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CHEMAWA TO BE HONORED

The Honorable John Collier, Commissioner of Indian Affairs is to visit the Salem Indian School, Sunday morning, arriving at 10 A. M. and leaving at 1:30 to take a plane for Seattle. The Commissioner is a fighter. A quiet blond-haired man with glasses, he has been carrying on a persistent fight for the American Indian for a dozen years and a good deal of his fighting has been against the Bureau of Indian Affairs itself, so it would seem that President Roosevelt thought it would be a good thing to reorganize the Bureau by appointing its most severe critic to run it. In 1923 Mr. Collier—a social worker who had already become a specialist on Indian problems—became the only executive officer of the American Indian Defense Association, organized to defend Indian rights.

During Mr. Collier's brief visit here he will meet with the Indians of Grand Ronde and Siletz reservations. Mr. Larsen is arranging for the attendance from these reservations. The meeting will be held in the school auditorium.

Superintendent Ryan will meet Commissioner Collier in Portland, have breakfast with him then drive him directly to the Salem Indian School.

THRONG AT HASKELL GOLDEN JUBILEE

Haskell Institute celebrated its golden jubilee with the largest reunion in its history. The families in the garb of their fore-fathers and Haskell alumni in modern dress came from many trails to the golden jubilee and Home-coming of Haskell Institute which began on the 10th of November and continuing on through the 13th.

In general the throng of Indians pouring in were far different from those fourteen original Pawnee boys and girls on the Haskell campus in September 1884, for the opening of the new boarding school which had been located in Lawrence through the efforts of Congressman Dudley C. Haskell. Polished motor cars, fur coats, predominated, although visiting old Indians with colorful blankets and moccasined feet upheld the traditional Indian garb.

Out of the Northeast edge of the Haskell campus on State Highway No. 10, some two hundred tents were pitched to form an Indian village, where camp fires and dancing to the beat of the tom tom were on

in full force as the visitors from many states celebrated in the traditional fashion.

A PAGEANT OF WAKARSUA

One of the most colorful ceremonies of the Home coming was "A Pageant of the Wakarsua."

Kansas saw in this pageant the stirring procession of events that have contributed to the history of this great state as well as Haskell Institute. From the days when this valley was the hunting ground of the Pawnee, on down to the coming of the Spanish and French military, to the days of the early whites of Lawrence and the founding of Haskell in 1884, and the present era of Indian education the pageant took the spectators.

The pageant was presented in four episodes—The Discovery, The Great Trails, The Settlement and The Founding of a Great School.

It is said that the pageant was undoubtedly the most pretentious public show ever presented by those interested in Indian education.

The crowd which saw the presentation in the Haskell stadium was estimated at about 14,000. The audience was so much larger than expected that ticket window facilities were over-taxed.

Haskell was also honored by the presence of Hon. John Collier to witness the festivities at Haskell's golden jubilee.—*The Indian Leader*.

HELP FIGHT TUBERCULOSIS—BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

The Seals look simple indeed! But all of you have heard the story of David and Goliath. David, with a tiny pebble killed the mighty giant. Tuberculosis is a giant disease. It is a plague that takes away thousands of children in the first decade of maturity. *This disease is preventable and can be cured.* The cluster of "Little Reds" which you purchase are warriors of the annual health campaign which is conducted to save our boys and girls who in spite of the worldwide unrest and uncertainty look to the future with so much hope. They enlist your service to join this fight against this much dreaded disease.

The money raised each year is judiciously spent by the state to control and prevent tuberculosis. The tuberculin skin test, health examinations, health education in the schools and home visits by public health nurses are the methods used.

Your money spent for these Seals will help extend this work. They went on sale Thanksgiving day and will continue on until Christmas.