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LOCAL

Miss Esther Sprague, field matron of the Yakima Reservation, visited Chemawa last week.

When the Salem Legion Drum corps, national champions, made their triumphal march through the streets of Salem the Chemawa Indian School band had the honor of being the first musical organization in the parade.

Bernice Sheldon, class of '29, visited with a brother here last week. She is enroute to Haskell where she will take post-graduate work in the commercial department. While here she greeted several old friends and school mates.

Edgar Simmons, on the advisory staff at Sherman Institute, writes to a Chemawa friend that he intends to visit his old school in time to witness the Chemawa-Salem grid-iron classic. He expects also to do a little incidental fishing while in these parts.

Old-timers will recall the name of Michael MacLeod, class of '14, and will be interested to know that he is doing well in the far north. Mike is, and has been for several years, principal of the Bureau of Indian Affairs school at Karluck, Alaska, on Kodiak Island.

Mr. Andrew Davis, who erected our fine gymnasium, and recently constructed two wonderful dormitories at Warm Springs—said by many to be by far the best from the stand-point of construction and appointments of any in the Indian Service—is now at Ft. Lapwai, Idaho, still engaged in construction. He wrote to the American renewing his subscription.

Little David Rainey, age two, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil D. Rainey of Chemawa, fell from the top of the grandstand at the athletic field last Wednesday morning while playing with other children and suffered a fractured skull. He was rushed to a Salem hospital for treatment. The little fellow is back at his home and his recovery now is only a matter of time and proper care.

Work has finally commenced on the new athletic field. Two tractors are in operation at present grading the tract of land to be used. It is bounded on the north by the board walk leading to the O. E. station, on the south by the bull pen, on the west by the orchard and on the east by employees cottages. After the field has been graded it will be covered with saw

dust. This will be an improvement over the crowded and dangerous field on which games are now held.

Julian Larnard is now one of Mr. Bent's assistants. He is in charge of the boys in Mitchell hall. Mrs. Wilcox, matron of that building, finds in him a faithful and hard-working aide.

On Sept. 17 the band journeyed to West Stayton and gave a concert at the Harvest Festival. The boys played well and made many friends for Chemawa with their music and good conduct. Mrs. James exhibited some of the fine products of her Indian Arts department at the festival and received many compliments on the excellence of the work.

Miss Funk, teacher of beauty culture, reports industrious and interested classes in her department this year. The girls are kept very busy with their regular work—last Tuesday a couple of girls even performed before a movie camera, demonstrating all the steps in producing a permanent wave. Essie Bedard, a graduate of last year, visited at the school for a short time this fall. This summer she took the state board examinations in beauty culture and is now practicing in a private home near Oswego.

Mrs. Nelson Jose and Bernice Blakeslee have just returned from a trip to Phoenix, Arizona. They motored three thousand miles and encountered terrifically hot weather but report a wonderful trip nevertheless. While in Phoenix they saw Minnie Partain, Miss Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Carrol, and Mr. Hermann Kunkel. In Sherman they visited Edgar Simmons. Everyone wished to be remembered to their Chemawa friends. Bernice saw the desert, cactus and palm trees for the first time and was quite properly thrilled. The ladies visited, besides Sherman and Phoenix, the Truxton Canyon school in Arizona.

GIRLS' PHYSICAL ED. ACTIVITIES

The girls are preparing for a good volleyball season this year. At present practice is going on in each gym class and the squads are ready to begin their games. The winning squad in each class gets 25 points toward a school letter which will be awarded to every girl who makes 500 points in one school year. Each member of the team selected to represent its class in the inter-class tourney is given 50 points and the winning class team 75 points. This same system will be used in the other sports throughout the year, and many girls have hopes of earning their athletic "C."

The post graduates are organizing a volleyball team and it is probable that there will also be games between the various work details—hospital, laundry, club, dining hall, etc.

A tumbling squad was organized last Saturday afternoon and will meet regularly on Tuesday at 4 p. m.