

# The Chemawa American

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## Editorial

IN a recent meeting of the employees, one of the topics discussed was a campaign for good English about the campus. The AMERICAN agrees wholeheartedly with this program and hope that students will ponder the subject.

Diction is the choice of words for the expression of ideas. Since diction is the starting point of all writing, and since it is clearly indicative of what we are and what we wish to express, all people, especially the student, must keep in mind the regular effort to improve in the use and choice of words. All good writing depends upon good diction; just as a good builder selects the material for the construction of a house, so must the writer make an earnest effort to choose painstakingly the basic materials which he uses.

Diction reveals the man even more clearly than dress or manners. A person's choice of words is not accidental, but it is an organic part of him. Listen to someone for a few minutes, or read something he has written, and you will learn much about the kind of person he is. Thus, we frequently say of someone, "He talks like a lawyer, or a physician, or a sailor." A novelist will make each of his characters use words that are suitable, "in character."

The literary societies will do much toward developing your vocabulary and that literary charm that is hidden in all of you. If you haven't already joined one of these organizations, do so.

The way most of us look at it, work is a fine thing if it doesn't make too serious inroads on our spare time. How would it be for us to reverse the usual order of affairs and pay more attention to business and less to frivolity during the coming year? Do we hear a second to the motion?

## Official Visitors

Mrs. Bertha Ellinger, Supervisor of Elementary Education, has been helping to organize the class-room work in the Grade School classes. She observes and has conferences with teachers making suggestions as to the best methods of teaching.

Mr. Allan Hulsizer, Supervisor of Secondary Education, paid us a visit recently making suggestions on the improvement of instruction in several of the classes in our High School.

He plans to make a study of the library and has promised to get us some additional material on current economic problems on various Indian Jurisdictions. He complemented the students on their Student Government, saying that it is a practical experience in social science, mainly government. He promises to return in the spring for another short visit with us.

## Local News

Have you developed your web-feet yet? If not, continue your bending exercise.

Graduate of '37, Agnes Thorpe, now attending Kinnaman Business College, visited friends on the campus on the 13, 14, and the 15th.

Another visitor and former student, Claude Jones, is finding the school very different from what it was, but has made no other comment.

Father Reedeey, and a committee of Catholic boys met in the office of Brewer Hall last Tuesday and drew up a constitution for the CYO. The date of the first meeting will be announced later.

Last week the faculty members met at the music room and discussed their opinion on the proposed step that the students are attempting to take regarding the change of the social hour time.

EXTRA! About 40 boys were called out of their shops last week on a very important detail job. The boys picked "Spuds" for the school. It was a severe task as 4 average sized men couldn't have finished the work in one hour.

On October 19, a class of children from Washington school in Eugene came to visit Chemawa. They visited the trophy room in Brewer hall, and the Grade school, being entertained with Art, Indian songs, war dancing, the Owl dance, Guitar playing, and singing. They wanted to see some real Wild Indians so their Half-breed guide took them to the dining hall.