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CHEMAWA AGAIN RESUMES NORMALITY

School days are upon us again. Our young men and young women who have been home the past summer, some vacationing; others more fortunate, have worked all summer at many menial tasks. The boys had the privilege of joining the different conservation camps throughout the northwest and all have come back invigorated. They have all unpacked their trunks and suitcases to spend, what we hope will be the most successful year Chemawa has had. We have nothing but praise from the employees who have come in contact with them, the majority being new students. A drastic change has been noted in the appearance and actions of the new students who just disembarked from our local "iron horse." There being so many new students, a few insinuated that they were going to have a little trouble in changing their mode of living. "They have since eaten their words many times."

Important alterations have taken place in the course of study—more time being devoted to the vocational side; the academic study being related to the trade which the student is taking. The old way of putting students in a trade merely just to fill that capacity has been done away with. The last few years the student has been given ample time to make his choice of an occupation, some trade for which he is best adapted. We hope you have all made your choice with discretion and changes will not have to be warranted. There are many disagreeable chores that go with every trade and you will find some in yours. The *American* wishes you luck and hopes that we will have the privilege of putting in print notes of your progress and inventions throughout the coming year.

CHAPEL

The first chapel of the year was held September 16. Hymns were sung by the assembly followed by numbers given by the choir and Francis Thomas. Mr. Thomas sang "Gypsy Love Song" by Herbert and an encore "You in a Gondola" by Green. Both of these beautiful melodies were sung in a masterly fashion. Supt. Ryan was the principal speaker, commencing by congratulating our fine young student body. Rumors have come to him that we have an exceptionally promising student body this year which is always encouraging to any school. The main topic of his talk

concerned methods for imposing character, through forming proper habits. Mr. Ryan made it clear that the students themselves are largely responsible for their own success, because success is largely a matter of the kind of habits formed. There is nothing better than forming of good habits while you are young. An old saying, "What you are to be you are now becoming." Concluding, announcements were made and a few of the most important regulations of the school were stressed. The school song was sung and our first chapel was over with.

In Chapel on Sunday, Sept. 30th, James Rosario, a graduate of '34, and who is now attending Salem High School, sang a song of his own composition—"Profiles in the Night." Mr. Rosario says this song is being published. The choir sang "Just as I Am" by Nolte, Mary Iyall singing the obligato part.

In chapel, Oct. 7th, the orchestra which has now organized with practically a new personnel includes: Mr. Alex Melovidoff, violinist and director; Mr. Ruthyn Turney, bass; Mrs. Ruthyn Turney, pianist; Mr. Charles Larsen, trumpet; Mr. Joseph Hall, second trumpet; Mr. Robert Thomas, clarinet; Mr. Daniel Motanic, trombone; Mr. Henry Sijon, traps; played a paraphrase on "Las Golondrinas," a Mexican melody by Serradell. The choir sang "Matchless Jesus," by Shultz. Concluding, announcements were made by Supt. Ryan.

NEWS OF FORMER STUDENTS

Pearl Boyd, who is employed in Portland in the beauty salon work, is said to be getting along splendidly. Pearl was a '34 graduate.

On September 6th, Catherine Bailey and Evelyn Spanish; both no larger than a "minute and a few seconds," departed from Chemawa in the quest of work. The result: they have opened a shop of their own in Toppenish, Wash., and reports reach us that they are doing wonderfully.

Reports come to us from Nebraska University at Lincoln, that Irene Thomas and Ruby Dean, who have entered there as co-eds are getting along as well as can be expected. Both of these girls worked here the past summer as stenographers in the main office and both are capable girls. The *American* wishes them luck.