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MR. KIRK RETIRES

Tomorrow marks the retirement of Mr. James E. Kirk of Chemawa from the Indian Service. He has served the government for some 36 years, most efficiently and faithfully. He entered the Service in 1893 at Sacaton, Arizona, as a teacher, and with the exception of about three years, has been a government employe ever since. In these years he has had experience in many different positions—teacher, clerk, superintendent, disciplinarian, etc. There is little that anyone can tell him about the service of which he is not already conversant.

Mr. Kirk's plans for the immediate future are not yet determined, owing somewhat to the fact that Mrs. Kirk, who is also a Chemawa employe, has elected to continue in the service. No matter what may be Mr. Kirk's aims in the future, or where he may be, there is a large circle of friends and acquaintances throughout the country who know his worth and whose regards and good wishes will follow him. The American is of that circle.

SONG AND YELL CONTEST

The "Song and Yell Contest" originally scheduled for February 20, but which it was necessary to postpone because of the influenza epidemic, was held on Friday, March 18th.

This rather unique event, which as far as is known, is peculiar to Chemawa among Indian high schools, is intended to celebrate the anniversary of the founding of Chemawa and at the same time afford the students an opportunity of making a display of their loyalty to the ideals for which Chemawa stands.

With the exception of a few introductory remarks by Mr. Christy in which the difference between mere "lip" loyalty and the real loyalty which should be reflected in the attitude and actions of the students was explained and emphasized, the whole affair was in the hands of the students themselves. The splendid order maintained and the respectful attitude shown to all the contestants without regard to the grades which they represented, reflects great credit upon the general body of students.

Excellent music was furnished by Charles DePoe and his competent orchestra.

The judges of the contest were Mr. Austin, Miss Roddy and Mr. Showalter.

The scores of the various performances were based upon the following points: Orderly performance coming and going, 25 points; coordination and rhythm of movements, 25 points; appropriateness of songs and yells, 25 points; school spirit as exhibited by attitude during performance, 25 points.

The performances of the 7th and 8th grades were well received and were very commendable in view of the inexperience of the junior high students in such

matters. The general consensus of opinion also seemed that the senior girls staged a splendid performance and that only the absence of boys from their team prevented them from obtaining a leading position among the winners.

The three birthday cakes provided by the Home Economics departments as prizes exceeded the expectations of everyone, both with respect to size, appearance and quality. Our gratitude is due to Miss Strauch and Mrs. Melovidoff, through whose skill and kindness such appetizing prizes were provided. In spite of the rivalry natural to such an occasion the decision of the judges met with almost universal approval.

First prize was won by the junior class. Their cheer leaders were Marie LaFrance and Robert Thomas. Second prize by the sophomore—cheer leader, Rudolph Maysee. Third prize, freshmen—cheer leaders, James Rosario and Olive Archambeau.

At the close of the performance the winning teams went to their class rooms, where each celebrated by dividing the spoils to the accompaniment of a song of victory.

GIRL SCOUT BANQUET

The fifteen members of Girl Scout troop, Northern Stars, under the direction of their able leader, Miss Orpha H. Morgan, prepared and served a delicious three-course banquet at 12:30 P. M., March 6th, in the Wigwam. Covers were laid for twenty and the table was beautiful in the Easter color scheme of yellow, green and white. Aside from the troop and their leader, Miss Morgan, other guests were, Miss Patterson, and the troop sponsors, Mesdames W. L. Allen, Frank Christy and Ralph S. Hicks. Altogether this was a most delightful affair and the girls and Miss Morgan are to be complimented on the unqualified success of this occasion.

ESCORTS

Sat., April 2—to Salem	- -	Miss Lemley
Sun., April 3—McBride	- -	Miss Wentzel
		Mr. D. S. Turner
Winona	- -	Mrs. Wallace
		Mr. Teter
Hawley	- -	Mrs. Melevidoff
		Mr. Austin
Sun., April 10—McBride	- -	Miss Richardson
		Mr. Shepard
Winona	- -	Miss Lundquist
		Mr. Kunkel
Hawley	- -	Mrs. Sanders
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