of your fathers, and the fish will leap in the stream. ⌚ The Great Spirit has only taken to Him the man. You lose only that. He will be happy in the Happy Hunting Grounds of our fathers. . . The Great Spirit leaves all the other things and leaves the memory of the son He has taken to His Tepee."

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