

AN OPEN DATE

To every Indian school, regardless of size, there comes one day and one evening in the school year when there is or there seems to be nothing for the students to do. Such evenings are known to the citizens hereabouts as open "dates" and it requires no little brain racking to devise a means of passing it pleasantly for all concerned. The evening of October 21, 1933, the Saturday past, was such an evening and it was our good fortune to have on the grounds a number of persons awaiting such an opportunity. Mrs. Wilcox, the girls' advisor, had planned on giving a small party for the girls who had the most home-like and the best-kept rooms in Winona hall. The girls were to invite their boy friends over and spend a quiet evening at home. However as this gave entertainment for only about one fourth of our people, another plan had to be conceived. This plan, with the cooperation of the orchestra boys, was accepted. Now all those who wished to be entertained could be, at a very small cost or at no expense at all. A dance was held and an admission charge of ten cents a couple was thought advisable. The boys escorted their lady friends to and from the dance. In connection with this the girls who had the best kept rooms in Winona hall were allowed to invite their boy friends to the dance. As refreshments, doughnuts and apple cider were served. For the boys who didn't go to the dance, games were provided and supervised by Mr. H. L. Shilling in the McNary sitting room.

CHEMAWA EXHIBITS AT GRANGE FAIR

It was surprising how little the surrounding territory knew about our Salem Indian school. The exhibit shown at the Chemawa Grange, Saturday October 14, was well received. Many were the favorable comments. It was news to many that Chemawa school taught so many vocational subjects. All the departments of the school were well represented and many first, second and third prize ribbons were awarded to Chemawa.

The exhibit was under the direction of Mrs. Milton Smith, assisted by Myrtle Dupree and Alfreda Swann. Donna May Lafonso, Miss Clara Strouch, and the Messrs. Milton L. Smith, Herman Hudson, Edward Mason, Carl Turner and Fred Ratzburg also lent their services. Mr. and Mrs. Mason donated the flowers that set off the booths so well.

Mrs. Kleihege, a former Chemawa neighbor, as chairman of the Grange, invited the school to take part in the fair. As part of the Chemawa exhibit Bernice Clairmont of the hospital gave a demonstration of washing a baby; Pearl Boyd of the beauty shop gave a finger wave to Dorothy Mercer; Catherine

Bailey gave two readings; The Chemawa Serenaders, an organization sponsored by Mrs. Mabel Cornick, gave three vocal and two "string" selections. And last, but not least, the Chemawa boys' dance orchestra furnished the music for the dance which followed the fair.

SHOPS

Since September 30, the shoe repairers have heeled, half-soled and repaired 219 shoes.

The beauty parlor girls are forming a group of serenaders. A name has not been selected so far.

The auto-mechanics have recently over-hauled the school bus. The athletic bus is also in good running condition again thanks to the work of this department.

Grinding ensilage has been the order of the day at the dairy. Winter is not far away and this labor insures food supply for our herd during the coming months.

A tool compartment has been constructed for each lathe in the machine shop. This will, it is expected, add greatly to the efficiency of the lathe workers and machinists generally.

The tonsorial artists have an abundance of free customers for the promising group of beginners to practice upon but the chief barber has SOS'ed ye reporter that cash customers will be welcomed in greater numbers. The very life of this fine branch of our school depends on the patronage of the students and employees and we urge one and all to continue to use Chemawa's convenient and efficient barber service.

The culinary department in Cramton hall has great activities to report. In conjunction with working in the "Altamot Cafe" and the ever present and unceasing chore of cooking three fine meals a day for the students, the Chemawa chefs have canned 1100 gallons of fruit and vegetables and 100 gallons of saurkraut. As soon as the department has become better organized the "feeds" will be resumed at the Altamot for various groups.

The carpenters are working in Hawley hall putting the finishing touches to the cabinet work in the foods department. James Dupuis is busy constructing a black walnut hexagon occasional table. It really should be seen to be appreciated. The graceful design, fine quality and good appearance of the wood combined with the craftsmanship of the worker will undoubtedly result in an article of rare charm and beauty. Leonard Vivette is working on a couple of projects of unusual interest, a floor lamp and a radio table. The radio table besides supporting the radio will also have two compartments for magazines, books, etc.