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CHEMAWA BOYS IN ART SCHOOL

Warren Wilder, class of '32, was a Chemawa visitor the past week-end. "Lefty", as he is known to all Chemawaites, in company with Alex LaFromboise, also a former student, is attending the Advertising Art School in Portland. Both young gentlemen are intensely interested in their studies and have made phenomenal progress in their work during the past few months. It gives us pleasure to mention the fact here that both of these former students are helping to pay for their course in the art school by working after school. Warren is general handy-man about the Studio Building—elevator boy, window washer, janitor in the Studio Theatre, painter, and whatever else is needed about the building. Alex works during his off hours in a near-by hospital. Both boys work hard in school and out, seldom having a day off. And far from considering themselves drudges or bemoaning their hard lot as tread-millers they have found it all to be a great adventure and glory especially in the fine instruction they obtain while in school. We honor the spirit of these two splendid, talented young men—may they be enabled to finish their course with honors and bring great renown to themselves and their race.

STUDENT WRITES

The following interesting letter was received recently by Supt. Ryan. It came from Peter Paquette, member of the class of 1932, who is taking aviation at March Field, Riverside, Cal.:

March Field, Riverside, Cal.,
17th Purs., Gp., Hq., Det.,
January 5, 1934.

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thanks for sending me the "Alumni Directory." It surely has come in handy already; I use it to find the addresses of many of my classmates.

Upon reaching here last October I was greatly impressed at the size of the field, and number of men that are stationed at this one point.

March Field is about nine or ten miles southeast of the little town of Riverside, and is about three miles square. On the north half of the field all the buildings are located. The flying field itself is nearly a mile wide and about one and a half miles long.

There are about one hundred planes here. Seventy-five of them are pursuit ships, which are trim and very fast. The remaining twenty-five are bombers, of which ten are of the latest type and can travel in straight flight at a speed in excess of two-hundred miles an hour with full load. Their cruising speed is one-hundred-sixty miles an hour. These ships are of monoplane, gull-wing type.

The climate here surely has been wonderful so far this winter. We haven't had any days that were cold and only three or four days of rain. The nights, however, are quite chilly and always make the extra blanket feel so much better.

When I arrived here the only vacancies that there were, were in the offices. I was placed in the Seventeenth Pursuit Group Headquarters Detachment and have been here ever since.

However, I am planning on taking the entrance examinations for the Army's School of Aircraft Specialties. In that school one specializes in one of the many branches of aviation. I want to study instruments for blind flying.

Our work here is very agreeable. We start work at eight o'clock and take an hour and a half for lunch and quit at three-thirty, with every Wednesday afternoon, Saturday afternoon and Sunday off duty. At which times we are allowed to leave the field until reveille of the next working day. We can also leave every day after work but must be back by six o'clock the next morning.

Sincerely yours,

PETER PAQUETTE

BARNYARD PARTY

The inter-YWCA contest is over. The Torchbearers defeated the NRA's by an overwhelming margin. The reward was a party at the expense of the NRA's, given Thursday evening in the Protestant chapel. All guests assembled in the attire of farmers and farmers' wives. They were informally ushered into the barnyard over a pig sty. The beauty and atmosphere of the room was added to by the presence of rakes, shovels and various farm implements. Violet Johnson and Nellie Hughes took the prizes for the best farmer and farmer's wife. The evening's refreshments were made up of onion sandwiches, boiled eggs, milk and apples. Games were played and every one present enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

D. S. NOTES

Five of the girls are taking private home work for experience before going outing. They are working for one month at a time. Mary Iyall works for Mr. and Mrs. Showalter, Cassie Ball for Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, Maudie Marshall for Mr. and Mrs. Melovid-off, Helen Shaughnessy for Mr. and Mrs. Shilling and Evelyn Placid for Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carrow.

The club detail changed Monday, Jan. 15, and the following girls have donned the club uniform: Cleo Sulky, Jeannette Huntley, Ada Simmons, Josephine Small, Thelma Moore, Margaret Henry, Clara Bremner, Evelyn Frye, Kathleen Gates and Marseillaise St. Martin. The girls who have left will go to the practice house for two weeks of learning and practicing in that department.