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CHEMAWA OPENS 1933-34 TERM

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The Salem Indian School has opened for its new term with an enrollment reduced from 750 to 300 students. This reorganization has necessitated much effort on the part of employees and without the loyal support of the pupils would have been extremely difficult.

Major alterations which have been undertaken are the changing of all Home Economic activities so that they may be carried on in one building and changing the employee's club to permit the senior foods students to secure the practical training the club allows.

This has all meant much effort on the part of students and employees and all are to be congratulated for the success of their efforts. Important alterations have also been made in the course of study which resulted in shortening the vocational term to two years. It is felt that consistent and conscientious effort on the part of teachers and employees under the present plan will result in boys and girls becoming sufficiently well trained in a two year period to make initial employment practically certain. And as it is always necessary to adjust one's self to new equipment, new methods, and new surroundings it is entirely practical to suppose that training after the two year period could be better obtained on the job and with pay.

This is the plan Chemawa attempts. It will reduce the cost per graduate to about one-third of its past cost and permit graduating twice as many students as could have been graduated when the enrollment was double its present size. The enthusiasm which students are displaying for the present plan warrants a forecast that it will be more than successful.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

The Y. W. C. A. Cabinet members had lunch with Miss Eakin on Tuesday of last week, at which time many plans were discussed for the year's work. Committee chairmen were chosen at this time and definite plans worked out for the membership campaign.

The Y. M. C. A. officers for the year are: Adam Williams, president; Charles Peterson, secretary; Dan Motanic, vice-president; Charles Butler, treasurer. Sunday evening meetings have been resumed after the summer vacation and an interesting program for work s being planned by the new cabinet.

The Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. were hosts recently to a large group of high school students and employees at a "school days" party. Lively games appropriate to the theme filled the evening. Talks were made by Violet Johnson and Adam Williams. At a late hour the refreshment committee, under the direction of Maude Marshall and Cassie Ball, served doughnuts and hot chocolate.

The Y. W. C. A. found it necessary to elect some new officers this fall, due to the fact that the president-elect Florence Allman Demmert and vice-president-elect Priscilla Hayashi did not return to Chemawa to school this fall. As a result of the election the following new officers will serve for the school year: Violet Johnson, president; Donna May Lafonso, vice-president; Lena Leighton, secretary; Ruby Dean, treasurer.

A RAID IN THE DARK

On Sept. 30, 1933, at the hour of ten p. m. all the boy's-side officers were awakened and told by Mr. Shilling that there were two desperados in the woods back of the settlement which shelters the pigs. After the officers had been duly informed as to how they were to approach and catch these wanderers of the night they set out to bag their game.

Slowly and quietly they started down the lane toward Pigville and entered the woods as silently as the fog that drifts among the trees. Suddenly, at a signal from their leader they rushed upon their prey! . . . Strangely, the desperados showed no fear. In fact they didn't even seem concerned. They continued to sit calmly by their camp-fire and watch their vigorously boiling coffee.

When the officers came upon these unafraid desperadoes, much to their surprise, they turned out to be Mr. Fred Rickard and his friend Mr. Julian Larnard. For a second or so the officers were quiet perplexed and didn't know whether to pounce upon them or not. But fortunately for the two persons concerned Mr. Shilling arrived on the scene in time to save two lives.

All this elaborate scheming was planned so the officers might enjoy a mid-night picnic.

Refreshments served and eaten, ghost stories were in demand. Then songs were sung, and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

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